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

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PO Box 146
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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 21, 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 21-28

Tuesday 7:45 am	L&D Bob Luebbering Family
Wednesday 7:45 am	***No Mass, Summer schedule***
Thursday 7:45 am	Kelsey Heckemeyer
Friday 7:45 am	L&D Virgil Kirkweg Family
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	L&D Bob Luebbering Family

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 21-28

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Roger Borgmeyer
Sunday 8:00 am	Henry, Alma, Gerard Blomberg & Mary Clark

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$342,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	$359,861.85
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$17,861.85
Offertory Goal for June	$28,500.00

Collection in Church	
June 7	$4,993.10
June 14	$2,333.10
June 21	
June 28	

Collection Online	$6,595.50
June Total to Date	**$13,921.70**
Difference for June	-$14,578.30

Your Sunday Offering	
Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	**$74,308.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for June	$5,833.33

Collection in Church	
June 7	$1,447.00
June 14	$1,368.00
June 21	
June 28	

June Total to Date	$2,815.00
Difference for June	-$3,018.33

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 –Cathy Borgmeyer - Glorious

Lector: Samantha Helton

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday 5:00 pm	Ushers
Sunday 10:00 am	Family of Bob Luebbering

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Henry, Alma, Gerard Blomberg & Mary Clark

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 27 & 28

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Christian, Austyn Christian, Kaycie Fennewald, Emerald Fennewald, Georgia	Bock, Eli Schroeder, Annaline	Buechter, Aliyah Buechter, Gavin Libbert, Cadyn Sandbothe, Gabriel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kliethermes, Keith Graessle, Mark Graessle, Barb	Stumpe, Doris Libbert, Pam Even, Jennifer	Lueckenhoff, Janet Reinkemeyer, Lynne Schroeder, Jennifer
Lector	Holterman, Kara	Plassmeyer, Dominic	Schroeder, Judy
Rosary Leader: Sorrowful	Graessle, Barb	Plassmeyer, Mary	Lueckenhoff, Jim
Greeters/Ushers	Strope, Eric Holterman, Adam	Hagenhoff, Randy Libbert, Pam	Heckemeyer, Richard Loethen, Mark
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Brand, Mary Kay	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie Luebbering, Doug
Live Stream			Becker, Jenny
Count Collections		Libbert, Dolores Libbert, Pam	Kliethermes, Jean Kliethermes, Keith
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Luebbering, Gina - Luebbering, Karen - Schell, Brooke - Stockman, Tina		

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Brooke Schell & Trenton Pace*** who were married in Christ this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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: 12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, WITNESSING BOLDLY TO JESUS. (Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Mt. 10:26-33) Happy Father's Day to all the dads. Today we are challenged to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. The psalmist in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) trusts in God when he is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers and relatives. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter. So dear friends we need not to be afraid because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring to our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what declining health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, reputation, health, and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we ourselves do. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. We should know that God is with us; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! The next time fear grips us we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of loss or rejection by others. Also, let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares, we are each a dear child of His, and He cares for each of us. "Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord."
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, June 26, 7:00 pm St. Cecilia Church.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 pm. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA PRAYER LINE REQUESTS can be made by calling Katie Lueckenotto at 573-229-4318 or 573-619-6454.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRAYER LINE REQUESTS should be emailed to Theresa Veit at *tveitoffice@gmail.com* or by calling 573-418-7301.

BREAKING THE SILENCE OF ABUSE: As a Diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop O'Donnell, please encourage them to write to us at *reportabuse@diojeffcity.org*

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.

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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFERS VIDEO SERIES: Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "**Mission of The Family.**" The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find **"The Mission of The Family"** videos: *https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html* The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length.

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.

META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING: The June monthly meet will be held June 22, at 7:00 pm. All community members are welcome to attend. Come for dinner, stay for fellowship and formation. Join us!

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

BUFFET STYLE ~ DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

ADULTS $16 ~ CARRYOUTS $16 ~ CHILDREN 6-12 $8 ~ CHILDREN 5 & UNDER FREE

ST. CECILIA

ROAST BEEF & FRIED CHICKEN

Picnic

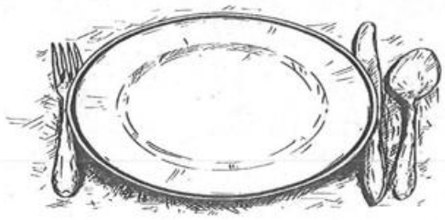
MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, APPLESAUCE, HOMEMADE BREAD & PIE

JULY 12, 2026

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

META CITIZENS' CIVIC LEAGUE PARK

COUNTRY STORE, KETTLE CORN, BEER GARDEN, RAFFLE



BINGO, GAMES, SANDWICH STAND, TOYLAND

QUILT, DESSERT, & MORE AUCTION

4:00 P.M. ~ AUCTIONEERING PROVIDED BY HURST AUCTIONEER SERVICE

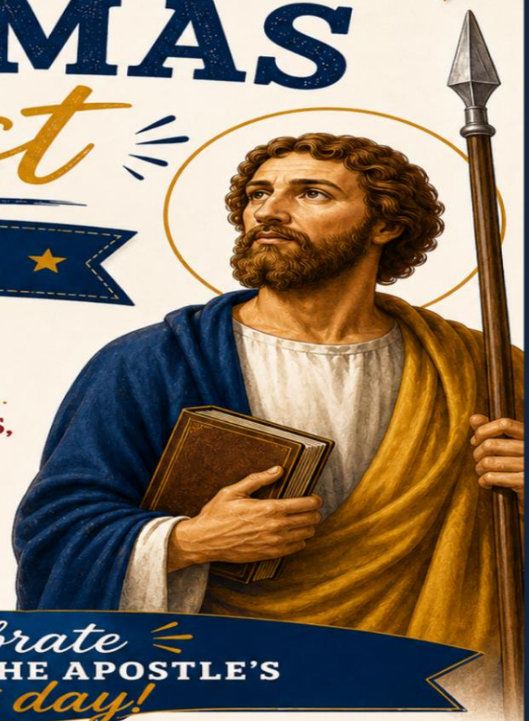
ST. THOMAS Fest

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.