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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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 28, 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 28-July 5

Tuesday 7:45 am	Stanley Strope
Wednesday 7:45 am	***No Mass, Summer schedule***
Thursday 7:45 am	Laverne & Daniel Dubbert
Friday 7:45 am	Butch Loethen
Saturday 5:00 pm	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 am	Jim Reinkemeyer

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of June 28-July 5

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Lawrence Wansing
Sunday 8:00 am	Norman & Delphine Jaegers

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$342,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	$364,314.67
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$22,314.67
Offertory Goal for June	$28,500.00

Collection in Church

June 7	$4,993.10
June 14	$2,333.10
June 21	$2,920.32
June 28	
Collection Online	$8,128.00
June Total to Date	**$18,374.52**
Difference for June	-$10,125.48

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2026	**$75,413.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for June	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

June 7	$1,447.00
June 14	$1,368.00
June 21	$1,105.00
June 28	
June Total to Date	$3,920.00
Difference for June	-$1,913.33

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 Jim Reinkemeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Norman & Delphine Jaegers

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 4 & 5

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Buschjost, Ava Luebbering, Hank Wooten, Barrett Wooten, Evelyn	Derkum, Natalee Werdehausen, Gavin	Buechter, Aliyah Buechter, Gavin Libbert, Cadyn Rackers, Emmett
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Carter, Jan Boessen, Marshall Boessen, Lora	Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary Stumpe, Doris	Prenger, Glenn Wieberg, Rosalyn Kliethermes, Keith
Lector	Carter, Jan	Stumpe, Doris	Lackman, Lisa
Rosary Leader: Joyful	Herigon, Dale	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Stockman, Tina
Greeters/Ushers	Boessen, Mark Boessen, Keith	Stumpe, Mitch Schulte, Leonard	Stockman, Doug Buechter, Craig
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Wooten, Amanda	Hurst, Lydia	Prenger, Jackie Kliethermes, Jean
Live Stream			Reinkemeyer, Karlie
Count Collections		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Henson, Sonya Wieberg, Millie
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Boessen, Lora - Buechter, Darrel - Heckemeyer, Jan - Heckemeyer, Richard		

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*

ST. CECILIA PARISH is set up now to do **ACH Tithing** out of your account at your financial institution. If you are interested in signing up for ACH debit, please contact Doris Stumpe.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, COSTS AND REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP (2Kgs. 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom. 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt. 10:37-42) Today's readings remind us of the witnessing mission given to Christ's followers to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works/acts of mercy/charity. They also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to Jesus. In our first reading, we see, the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son. "The promise was fulfilled by God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89), reminds us that we are the children of God Who tells us, "My mercy, kindness is established forever." The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward. By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus' death and buried with him, and we look forward to our resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward. Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones" (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded. Therefore friends, we need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable, and of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger, or just a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than the sending of checks for charitable causes is the giving of ourselves to people, primarily in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, July 3, 7:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Saturday, July 4, 3:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

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.

ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE is Thursday, July 9, 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. All presenting donors will receive a free commemorative St. Louis Cardinals Blood Drive T-shirt, while supplies last.

WESTPHALIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER is conducting fall soccer sign ups through google forms. Players ages 3-14 are welcome! Please sign up by July 12. Please email *wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com* to receive a link to the form or if you have questions. The link is Fall soccer registration

ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, LINN is this 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

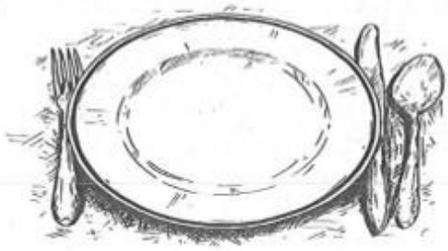
MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, APPLESAUCE, HOMEMADE BREAD & PIE

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

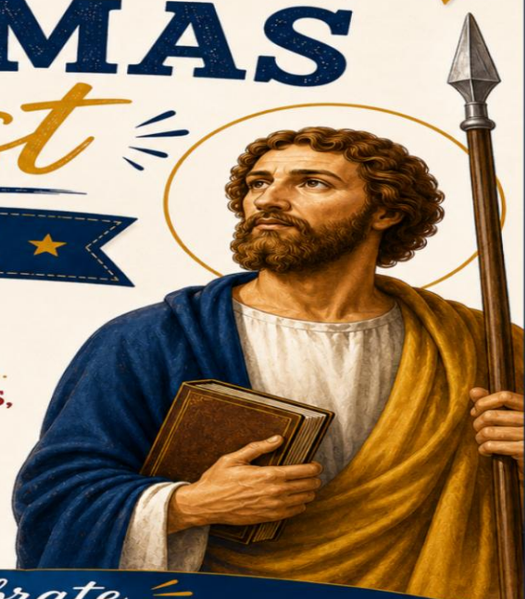
ST. THOMAS Fest

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.