The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 2026

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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 Aug. 2-9

Tuesday 7:45 am	L&D Bob Luebbering Family
Wednesday 7:45 am	***No Mass, Summer schedule***
Thursday 7:45 am	Clara Loethen
Friday 7:45 am	L&D Sylvanus Hoecker Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 am	People of our Parishes

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Aug. 2-9

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Larry Bock
Sunday 8:00 am	Marilyn Bax

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2026-2027	$360,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$30.000.00
Actual Collection for 2026-2027	$28,862.36
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$1,137.64
Offertory Goal for July	$30,000.00

Collection in Church	
July 5	$6,253.10
July 12	$4,335.25
July 19	$3,802.00
July 26	$6,344.01
Collection Online	$8,128.00
July Total to Date	$28,862.36
Difference for July	-$1,137.64

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2026-2027	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2026-2027	**$4,141.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for July	$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
July 5	$1,141.00
July 12	$519.00
July 19	$690.00
July 26	$1,791.00
July Total to Date	$4,141.00
Difference for July	-$1,692.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 am	***No Mass, Summer Schedule***
Thursday 7:25 am	Dale Herigon – Luminous
Friday 7:25 am	Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday –Dorothy Rehagen- Glorious

Lector: Emilie Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm	Family of Herman & Agatha Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 am	Ushers

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Marilyn Bax

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

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.

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

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

Liturgical Role Schedule for August 8 & 9

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Buschjost, Ava Luebbering, Jude Wooten, Barrett Wooten, Evelyn	Stegeman, Kambrie Stegeman, Matthew	Lackman, Virgil Veltrop, Angelina Veltrop, Henry Verslues, Max
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Otto, Ashlie Graessle, Barb Wansing, Brenda	Stumpe, Doris Hagenhoff, Betty Libbert, Pam	Reinkemeyer, Lynne Lueckenhoff, Janet Schroeder, Jennifer
Lector	Wooten, Amanda	Rehagen, Dorothy	Reinkemeyer, Alan
Rosary Leader: Sorrowful	Graessle, Barb	Rehagen, Dorothy	Lueckenhoff, Janet
Greeters/Ushers	Wooten, Michael Boessen, Keith	Libbert, Pam Stumpe, Mitch	Reinkemeyer, Alan Maasen, Matthew
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Kliethermes, Kelsey	Hurst, Lydia	Prenger, Jackie Strope, Anne
Live Stream			Pace, Brooke
Count Collections		Helton, Dale Helton, Margie	Schroeder, Jennifer Wieberg, Dunja
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Boessen, Lora - Buechter, Darrel - Heckemeyer, Jan - Heckemeyer, Richard		

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, August 5, but will be open on Thursday, August 6 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: **JESUS PERFORMS CURES AND FEEDS THE CROWD:** (Is. 55:1-3; Rom. 8:35, 37-39; Mt. 14:13-21) Today's readings show the care God offers us, meeting our physical and spiritual needs, if we put our trust in Him. He shares Jesus, His only-begotten Son and become Incarnate so that Jesus can be Infinite generosity both prepares us for the Heavenly banquet, and challenges us to share our blessings with others. In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish exiles in Babylon, assuring them of their return to homeland and promising them that Yahweh their God alone can, and will provide for their spiritual and physical needs. He will pardon their sins and will offer them participation in His heavenly/eschatological banquet. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), has us sing, "The Hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs," in praise of the mercy, forgiveness, and maternal care of our One loving and providing God. In the second reading, Paul argues that since God's love for us is Infinitely immense, "nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord." In today's Gospel, demonstrating God's caring love for us, Jesus fed the enormous crowd of listeners both spiritually by his preaching, and physically by his miraculous multiplication of the apostles' lunch of five loaves and two fish. This miracle shows the Divinity of Jesus, the providing care of God, and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd. The miracle is also a Messianic sign, identifying Jesus as both the new Moses who fed the Israelites in the desert and the new Elisha who miraculously fed the starving people of Gilgal (2Kgs. 4:42-44). The Eucharistic wordings used, and the promise made by Jesus on the following day, that he would give his body and blood as food and drink (Jn. 6:25-70), made the miracle a prefiguring symbol of the Holy Eucharist. Therefore friends, we need to nourish our souls with Jesus in Word and Sacrament with the Word of God (by listening to God through reading the Bible) and with the Bread of Life (by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion). ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Tuesday, August 4, 5:00 pm

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, August 7, 7:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC DESSERT AUCTION: If you would like to make a special dessert for our August 16th parish picnic dessert auction, please contact Roseanne Boessen at 573 301-9591. You can do it to showcase your baking talents, your mom's family favorite dessert, or just for the pure joy of baking. We appreciate your contribution! Thank you.

URGENT REQUEST FOR THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PICNIC COUNTRY'S STORE: We are in need of gooseberries!! The early frost wiped out our usual harvest…gooseberry pies are our biggest sellers!!! So, if you have any to donate, please call Lucy Suthoff, 573-645-6801 or Donna Luebbering 573-690-0822. And as always, we welcome donations of various other fruits or pie & jelly making. THANK YOU!

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS! Come renew your faith, reconnect with old friends, and be encouraged on your Fourth Day journey at the See City Deanery Ultreya on Tuesday, August 11, at St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Schedule: Mass: 5:30 PM, Pizza & Salad: 6:00 PM Ultreya: 6:45 PM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL: If you have a child, ages 3 or 4 and have been thinking about preschool, please call Lizzie Linhardt, *llinhardt@stacs.school* 573-645-5605 or the school office 573-477-3322. If you have any questions or would like to set up a one on one meeting and school tour, please contact the school office. Please check out and like St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool Facebook page.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! Monday, August 17, Open House 5:30 pm & Mandatory Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday, August 19 – First Day of School

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH QUILT GROUPS: Thank you to everyone who helped in ways towards the quilts for our 2026 parish picnic. We have a good selection and hope the auction goes well. The quilt list for the 2027 picnic is found on our web page. The first name on the list is the chairperson and is responsible for having a quilt ready for the 2027 picnic. The quilts should be finished by June 1, 2027, so they can be listed on the picnic flier. Chairpersons are asked to contact the other members of their group. If you would like to help us quilt, come and join our circle this Fall. We will need some quilt tops with lining to be quilted by August 19. If you have any questions, please call Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY REMINDER: All artificial flowers must be in a vase. No glass objects of any kind. All objects deemed by the management to hinder ground maintenance shall be removed.

ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH PARISH PICNIC, OSAGE BEND is Sunday, August 2, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm. Adults $15.00, children 6-12 $8.00. Quilt Auction 5:00 pm.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PICNIC, WESTPHALIA is Sunday, August 2, serving fried chicken, German pot roast dinners from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Adults $16, children 6-12 $8.00. Quilt & dessert auction 5:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATES: 4-H Garden Tractor Pull rescheduled for August 8, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 16, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle 30th Annual Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 7, 2026
Sunday, September 20 - Meta Citizens Civic League Fall Festival

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PICNIC NOTES!

Pies: A reminder that each household is asked to donate **three or more** homemade pies, or substitute with cupcakes, sheet cakes, or brownies; no cobblers please. If you are unable to make pies for the picnic, please consider contacting Amanda Wooten (694-1735) or Debby Buschjost (619-3974) to make 9" pies for you. Unless specifically requested, a variety of pies will be made.

Homemade Bread: Donations of homemade bread are needed. Each household is asked to donate two-three loaves of sliced bread.

Country Store: Please help bake and provide items for the Country Store. Any baked goods (breads, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cinnamon rolls, etc.), home canned foods, jellies, fresh fruits and vegetables sell very well. You can drop these items off Saturday morning or on picnic day. Please ensure you clearly label all baked items before drop-off. All volunteers are welcome to help bake pies, starting at **7:00 AM** Saturday. Note: the Country Store "worker baking" will be limited to fresh baked pies only. Also, if you have frozen berries, especially gooseberries, to donate for pie or jelly making, you may contact one of the following Co-Chairs: Sonya Henson (338-3665), Donna Luebbering (690-0822), or Lucy Suthoff (645-6801).

Grand Raffle: Grand Raffle tickets are in the back entrance of the church. Extra raffle tickets may be picked up in the entrances of church, or by contacting a picnic committee member. Sold tickets may be returned in the collection basket, in an envelope marked "raffle," or to the Grand Raffle stand on picnic day.

Advertising: Picnic and quilt flyers are in the entrances of church. Please take some to distribute. Your assistance in spreading the word is very important to the success of our picnic.

Food Donations: We are in need of **tomatoes and cucumbers** for the meal. Please bring donated food items to the hall by Friday August 14. Please **DO NOT REFRIGERATE TOMATOES,** if possible.

Kitchen Sales: There will be a sign-up list in the Kitchen area for any Chicken and Roast Beef left over for sale, you may sign up any time after noon on picnic day. Kitchen Sales may be picked up, beginning at 7:00 PM on Sunday evening. Chicken will be organized into cans or bags, with random pieces, and sold to parishioners for $15 per container. Roast beef will be organized into cans, bags, or similar containers and will be sold to parishioners for $25 per container, or $15 per one-half container. Leftover items such as potatoes, beans, etc., will be made available to parishioners for free, however if you want any of these items, please bring your own containers.

Work list: The worklist is attached to the bulletin and on the parish website. This is the final version that will be disseminated. If you cannot work, or need to change time or place, please contact your **stand chairperson** ASAP. If you are not on the worklist and are available to work, please contact a member of the Picnic Committee (names & numbers listed on the worklist). Parents, please encourage your children to work, we need everyone's help, to make our picnic a success!

Please help clean up Sunday. All work areas should be cleaned by the shift workers. This includes washing pots (and any other items), taking care of trash throughout the day and putting away supplies and equipment before you leave. School is in session the week following picnic day, so Sunday evening clean-up is important.

Additional notes: Parking will be available in Gilbert Schellman's field, please access via. Steve Schellman's driveway. Please do not park in those areas reserved for handicapped visitors, we want to ensure our visitors have a pleasant experience and there is ample parking.

All dinner tickets must be purchased on the day of the picnic with ticket sales starting at 10:00 AM. Walk-up carry-out meals will also be available. There will be NO drive-thru meals this year. **On behalf of the picnic committee, THANK YOU in advance, for making this a successful picnic! As the largest fundraiser in our parish, everyone's help is needed and is greatly appreciated. We hope to see you Picnic Sunday!**

PUBLIC PRAYER AND WITNESS TO

STAND WITH MIGRANTS

10 a.m. August 15, 2026

Missouri State Capitol Rotunda

Bishop Ralph B. O'Donnell warmly invites the faithful and all those who wish to come together in prayerful solidarity and support for migrants, immigrants, and refugees.

For more information, visit CCCNMO.org/stand-with-migrants

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PICNIC

Fried chicken and roast beef served with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, sauerkraut, cucumbers, tomatoes, homestyle bread and homemade pies

*Gluten free roast beef and gravy

Adults: $16 Children 6-12: $7 Under 6: Free

11:00AM - 6:30PM

AUGUST 16 | 2026

Quilt Auction begins at 5:00pm

View quilts at www.stthomasapostle.net

Grand Raffle ($1,000 top prize)

Air-conditioned Bingo - Country Store

Kidsville - Bounce House - Kettle Corn

Beer Garden & Gin Rickeys

Live Music by Brittney Buscher & Chloe Hoecker