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

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THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 14, 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 June 14-21

Tuesday 7:45 am	Dan Schmidt
Wednesday 7:45 am	***No Mass, Summer schedule***
Thursday 7:45 am	Sally Herigon
Friday 7:45 am	Amy Veit
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	Jackie Gibler

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 14-21

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Steve & Elizabeth Hake Fam.
Sunday 8:00 am	Harold Libbert

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$342,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	$357,528.75
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$15,528.75
Offertory Goal for June	$28,500.00

Collection in Church

June 7	$4,993.10
June 14	
June 21	
June 28	

Collection Online	$6,595.50
June Total to Date	**$11,588.60**
Difference for June	-$16,911.40

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	**$72,940.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for June	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

June 7	$1,447.00
June 14	
June 21	
June 28	

June Total to Date	$1,447.00
Difference for June	-$4,386.00

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 –Cathy Borgmeyer - Glorious

Lector: Doris Stumpe

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm	Ushers
Sunday 10:00 am	Family of Jackie Gibler

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Harold Libbert

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 June 20 & 21

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Otto, Benjamin Otto, Haddie Otto, Luke Verslues, Max	Stegeman, Kambrie Stegeman, Matthew	Heckman, Addyson Heckman, Lily Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, Oliver
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Verslues, Melissa Buschjost, Marian Schanzmeyer, Janice	Hagenhoff, Betty Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Luebbering, Ben Prenger, Glenn Heckman, Holly
Lector	Schroeder, David	Wansing, Don	Luebbering, Ben
Rosary Leader: Luminous	Schanzmeyer, Janice	Schroeder, Jennifer	Lueckenhoff, Janet
Greeters/Ushers	Verslues, Shane Verslues, Ezekiel	Stumpe, Mitch Schulte, Leonard	Maasen, Matthew Prenger, Matt
Music Ministry	Stockman, Alanna Schroeder, Judy	Hurst, Lydia	Prenger, Jackie Luebbering, Josh
Live Stream			Luebbering, Lauri
Count Collections		Libbert, Dolores Libbert, Pam	Schellman, Donna Wieberg, Rosalyn
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Susan - Graessle, Barb - Henson, Sonya - Schell, Brenda		

FLOCKNOTE: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be purchasing Flocknote to be able to send texts and emails to parishioners. We are requesting all parishioners to please update your email and cell phone number so we have the most up-to-date information for each parishioner. Please use the Contact Information Form on the Parish Website - *http://www.stthomasapostle.net/contact-information.html* or call or text Theresa at the Parish Office or (573) 418-7301.

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

PASTORS MEDITATION: SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRONESS OF JEFFERSON CITY DIOCESE (Is. 61:9-11; 1Sam. 2:1, 4-8; Rev. 21:1-5a; Lk. 2:41-51) Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of our Diocese, and the Church invites us to contemplate not merely the physical heart of Mary, but the whole interior life of the Mother of God, a heart entirely open to God, filled with faith, humility, obedience, and love. The Gospel presents a striking scene. The twelve-year-old Jesus remains behind in Jerusalem without the knowledge of Mary and Joseph. After three anxious days of searching, they find Him in the Temple. Mary's question is deeply human: "Son, why have you done this to us?" Yet Jesus' answer points to a higher reality: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" At that moment, Scripture tells us that Mary and Joseph did not fully understand what Jesus meant. Yet the Gospel concludes with a profound statement: "His mother kept all these things in her heart." This verse reveals the essence of Mary's Immaculate Heart. Mary does not possess all the answers immediately. She experiences mystery, uncertainty, and even sorrow. Yet she responds not with doubt, but with faith. She receives God's word, reflects upon it, treasures it, and allows it to transform her life. Mary's heart becomes the living sanctuary where God's plan is welcomed and contemplated. Prophet Isaiah in our first reading gives voice to this same spirit of joyful trust: "I rejoice heartily in the Lord; in my God is the joy of my soul." These words perfectly describe Mary's life. From the Annunciation to Calvary, from Bethlehem to Pentecost, Mary's joy did not depend on easy circumstances. It sprang from her complete confidence in God. The meditation song, taken from Hannah's song in First Samuel, echoes this same theme. Hannah rejoices because God lifts up the lowly, strengthens the weak, and fulfills His promises. Mary's Magnificat later reflects many of the same themes. Both women recognize that God delights in exalting the humble and accomplishing great things through those who trust in Him. Mary's greatness lies not in Worldly power but in her humility. God looked upon the lowliness of His servant and chose her to become the Mother of the Savior. The second reading from Revelation lifts our eyes to the final fulfillment of God's plan: "Behold, I make all things new." The Immaculate Heart of Mary points us toward this heavenly destiny. In Mary, redeemed humanity already shines in its fullness. She is the first and most perfect disciple, the image of what the Church is called to become. Her heart remained undefiled by sin, entirely receptive to God's grace. Therefore, she becomes a sign of hope for all believers. In a world wounded by violence, division, selfishness, and despair, Mary's heart reminds us that holiness is possible, fidelity is possible, and God's grace is stronger than sin. As Patroness of our Diocese, the Immaculate Heart of Mary offers us a spiritual model and a mission. Like Mary, we are called: - to listen attentively to God's word; - to treasure His presence in our hearts; - to trust Him even when we do not fully understand His ways; - to remain faithful during moments of suffering and uncertainty; and to bring Christ to others through lives of charity and witness. Our Diocese will flourish not merely through buildings, programs, or structures, but through hearts that resemble the Heart of Mary, hearts centered on Christ. Today we entrust ourselves, our families, our priests, religious, catechism teachers, youth, the sick, and all the faithful of our diocese to her maternal care. May her Immaculate Heart guide us always to the Sacred Heart of her Son. As we celebrate this patronal feast, let us ask for the Grace to imitate Mary's faith. May we learn to ponder God's works in our hearts, to surrender ourselves more completely to His will, and to proclaim with our lives the greatness of the Lord. O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Patroness of our Diocese, pray for us and lead us always to Jesus. Amen
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PPC NEWS: In July, TJ Loethen, Lindsay Luebbering, Britni Buechter, Mark Loethen, Mike Wooten & Kristi Luebbering will join the Parish Council's existing members, Sonya Henson, Jenny Becker, Logan Peters, Alanna Stockman, Marian Buschjost and Antone Luebbering. We thank all for volunteering to serve and extend our appreciation for outgoing members, Shane Verslues, Linda Boessen, Brenda Schell, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Erica Graessle, & Mike Wieberg.

PSR REGISTRATION is open for all students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. You can register your students using the link provided or you can go on our website and complete the form on the website. Please complete the form by August 1. For students entering K-7 parents please contact Barbara Graessle at 573-680-2954. Students entering 8th grade can contact Samantha Helton at 573-469-8649. *https://forms.gle/6x9TmTE8zmZzicm17*

PSR TEACHERS NEEDED: If you would like to help educate our young students by assisting with PSR, we are looking for PSR teachers. It works well if we receive several volunteers and tag teach every other week or 2 weeks or and 2 weeks off. If you have any interest, please contact Barbara Graessle, 573-680-2954.

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.

TOTUS TUUS - July 12 - 17: Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this online at *http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html*. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for volunteers to help provide evening meals for our Totus Tuus missionaries and/or help them during the day program with things like check in/out, serve snacks, apply a band aid etc. The program starts on July 12. We will need evening meals for 5-6 that Sunday through Thursday. The day program starts July 13. We will need 1-2 adult helpers Monday through Friday from 7:15am to 1:45 pm. To volunteer, please contact Cathy Singer at 573-690-1491.

FR. PHILIP SCOTT – SPIRITUAL TALK WITH ADORATION, ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, WESPTHALIA is Sunday, June 14, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Relics of St. Charbel and several others will be displayed for veneration. A presentation from Jacob & Rebecca Stoffer on St. Charbel will follow from 4:15-5:15, silent veneration till 6:00 pm.

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.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. CECILIA PARISHES: You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. This month we welcome Father Gabriel Landis, O.S.B., a monk of the Abbey of St. Benedict, in Atchison, Kansas. Father Gabriel will present on the Rule of St. Benedict, and the story of his conversion to the Catholic faith. Our evening will conclude at 8:00 p.m. with the praying of the Litany of St. Joseph. If you can arrive early, we will pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Helias Chapel. We hope you can come every or any third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to deepen your knowledge of and devotion to our faith in fellowship with the best men in mid-Missouri. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Catholic Study, Devotion, and Service. For more information about the Men of Signum Crucis, contact Jeff Cassmeyer at 573-690-7546, or visit us at *www.menofsignumcrucis.com.*

COR MEN'S GATHERING: All men are invited to join us on Tuesday, June 23, after the 5:30 pm Mass at the Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center (KofC Hall**)** as we celebrate the one-year anniversary of COR. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM with BBQ hamburgers, chips, and watermelon. Our program will begin at 7:00 pm as we launch our new series, Mission of the Family, with our first session: The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World. Come for dinner, stay for fellowship and formation. Join us!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC, LOOSE CREEK is Sunday, June 14, serving fried chicken, German pot roast dinners from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (carry outs) at Immaculate Conception Parish and LCCC drive thru 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. All dinner plates $16.00. Quilt auction 5:00 pm. Shuttle service available from LCCC.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH PICNIC, TAOS is Sunday, June 21, serving fried chicken & roast beef dinners from 11:00 – 6:00 pm. Adults $17.00, children 6-12 $12.00, Carry out or all you can eat dine in. Quilt auction 4:00 pm.

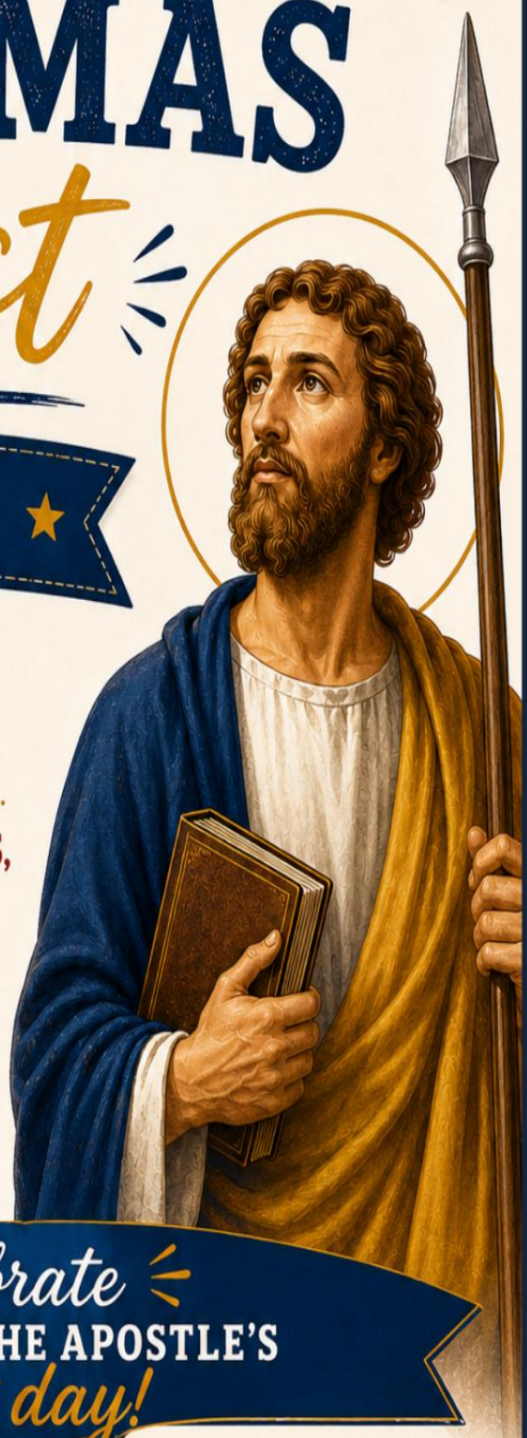
ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, LINN is Sunday, June 28, serving German pot roast & fried chicken dinners from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm, $17.00 prepared & plated meals. Indoor & outdoor seating. Kids games 11:00-4:30 pm. Show me Clown Club, 2:00-4:00 pm and picnic Olympics for adults & kids 2:00 pm. Quilt auction 5:00 pm.

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! Please RSVP by July 4 on the parish website or scan the QR code on the flyer attached.**

Sunday, July 12 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
Totus Tuus - St. Stanislaus Parish - July 12 through July 17
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 16, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle 30th Annual Fall Fantasy – Saturday, November 7, 2026

ST. THOMAS Fest

JULY 11



MASS *at 5pm*

HOTDOGS, BURGERS, CHIPS, WATER, AND LEMONADE *provided*

BOUNCE *house*

Celebrate
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S
feast day!

SCAN THE QR CODE
OR GO TO THE WEBSITE

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO RSVP!

www.stthomasapostle.net/bbq-feast-day-7-11-26.html

RSVP BY **JULY 4**

ST. THOMAS PARISHIONERS ONLY

Totus Tuus 2026

Parish summer catechetical program

Scan Me to Register

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday - Friday : 8 am - 1:30 pm
Dropoff in Gym - 7:30 - 7:45 am
Mass @ 8am
Grades : 1st - 6th
Pricing: $50/Student or $100/Family Max

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday - Thursday : 6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Stanislaus Parish Center
Grades : 7th - 12th
Evening Program: Free

Please contact your Director of Religious Education with questions

TO BE HELD AT
ST. STANISLAUS PARISH
JULY 12 - 17, 2026

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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.