The Roman Catholic Parishes of
St. Thomas the Apostle in St. Thomas
St. Cecilia in Meta

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 26, 2024

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. at St. Thomas; Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. and Sundays 7:00 - 7:45 a.m. at St. Cecilia; or anytime by appointment, just call Father.

Saint Thomas the Apostle
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 26-June 2:

Monday 9:00 a.m. – All Souls ***(Cemetery, weather permitting)***
Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Sylvanus Hoecker
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strope Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – L&D Vincent & Katie Loethen Family
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Joe Veit
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – People of Our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$286,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	**$310,189.66**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 24,189.66
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 26,000.00

Collection in Church:

May 5	$ 6,354.90
May 12	$ 5,663.62
May 19	$ 3,967.10
May 26	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,933.00
May total to date:	**$23,918.62**
Difference for May:	-$ 2,081.38

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$496,229.08
Total Collected	$533,560.01
Total Expenses Paid	$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or Contributed to the renovation project.
Church Renovation Loan Balance $44,856.79
Loan payments to date $167,875.00
(principal) $155,143.21 (interest) $12,731.79

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Amanda Wooten / Jeanette
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Jean Kliethermes / Jackie
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Kelsey Kliethermes / Lydia
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jeanette

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
June 1 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Kara Holterman
June 2 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. –Doug Luebbering
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jan Carter
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Mary Kay Brand

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of May 26-June 2:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Roger Borgmeyer

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	**$66,075.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

May 5	$1,701.00
May 12	$1,366.00
May 19	$ 582.00
May 26	$
May total to date:	**$3,649.00**
Difference for May:	-$1,934.34

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
May: Margie & Dale Helton
June: Terry & Pam Libbert

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Samantha Helton
Sunday, June 2 - 8:00 a.m.- Janice Schanzmeyer
Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, June 2 8:00 a.m. – Lydia
Sunday, June 9 8:00 a.m. – Emilie

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!

St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Adam Holterman & Mark Boessen
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Keith Kliethermes & Alan Reinkemeyer
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Michael Wooten
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Doug Stockman & Kelly Stewart
Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Marian Buschjost
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Janet Lueckenhoff
June 8 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Marshall Boessen
June 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Emerald Fennewald, Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Gannon Reeves
June 2 10:00 a.m. – Victoria & William Wieberg, Stella Volmert, Kora Luebbering
June 8 5:00 p.m. – Gregory Kirby, Carmen Luebbering, Ben & Luke Otto
June 9 10:00 a.m.- Valerie, Zeke & Max Verslues Angelina Veltrop

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
June 1 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of Joe Veit
June 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Ushers

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
June 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
June 9 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
June 16– Keith & Jean Kliethermes
June 23- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday
June 2 Brooke Schell
June 9 Dunja Wieberg
June 16 Lauri Luebbering
June 23 Jenny Becker

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday, - ***No Mass – Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Janet Lueckenhoff – Luminous Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum, Leonard Schulte
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Tony & William Derkum, Terry Libbert, Leon Schanzmeyer

St. Cecilia Servers
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock
June 9 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen & Natalee Derkum

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
June 2 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Marilyn Bax

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
June 2 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Luminous Mysteries
June 9 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer Glorious Mysteries

VOTIVE CANDLES: The requested donation for lighting a votive candle in church is **$3.00.**

MASS STIPENDS: $10.00

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please call the rectory to schedule a meeting and date for Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please call the rectory *at least* six months prior to the desired date.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
June 2: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
June 9: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
June 16: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
June 23: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
June 30: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer

SCRIP: Visit *www.stthomasapostleschoolnet/scrip* for more information about the Scrip program. Please contact, Amanda Wooten 573-694-1735 or *amandab27@hotmail.com*

BULLETIN NOTICES & PARISH BULLETINS: Deadline for bulletin is Wednesday at Noon. If you are needing a bulletin and Church is locked at St. Thomas the Apostle, there are some on the Vitae House front porch.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be celebrated Monday, May 27, 9:00 a.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: THIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 9, if not you will not be assigned ministries until you have completed the training. THIS IS A DIOCESEAN POLICY!!!
As Father Leonard mentioned in Church, our parishes recently had an audit with the Diocese on Safe Environment/Virtus. Any parishioner that has volunteered to do a ministry during Mass must complete the Safe Environment/Virtus program. Anyone **18 years or older needs the training.** Safe Environment/Virtus Training may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website *(www.stthomasapostle.net)* or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link *(www.virtus.org).* If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH: Are you someone who likes to spread our Catholic faith? Why not consider joining our St. Thomas Stream Team and help spread the Word every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass? Operating the equipment is fun and easy! Please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 if interested.

ORDINATION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, JEFFERSON CITY: All the faithful of the diocese are invited to RSVP to join us at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 for the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Christopher Hoffmann to the Priesthood, in the Order of the Presbyterate, and Mr. Gregory Clever to the Order of Deacons. Seating is limited and may fill up. If you plan to join us, please let us know as soon as you can at ***diojeffity.org/ordination-mass-2024.***

BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTION: For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: SHARING IN THE VERY LIFE OF GOD. (Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mt. 28:16-20)
The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus, Who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.
It is important in Christian life: because all prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity, because all Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriages are blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity, because when Church bells ring thrice daily, they remind us to give glory to the Holy Trinity for the Incarnation of Jesus and His Redemption of all of us, because we bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.
In the scriptures, there are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity.
At the Annunciation, God the Father sent His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit came upon her, the Power of the Most High overshadowed her, and God the Son became Incarnate in her womb.
At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son received the baptism of repentance from John the Baptist, the Father's Voice was heard, and the Holy Spirit appeared as a Dove and descended upon Jesus.
At the Ascension, Jesus commissioned his disciples to baptize those who believed, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
In John's account, in his Gospel, chapters 15–18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: a) God the Father creates and provides for His creatures. b) God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God. c) God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us, and guides us to God.
Therefore, friends let us respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide.
Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage, and strength, and that He is our final destination.
Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother, and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.
Let us practice the I–God–my neighbor vertical ("I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people.") and horizontal Trinitarian relationships in this life by loving God and our neighbors. We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. A practical prayer exercise can help the doctrine of the Trinity come alive in our daily lives.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m. school library.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, May 28, **7:00 p.m**. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

THE CITIZEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING The Meta Citizen Civic League will be holding their monthly May meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7:00 PM.

HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Helias Catholic High School provided the following information to be shared in the parish bulletin. The following Helias Catholic High School students who are parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church were recognized with awards for the 2023-24 school year.

Ava Morris received the following honors:

- The American Legion Citation, given to a senior boy and girl selected by the faculty based on leadership, scholarship and service.
- The Foundation for the Benefit of Helias Catholic High School Scholarship for $2,000.
- The Hawthorn Bank Scholar Athlete Award, based on GPA and athletic performance.
- The Joseph Mayer Memorial Scholarship.
- The Robert J. Schnieders Memorial Scholarship for $1,000.
- The Glory of Missouri Award, which recognizes students who exemplify the 14 characteristics upheld by the state of Missouri, for exemplifying fraternity.

Abigail Verslues received the Triple H Award for receiving three varsity letters in a single school year.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: Lydia Hurst is looking for volunteers to make desserts for the dessert auction for the St. Cecilia Parish Picnic on July 14. Please contact her at 573-821-1370.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Volunteers Needed - The St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council is looking for 5 new committee members. The council meets every 2 months. The term runs for 3 years. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the parish office.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR PROGRAM TEACHERS NEEDED: St. Thomas PSR is currently looking for a first grade teacher. This position would share the teaching and would teach every other week. If interested, please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-295 or *bgraessle1@gmail.com.*

HELIAS LADY CRUSADER BASKETBALL CAMP: The Helias Lady Crusader Basketball Youth Camp will begin on June 10-13. This camp will work on the basic fundamentals of basketball, fostering a competitive nature, all while having fun, and is for all levels of basketball skill. Please consider joining Coach Wiggans and the Lady Crusader team and improve upon your basketball ability. Helias Lady Crusader Camp T-Shirt is included with the price. K-5: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 6th-8th: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Registration Link: *https://www.heliascrusaderscamps.com/girls-basketball-camps.cfm*

LIFE TEEN GROUP: St. Stanislaus & St. Francis Xavier are organizing a youth group for high schoolers in the area. They are starting a Life Teen Group that will meet every Sunday night 7:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Those who are currently in 8th-12th Grade from St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia are more than welcome to attend.

TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 – 28: Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this either online at *http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html* or use the paper form that is a part of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, FRANKENSTEIN is Sunday, June 2, serving fried chicken & German pot roast dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. $15.00 meal, serving cafeteria style & to go meals. Free bingo 12:00-3:00 p.m. Quilt auction 4:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK is Sunday, June 9, serving fried chicken, German pot roast dinners. Drive Thru from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Carry -outs from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: **Totus Tuus – June 23-28 – held at St. Stanislaus Church**
July 14 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

2024 Registration Form: June 23rd – 28th for Grades 1-12
Register online: http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html

Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville
Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at St. Stanislaus. Wardsville

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work/cell: _____

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Stanislaus:

Name:	Grade (In fall):	Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of:

Cost for the week is $25 per child for Grades 1 – 6. $75.00 for three or more children.
Lunch is provided. Each child will need to bring a water bottle.
Evening program is free for Grades 7 – 12. Please bring a water bottle.

Totus Tuus Volunteers 2024

Food

We are providing meals for the 4 Missionaries (plus the priest if they wish to come) each Evening at 5:30 pm in the Wardsville's school cafeteria. If you wish, the missionaries would love for you to eat with them, but it is also fine to just drop the food off.

Food		
	Name	Contact number
Thursday, June 27th		

Day Volunteers

To support the missionaries, we are asking for volunteers to be available during the day to help check in, check out and host for the day.

	Name	Contact
Thursday, June 27th		
Friday, June 28th		

HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength conditioning facilities. The campaign will run through the end of August. For more information and to support the campaign, please visit *heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence* or contact Helia Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliasatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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