

**The Roman Catholic Parishes of**  
**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
in St. Thomas

**St. Cecilia**  
in Meta

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 5, 2024**

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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 May 5-12:**

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Special Intention  
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – Lawrence & Cyrilla Heckemeyer  
Thursday 7:45 a.m. – Gilbert & Hermina Strobe Family  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**  
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Dianne Herigon  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – People of our Parishes  
John, Minnie & Steve Luebbering  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – David A. Boessen

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$312,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	\$260,000.00
Actual Collection for 2023-2024:	<b>\$286,271.04</b>
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	\$ 22,183.37
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 26,000.00

**Collection in Church:**

April 7	\$ 7,612.95
April 14	\$ 3,951.49
April 21	\$ 3,652.87
April 28	\$ 4,087.67
<b>Collection Online:</b>	\$ 7,933.00
<b>April total to date:</b>	<b>\$27,237.98</b>
Difference for April:	+\$ 1,237.98

**Church Renovation Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations	\$495,710.35
Total Collected	\$531,682.78
Total Expenses Paid	\$699,195.95

A total of 131 parishioners have returned pledge cards/or  
Contributed to the renovation project.

Church Renovation Loan Balance	\$48,386.91
Loan payments to date	\$164,160.00
(principal) \$151,613.09	(interest) \$12,546.91

**St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists**

May 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Alanna  
May 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Luebbering / Jackie  
May 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette  
May 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Josh Luebbering / Jackie

**St. Thomas the Apostle Readers**

May 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Paul Becker  
May 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Larry Lueckenhoff  
May 18 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten  
May 19 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

**Saint Cecilia**

**Mass Schedule for the Week of May 5-12:**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Jackie Luebbert

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert

**Your Sunday Offering:**

Offertory Budget for 2023-2024:	\$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2023-2024:	<b>\$62,426.00</b>
Offertory Goal per month:	\$ 5,583.34

**Collection in Church:**

April 7	\$2,913.00
April 14	\$1,725.00
April 21	\$ 812.00
April 28	\$1,381.00
<b>April total to date:</b>	<b>\$5,407.00</b>
Difference for April:	-\$ 179.34

**St. Cecilia Collection Counters**

May: Margie & Dale Helton

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR  
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.**

**St. Cecilia Readers**

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Doris Stumpe  
Sunday, May 12 – 8:00 a.m. – Karyn Veltrop  
Sunday, May 19 - 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer

**St. Cecilia Organist**

Sunday, May 12 8:00 a.m. – Emilie  
Sunday, May 19 8:00 a.m. – Lydia

**IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR  
LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE FIND  
A REPLACEMENT. YOUR FELLOW  
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU!**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Greeters/Ushers**

May 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Michael Wooten  
May 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Craig Buechter & Larry Lueckenhoff  
May 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strobe & Eric Boessen  
May 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Art Groner & Richard Heckemeyer  
**Parish Count for weekend Masses is on the offertory table.**  
**Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers**

May 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark Graessle  
May 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Keith Kliethermes  
May 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing  
May 19 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Servers**

Weekday servers: Max Verslues & JD Volmert  
May 11 5:00 p.m. – Gannon Reeves, Emerald Fennewald,  
Sadie & Ellie Boessen  
May 12 10:00 a.m.- Victoria & Will Wieberg, Kora Luebbering,  
Stella Volmert  
May 18 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten,  
Ben & Luke Otto  
May 19 10:00 a.m. – Francie, Hannah & Levi Tallent,  
Aliyah Buechter

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts**

May 11 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Family of John, Steve & Minnie  
Luebbering  
May 12 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Family of David A. Boessen

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters**

May 12 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman  
May 19 – Keith & Jean Kliethermes  
May 26- Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg  
June 2 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

### **Live stream Mass (10:00 a.m.) Sunday**

May 12 Dunja Wieberg  
May 19 Lauri Luebbering  
May 26 Jenny Becker  
June 2 Brooke Schell

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas**

Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. –Bob Schellman – Glorious Mysteries  
Thursday 7:25 a.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries  
Friday 7:25 a.m. – Jim Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries  
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle– Glorious Mysteries  
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder – Glorious Mysteries

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners**

May 5: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman  
May 12: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle  
May 19: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering  
May 26: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer  
June 2: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost

**SNACKS FOR QUILTERS:** Quilter's luncheon may be dropped off Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Evening quilting) or St. Thomas the Apostle School. Please bring snacks to the hall by 1:00 p.m.; snacks served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strobe at 573-477-3349.

**Thursday, May 9 – Morgan Otto & Katelyn Otto**

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

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

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING:** As Father Leonard mentioned in Church, our parishes recently had an audit with the Diocese on Safe Environment/Virtus. Any parishioner that has volunteered to do a ministry during Mass must complete the Safe Environment/Virtus program. Anyone **18 years or older needs the training..** Safe Environment/Virtus Training may be found on the Homepage of the Parish Website ([www.stthomasapostle.net](http://www.stthomasapostle.net)) or go directly to the Diocese Safe Environment/Virtus link ([www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)). If you have never done any of the Virtus training please create an account and complete your training. If you have signed on before, please sign in using your existing account. The Virtus Training cannot be done on a phone, you will need a laptop or computer. If you are needing a computer or laptop to complete the training please let us know and we can make arrangements for you to use one at school. **We would like to have all training completed by May 31, 2024.** If you need help, please contact Theresa, Diane, or Doris. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dave Sturtz, Mary Frazier, and Amber Rehagen for being elected to St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you to all of our nominees.

**LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH:** Are you someone who likes to spread our Catholic faith? Why not consider joining our St. Thomas Stream Team and help spread the Word every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass? Operating the equipment is fun and easy! Please call or text Lauri Luebbering at 573-619-6090 if interested.

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT MAY PRAYER INTENTION:** For those who are preparing for marriage and those who are living the sacrament of holy Matrimony: May the mutual self-giving of spouses and engaged couples bring new life into our community, we pray to the Lord.

### **St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers**

May 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff  
May 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Pam Libbert

### **St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers**

May 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe,  
Randy Hagenhoff, Kenny Otto, Otto Wankum  
May 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Leonard Schulte, Tony Derkum,  
William Derkum, Terry Libbert

### **St. Cecilia Servers**

May 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder  
May 19 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Skyla, Tucker & Jess Schroeder

### **St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts**

May 12 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Family of Harold Libbert

### **Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia**

May 12 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries  
May 19 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer  
Glorious Mysteries

**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.

**PASTORS MEDITATION: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER: LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.** (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1Jn. 4:7-10; Jn. 15: 9-17) The readings today declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love, "Love one another as I have loved you." In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 98) also directs our attention toward God's marvelous love and kindness in offering salvation to the whole world. In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans "as expiation for our sins." This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another. After telling the parable of the vine and branches, Jesus, in today's Gospel, teaches the disciples that they are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us "friends." He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

Therefore, friends we need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice. We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. This is what parents spontaneously do, sacrificing themselves, their time, talents, health, and wealth for their children, or in other words, by spending themselves for their children. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked. Love works miracles for those who believe in it. ***Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi***

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHIONERS: Volunteers Needed** - The St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council is looking for 5 new committee members. The council meets every 2 months. The term runs for 3 years. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the parish office.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR PROGRAM TEACHERS NEEDED:** PSR will begin in August or late September. In order to make this program possible, there are volunteer positions that must be filled: PSR Coordinator and 2 Teachers. Please reach out to the Parish Council if you are interested.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Thursday, May 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 14 – Field Day  
Wednesday, May 15 – Last day of school, 11:05 dismissal

**RECOGNIZING OUR 2024 GRADUATES:** If you are a 2024 graduate or promotion (elementary, high school, college, or technical school). Please let us know by emailing or calling the school office at 573-477-3322 or the Parish Office, Tuesday mornings (8:00-11:30 a.m.) or Wednesday's (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) 573-477-3315. The names will be published in the May 19 bulletin.

**HELIAS LADY CRUSADER BASKETBALL CAMP:** The Helias Lady Crusader Basketball Youth Camp will begin on June 10-13. This camp will work on the basic fundamentals of basketball, fostering a competitive nature, all while having fun, and is for all levels of basketball skill. Please consider joining Coach Wiggins and the Lady Crusader team and improve upon your basketball ability. Helias Lady Crusader Camp T-Shirt is included with the price. K-5: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 6th-8th: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.  
Registration Link: <https://www.heliascrusaderscamps.com/girls-basketball-camps.cfm>

**LIFE TEEN GROUP:** St. Stanislaus & St. Francis Xavier are organizing a youth group for high schoolers in the area. They are starting a Life Teen Group that will meet every Sunday night 7:00 p.m. in the St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Those who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade from St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecilia are more than welcome to attend.

**THE OVER 50 GROUP** in Meta will be gathering on May 9 at the parish center for our monthly get together luncheon. Please bring a covered dish to share with the group.

**JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** New summer weekend added! For ALL Christian married couples. This is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, but does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. The next weekend is July 27-28, 2024, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is \$75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at [jeffcityme.com](http://jeffcityme.com) (Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website [jeffcityme.com](http://jeffcityme.com), call 573-864-6928, or email [info@jeffcityme.com](mailto:info@jeffcityme.com)

**SPRING FESTIVAL, VISITATION PARISH, VIENNA** is Sunday, May 5, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw & dessert from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$15.00 per dinner. Dine in & carry out available.

**PASTA NIGHT DINNER FUNDRAISER** is Friday, May 10, serving spaghetti, mostaccioli, chicken alfredo, salad, garlic bread sticks, apple, peach & cherry cobblers. Tickets: \$12.00 (adult) \$6.00 (child 6-12). Dinner 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Aerie #2693, 1411 Missouri Boulevard. Proceeds to Boys & Girls Club.

**TOTUS TUUS - JUNE 23 – 28:** Sign-up for Totus Tuus is now available. You can do this either online at <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html> or use the paper form that is a part of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Veit (573) 418-7301. Thank you for your continued support and participation in this summer program.

**SAVE THE DATES: Totus Tuus – June 23-28 – held at St. Stanislaus Church  
July 14 – St. Cecilia Parish Picnic**

#### **St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

The St. Cecilia Parish Pastoral Council meeting was held on April 9, 2024. Those present were Dustin Stegeman, Lydia Hurst, Janice Schanzmeyer, Cordell Schroeder, Katy Werdehausen, Father Leonard, Doris Stumpe and Betty Hagenhoff. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer by Father Leonard.

Betty Hagenhoff has graciously volunteered to be the new Picnic Chair and she provided the council with areas she will need assistance to prepare for this summer's picnic on July 14. The council will assist with preparing for the dessert auction, raffle, games and toys and will provide as much assistance as possible in the days before the picnic and Monday after. Betty mentioned that help from any parishioners on the days would be much appreciated.

There will be a meeting with the photographer for the parish directory on July 17. It was decided that this directory would primarily contain the parish family pictures and parish group pictures.

Janice reported that the railing by the lector podium will be up by the end of the week.

A cleanup day was discussed and will be planned but a date has not been set at this time.

Lydia mentioned that a Liturgy and Worship meeting was coming up and would provide updates at the next council meeting.

Dustin will be placing parish council nominations in the pews and will have voting at the end of April. Three new members will needed to replace Katy Werdehausen, Janice Schanzmeyer and Shirley Bock who stepped down after the last council meeting.

Father's report: He wants to find parishioners to lead up groups for the Women in Ministry and Vocations. He would also like to have a marriage facilitator. There will be a conference to train facilitators.


We will be receiving tamper proof bags for collection money. The diocese wants all parishes to have collection counters from different families. St. Cecilia collection counters are currently all married couples, since it is convenient for both to stay after Church. It was suggested to add just one more person for the weekly collection counters but still keep the current couples on the list. The council also discussed having electronic contribution options. Doris will be checking with St. Thomas on questions regarding this for book-keeping.

The meeting concluded at 8:23 pm. The next meeting will be held May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**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](http://heliascatholic.com/spiritofexcellence) or contact Helia Catholic President Ron Vossen at [rvossen@heliasatholic.com](mailto:rvossen@heliasatholic.com) or 573-635-6139.

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**ONWARD** *together*

  
**Totus Tuus Summer Camp**  
 2024 Registration Form: June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1-12  
 Register online: <http://www.stthomasapostle.net/totus-tuus.html>

**Grades 1-6: Monday through Friday 7:45 am – 1:30 pm**  
**at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville**  
**Grades 7-12: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**at St. Stanislaus, Wardsville**

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Children being enrolled in Totus Tuus at St. Stanislaus:

Name:	Grade (In fall):	Medical info/ food allergies to be aware of:

**Cost** for the week is **\$25** per child for Grades 1 – 6. **\$75.00** for three or more children.  
 Lunch is provided. Each child will need to bring a water bottle.  
**Evening** program is free for Grades 7 – 12. Please bring a water bottle.

**Totus Tuus Volunteers 2024**  
Food

We are providing meals for the 4 Missionaries (plus the priest if they wish to come) each Evening at 5:30 pm in the ~~Wardsville's~~ school cafeteria. If you wish, the missionaries would love for you to eat with them, but it is also fine to just drop the food off.

	Name	Contact number
Thursday, June 27th		

**Day Volunteers**

To support the missionaries, we are asking for volunteers to be available during the day to help check in, check out and host for the day.

	Name	Contact
Thursday, June 27th		
Friday, June 28th		



## Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference on the Abortion Initiative Petition

The Catholic Church supports and defends society's most vulnerable, especially women and children, through accompaniment, social services, and material assistance.

A misleading proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution suggests that a "right to an abortion" is needed to protect women, while the amendment could actually put women at risk and endanger preborn children. This ballot initiative would legalize abortions in this state and remove long standing health and safety standards for women. In addition, this initiative does nothing to reduce or eliminate the underlying social causes for abortion and does not further a true culture of life in the state.

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2024 ballot. **We encourage all Catholics and people of good will to not sign any petition that would put this amendment on the ballot.**

The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to provide spiritual and material support to expectant mothers and their families through our parishes and ministries, and to advocate on their behalf and on behalf of their preborn children. For those women suffering from the pain of an abortion, the Church will continue to offer true healing and hope through its Post Abortive Healing Ministries. We ask all to help us in these efforts to safeguard the right to life.

We look forward to the day when every child, born and unborn, has the love and support needed to thrive and reach his or her full potential. Let us pray for a greater recognition of the gift of each and every human life in our society.

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