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

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 19, 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 July 19-26

Tuesday 7:45 am	Marilyn & Veronica Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 am	***No Mass, Summer schedule***
Thursday 7:45 am	Harold Luebbering
Friday 7:45 am	L&D Virgil Kirkweg Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	Cassiday Rae Luebbering Jeremy & Glenn Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 am	James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of July 19-26

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Fritz & Margie Luebbert
Sunday 8:00 am	People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2026-2027	$360,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$30.000.00
Actual Collection for 2026-2027	$17,183.85
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$12,816.15
Offertory Goal for July	$30,000.00

Collection in Church

July 5	$6,253.10
July 12	$4,335.25
July 19	
July 26	

Collection Online	$6,595.50
July Total to Date	**$17,183.85**
Difference for July	-$12,816.15

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2026-2027	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2026-2027	**$1,660.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for July	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

July 5	$1,141.00
July 12	$519.00
July 19	
July 26	

July Total to Date	$1,660.00
Difference for July	-$4,173.33

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: Samantha Helton

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm	Family of Cassidy Rae, Glenn & Jeremy Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 am	Family of James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Ushers

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.

Liturgical Role Schedule for July 25 & 26

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Fennewald, Emerald Fennewald, Georgia Wieberg, Victoria Wieberg, William (Ryan)	Bock, Eli Schroeder, Annaline	Luebbering, Isaac Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, Jude Luebbering, Oliver
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Becker, Paul Buschjost, Marian Kliethermes, Keith	Stumpe, Doris Hagenhoff, Betty Libbert, Pam	Heckemeyer, Richard Heckemeyer, Jan Verslues, Melissa
Lector	Becker, Paul	Veltrop, Karyn	Luebbering, Katie (Brian)
Rosary Leader: Luminous	Herigon, Dale	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Stockman, Tina
Greeters/Ushers	Akin, Phil Holterman, Adam	Stumpe, Mitch Libbert, Pam	Verslues, Ezekiel Verslues, Shane
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Wieberg, Lisa	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Stockman, Alanna Luebbering, Josh
Live Stream			Wieberg, Dunja
Count Collections		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Kliethermes, Jean Kliethermes, Keith
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Susan - Graessle, Barb - Henson, Sonya - Schell, Brenda		

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

THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, July 22, but will be open on Friday, July 24 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

A NOTE OF THANKS!
I would like to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the Saint Cecilia picnic this past weekend a big success. Including those who volunteered their time, donated items, purchased items, bought raffle or dinner tickets, quilts or desserts, and supported the picnic in anyway. It takes an entire community to make it successful. We served 1400 people, including adults, children and takeouts. More details will be posted in the bulletin in the coming weeks.
Betty Hagenhoff, Picnic Chairperson

PASTORS MEDITATION: 16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, PATIENCE IS REWARDING' (Wis. 12:13, 16-19; Rom. 8:26-27; Mt. 13:24-43) Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God Who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church, or society, or the family, based on unwarranted and hasty judgment. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining, punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, reminds us that the Spirit of God constantly empowers us in our prayers and in our weakness. So, we should be patient with ourselves and with others. Finally, in the Gospel Parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world until the harvest and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that they may come to conversion before their time ends: "Let the wheat and the weeds grow together till the harvest time. In other words, God is "delaying" the end of the world for repentant sinners, giving them more time, and offering them the graces of strength and good will so that they may get reconciled with Him. God calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil is no excuse for the good people not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the Parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who seem to us failing to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian. Therefore friends, we need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement, and fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been "weeds" in God's field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace, God's favor, and to share His Word and love with others. We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God's field, leaving the "weeds" for God to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, and selfless service, can prompt the "weeds" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them, and grow into useful members of society.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PPC MEETING is Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 pm in school library.

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!

BLEST ART is scheduled to be in both Parishes selling beautiful holy land hand carved wood art, August 1 & 2.

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 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.

THE ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE has been rescheduled to Thursday, July 30, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StThomasParish to schedule an appointment.

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.

SAVE THE DATES: **St. Thomas the Apostle Fest Saturday, July 11 - Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle with an evening of faith, fellowship, food, and family fun. Join us for Mass at 5:00 PM followed by burgers, hot dogs, and bounce houses for the kids!**
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. CECILIA 2026 PARISH PICNIC RESULTS

Raffle

		Donated by	Prize Winners
1.	$500 Cash	Diamond Pet Foods	Norma Wieberg
2.	$250 Cash	Big Bear's Butcher Shop	Frank Hurst
3.	$200 Cash	Wieberg Red E Mix	Gavin Holterman
4.	Corn Hole Board Set	Mid America Bank	Jackie Prenger
5.	$100 Cash	Hurst Auctioneering	Jessica Stumpe
6.	$100 Cash	Meta MFA	Larry Hasenbeck
7.	$100 Cash	Maries County Bank	Wilford Mueller
8.	$100 Cash	Fancher Rekus Funeral Home	Eli Bock
9.	$100 Cash Gift Card	Legends Bank	Carson Libbert
10.	$100 Cash	Olean Regional Stockyards	Sue Libbert
11.	$50 Gift Certificate	Eagle Stop (Meta)	Wilbert Wankum, Jr.
12.	$50 Gift Certificate	Eagle Stop (Meta)	Carolyn Koetting
13.	6 Bags Traeger Pellets	St. Elizabeth Furniture Appl & Floor	Robert Jaegers
14.	$50 Cash	Bock Paint & Repair	Dolores Reneeke
15.	$50 Cash	St. Thomas/Babbtown Mutal Ins.	Mike Luebbering
16.	$50 Cash	Inventory Sales Company	Brooke Loethen
17.	$50 Cash	Double Check Glass Service LLC	Jan Howard
18.	$50 Cash	Shelter Insurance (Courtney Jeremy)	Beth Lambert
19.	$40 Cash	Schanzmeyer Home Improvements	Jayden Libbert
20.	$30 Cash	Huntline Dental Group	Debbie Hurst
21.	$30 Cash	Linn Printing	Michael Bexten
22.	$30 Gift Certificate	Argyle Pub & Grill	Michael Mertens
23.	$25 Cash	Quaker Windows	Virginia Holtmeyer
24.	$25 Gift Certificate	Joe's Market	Strope Angus
25.	$25 Gift Certificate	Becker Millwork	Shirley Bock

Quilt Auction

	Item	Price		Buyer
1	**Lake Time,** 7 embroidered T-towels *Embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$125.00		Fritz & Margie LLC
2	**Nothing Runs Like a Deere** *Donated by Marilyn Thomas & Vicki Grant*	$75.00		Tom Hurst Accounting
3	**Babies at Rest** *Finished Quilt donated by Margaret Brune in memory of Trudi Brune*	$1,000.00		Brothers & sisters of Trudi Brune
4	**Sweet Treats,** 7 embroidered T-towels	$50.00		Hairs To You
	Embroidered by Margaret Seats in memory of Howard and Mary Grant			
5	**Drunkard's Path + 2 Pillows**	$1,000.00		Rudy Veit
	Finished quilt donated by a friend in appreciation for the hard work of the quilters' group			
6	**Birds of Paradise** *Donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer*	$400.00		Randy & Betty Hagenhoff
7	**John Deere 9-Patch** *Donated by Marilyn Thomas & Vicki Grant*	$400.00		Austin Buechter
8	**Spice It Up,** 7 embroidered T-towels *Embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$125.00		Karla Buechter
9	**Tumbling Royal Crown** *Donated by the Bock Brothers*	$350.00		Jack Fisher
	Pieced and machiine quilted by Mary Pat Luebbering, Bluebird Quilting			
10	**Keep Those Wheels Turning**	$400.00		Groner's Garage
	Finished quilt donated by the Grant Family in memory of Howard and Mary Grant			
11	**9-Patch & Butteflies** *Donated and pieced by Karyn Veltrop*	$350.00		Maries County Bank
12	**Great Outdoors,** 7 embroidered T-towels	$125.00		Mid America Bank
	Embroidered by Margaret Seats in memory of Howard and Mary Grant			
13	**Wee Ones Farm** *Donated by Karyn Veltrop*	$400.00		Tyler & Olivia Wankum
14	**Galaxy 16** *Donated by Charles & Doris Schroeder*	$5,000.00		Brice & Marilyn Luetkemeyer
15	**Ducks & Bubbles** (Donated and embroidered by Margaret Seats in memory of Howard and Mary Grant)	$250.00		St. Elizabeth TV and Appliance
16	**Christmas,** 7 embroidered T-towels *Donated and embroidered by Alice Loethen*	$150.00		Bock Paint & Repair
17	**Clown Fun** *Donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer*	$275.00		John & Karen Otto
18	**Cardinals Visiting from Heaven**	$4,500.00		Randy & Mandi Steinlage
	Donated by Dorothy Rehagen in memory of Lawrence "Dick" Rehagen			
19	**Playful Puppies** *Donated and embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$300.00		Frank & Karyn Veltrop
20	**USA,** 7 embroidered T-towels *Embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$150.00		Leon & Lisa Luecke
21	**Garden Twist** *Donated by Karyn Veltrop & Virginia Holtmeyer*	$1,500.00		Mid America Bank
22	**Critter Pinwheels** *Finished quilt donated by Junior Wankum, JR's Roofing*	$375.00		Bruce Sassman
23	**American Flag** *Donated by Katie Lueckenotto*	$425.00		Marty Libbert
24	**Stormy Trip** *Donated by Betty Hagenhoff and Jennifer Even; pieced by Betty Hagenhoff*	$3,200.00		Mid America Bank
25	**Homemade With Love,** 7 embroidered T-towels *Embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$150.00		Jennifer Wilbers
26	**Magical Unicorns** *Donated and embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$350.00		Irene Schaben
27	**The Farm** *Donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer*	$500.00		Denise Plassmeyer
28	**Feathered Hearts & Doves** *Donated by the Grant Family in memory of Howard and Mary Grant*	$1,300.00		Helen Osman
29	**Butterflies** *Donated and embroidered by Mary Jane Reinkemeyer*	$325.00		Dale Logan
30	**American Eagles** *Donated by Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer*	$650.00		JT Farms
31	**Perfect Pieces** *Fr. Leonard brought print fabric from Uganda; Pieced by Mary Plassmeyer*	$2,100.00		Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer
32	**Cathedral Windows** *Donated and pieced by Katie Lueckenotto*	$275.00		John & Angie Christian
33	**Island Hosta** *Donated by Lisa Hoerschgen in memory of Charles and Pauline Werdehausen*	$3,600.00		Brice & Marilyn Luetkemeyer

Desserts & More Auction

	Item	Price		Buyer
1	**Cookie Cake** *Donated by Austin Rehagen*	$60.00		Phyllis Rehagen
2	**Cinnamon Roll Cake** *Donated by Emilie Borgmeyer*	$35.00		Bruce Sassman
3	**Gift Basket** *Donated by Rock Island Antiques, LLC*	$20.00		Jennifer Even
4	**Chocolate Poke Cake** *Donated by Brenda Wansing*	$75.00		Angie Muenks
5	**Blackberry Cobbler** *Donated by Jacqueline Wankum*	$150.00		Mike Luebbering
6	**Diamond Painting Wall Hanging** *Donated by Dorothy Rehagen*	$20.00		Angie Muenks
7	**GF Pumpkin Roll & Choc. Marshmallow Cr. Cheese Roll** *Donated by Pam Libbert*	$25.00		Olean Regional Stockyards
8	**Cinnamon Rolls** *Donated by Darlene Libbert*	$150.00		Brad Luecke
9	**Framed Puzzle Wall Hanging** *Donated by Chloe Libbert*	$10.00		Frank, Tom & Hayden Hurst
10	**Italian Cream Cake** *Donated by Janice Schanzmeyer*	$200.00		Rudy Veit
11	**Triple Chocolate Cake** *Donated by Daniel Wieberg*	$50.00		Bruce Sassman
12	**Baby Quilt** *Donated by Franklin & Eldora Hurst*	$175.00		Rudy Veit
13	**Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping** *Donated by Angie Muenks*	$800.00		Joan Muenks
14	**Denim Throw** *Donated by Bonnie Kampeter*	$100.00		Brian Werdehausen
15	**Cherry Pie** *Donated by Ericka Wieberg*	$125.00		Bruce Sassman
16	**Strawberry Éclair Cake** *Donated by Katie Lueckenotto*	$100.00		Tom Hurst
17	**American Flag Cutting Board** *Donated by Tony Verhoff*	$200.00		Brad Luecke
18	**Home-baked Bread, Jellies & Jams** *Donated by Mary Lou Hammann*	$325.00		Randy & Betty Hagenhoff
19	**Religious Alphabet Cross Stitch Wall Hanging**	$125.00		Emilie Borgmeyer
	Donated by Steve & Mary Borgmeyer in memory of Roger Borgmeyer			
20	**Chocolate Chip Cookies (6 Dozen)** *Donated by Dolores Libbert*	$450.00		Olean Regional Stockyards
21	**Coconut Cream Pie** *Donated by Samantha Helton*	$200.00		Jennifer Even
22	**Wooden Cross** *Donated By* **T**ony Verhoff	$150.00		Jennifer Even
23	**Oatmeal Cake** *Donated By Sharon Engelbrecht*	$35.00		Betty & Randy Hagenhoff
24	**Fish Fry for 10 at the Libbert Log Cabin** *Donated by Norma Jean and Marty Libbert*	$700.00		Hurst Auctioneering

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 Helias+ Catholic President Ron Vossen at *rvossen@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139.

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