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in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025

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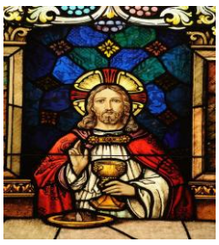

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
`School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
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 August 31-September 7

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	Dianne Herigon
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	L&D Norbert Boessen Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	People of our Parishes
Friday 7:45 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Harold Luebbering
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	People of our Parishes

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$57,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$55,617.88**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	-$1,382.12
Offertory Goal for August	$28,500.00

Collection in Church

August 3	$4,986.61
August 10	$6,987.35
August 17	$2,859.03
August 24	$5,433.63
August 31	

Collection Online	$8,373.00
August Total to Date	**$28,639.62**
Difference for August	+$139.62

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Cadyn Libbert & Gavin Buechter

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 7:25 am	Bob Schellman - Sorrowful
Wednesday 7:25 am	Shirley Volmert - Glorious
Thursday 7:25 am	Dale Herigon - Luminous
Friday 7:25 am	Jim Lueckenhoff - Sorrowful

Offertory Gifts – St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday	Family of Harold Luebbering
Sunday	Ushers

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of August 31-September 7

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Lawrence “Dick” Rehagen
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	L&D Bruemmer & Lueckenotto Families

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$9,181.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for August	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

August 3	$789.00
August 10	$1,224.00
August 17	$910.00
August 24	$1,042.00
August 31	

August Total to Date	**$3,965.00**
Difference for August	-$1,868.33

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer - Glorious

Lector: Cathy Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Bruemmer & Lueckenotto

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: Deadline for bulletin 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.

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

Liturgical Role Schedule for September 6 & 7			
	Saturday, 5:00 PM	**Sunday, 8:00 AM**	**Sunday, 10:00 AM**
Altar Servers	Christian, Austyn Christian, Kaycie Fennewald, Emerald Fennewald, Georgia	Schroeder, Jesse Schroeder, Skyla Schroeder, Tucker	Luebbering, Isabella Luebbering, Jude Luebbering, Oliver Sandbothe, Gabriel
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Boessen, Lora Graessle, Barb Graessle, Mark	Hagenhoff, Betty Libbert, Pam Even, Jennifer	Lueckenhoff, Janet Luebbering, Ben Prenger, Glenn
Lector	Lackman, Lisa	Wansing, Don	Luebbering, Doug
Rosary Leader: Glorious	Graessle, Barb	Borgmeyer, Cathy	Stockman, Tina
Greeters/Ushers	Boessen, Mark Boessen, Keith	Hagenhoff, Randy Schulte, Leonard Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Mitch	Loethen, Mark Luebbering, Ben
Music Ministry	Schroeder, Jeanette Wooten, Amanda	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Stockman, Alanna Strope, Anne
Live Stream			Schellman, Jenny
Count Collections		Libbert, Pam Libbert, Terry	Kliethermes, Jean Kliethermes, Keith
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Boessen, Linda - Luebbering, Lauri - Luebbering, Lindsay - Reinkemeyer, Lynne		

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 are served at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Luebbering at 573-477-3459 or Kathy Strope at 573-477-3349.
Thursday, Sept. 4- Viola Boessen & Jennifer Borgmeyer **Thursday, Sept. 11** – Mary Kay Brand & Renee Braun

A NOTE OF THANKS!
THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who came out for the first ever Outdoor Movie Night! What a great evening together! A very special thank you to our Popcorn Pop Stars, Marshall and Joyce Boessen, for keeping the popcorn hot and fresh all night. We're grateful for you and for our wonderful community and parish!

Baby Bottle Drive- Thank you to everyone who took a baby bottle to help support the ladie's auxiliary pregnancy help center baby bottle drive. Baby bottles will be collected after Mass next weekend September 6/7. Ladies Auxiliary members: With some changes to remind we need all members to download the Remind app (the app has a blue background with a white R). You can go to the App Store and download the app or go to your web browser on your phone and type "*rmd.at/2kkhfe*" this will prompt you to download the app under our auxiliary. Thank you for your cooperation.

PASTORS MEDITATION: **22nd Sunday in ordinary time C. GOD GIVES A HOME TO THE FORSAKEN. (Sir. 3:17-18,20,28-29; Heb. 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk. 14: 1, 7-14).** Humility means to live as Jesus lived, not for ourselves but for others. Today's readings talk about the importance of practicing humility and avoiding self-glorification or pride: 1) Humility enables us first to accept others as God's children, our brothers and sisters, redeemed by the blood of Jesus. 2) Humility also encourages us to offer them loving and sacrificial service through acts of charity, mercy and forgiveness. 3) Humility enables us to accept ourselves as we are before God, with all our defects and demerits. 4) Humility also prompts us to be thankful to God for blessing us with talents, and capabilities for our own use, for serving our brothers and sisters and so for giving Him glory and for strengthening us every day by His grace. 5) Humility opens our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged, and the marginalized people in our society, thus practicing Christ's option for the poor. Today's Gospel teaches us that we must act with humility and see ourselves as the servants of the community rather than those whom the community might feel honored to serve. The first reading, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us. The second reading, taken from the letter to the Hebrews, gives us another reason to be humble, comparing and contrasting the frightening majesty of the Old Testament God with the meek and humble New Testament God in the person of Jesus. Jesus, the Only-begotten Son of God, humbled Himself by taking on human flesh and choosing to die the most humiliating death of crucifixion. The Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to imitate Jesus in his humility. In the Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus' words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord's blessings. Therefore, friends we need to practice humility in personal and social life: In our personal lives we grow into humility as we come to realize that everything we have is a loving gift from God and, therefore, we have no reason to elevate ourselves above others. True humility requires that we neither overestimate ourselves nor underestimate our worth. We must admit the truth that we are sinners, that we do not know everything, and that we do not always act properly. Nevertheless, we must also recognize that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that we are called to help build the kingdom of God with our God-given gifts. We are of value, not because of those gifts, but because we are loved by God as His children and redeemed by the precious blood of His son Jesus. In our social life, such a conviction should lead us to associate ourselves with the so-called marginalized or "lower classes" of the society, even the outcasts, because they too are the children of the same God. This change of attitude will in turn, change our social patterns. We will begin to connect with and serve the homeless, the handicapped, the elderly, and the impoverished, the "street people" of the world, with agápe love. Our family life also becomes holier and more enjoyable when the husband and wife, in all humility, accept themselves as they are, accept each other as God's personal gift to them as a couple-made-one, and show the generosity and good will to serve each other, forgive each other, and offer their lives prayerfully and sacrificially for the welfare of their children.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

I serve as a Communion Minister because I received a tug at my heart. Honestly, this tug came more than 20 years ago. I put off taking action because I did not feel worthy enough. As I grew in age and wisdom, the tug got stronger. I finally took action on what I was being called to do. I feel honored to serve in this way. You'll catch me smiling as I happily serve. It is awesome to hold Jesus in my hands and share Him with others. ***Marian Buschjost***

A ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY will be prayed on Thursday, September 4, 5:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, September 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH WEBSITE: Take A Look: Checkout the St. Thomas the Apostle Website for a listing of the PARISH GROUPS, such as; Parish Pastoral Council, Finance, Picnic Committee, Quilting. Under STEWARDSHIP/Church Ministry is listing of Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Live Streamers, Greeters/Ushers and Servers. This information may be helpful if you need to contact someone for questions or possibly switch with someone for Mass Ministry.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS/PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Looking for anyone that would be willing to volunteer to help with the deep cleaning of the rectory after the remodel so furniture can be placed back in the rooms. Cleaning products will be provided. A couple evenings or day should be able to take care of the cleaning. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lydia Hurst at 573-821-1370.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS!
Monday, September 1 – Labor Day, No School PreK-8
Friday, September 12 – Mid Quarter
Monday, September 15- Regional Professional Development Day – No School PreK-8

SCHOOL DAY MASSES: Father Leonard and I discussed the tragic incident that happened in Minneapolis recently. We have decided that as an added safety measure, ***we will start locking the Church doors at 7:45 AM for all the school day Masses, which will be from Tuesday-Friday each week.***

SEEING IS BELIEVING – DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES PRESENTATION BY TIM FRANCIS Do You Believe in Miracles? Seeing is Believing. Join us on September 21 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. (Intermission 2:00 p.m.) at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center to hear speaker Tim Francis share his powerful journey of loss and rediscovery of faith, while exploring the question: Can miracles stand up to the test of science? *www.sciencetestsfaith.com/jeffcity*

THE LEGENDARY STORY OF FR. FERDINAND HELIAS, S.J. BOOK: Limited supply of books available for sale. $50 per book includes mailing them. Please add $500 additional book if ordering 2 or more. Please send your name, full address, phone number and parish you belong to Tim Imhoff, P.O. Bos 66, Boonville, MO 65233-0066 or 1-660-888-6452.

WALK FOR LIFE: The annual Wardsville Walk for Life will be held on Sunday, September 14 following the 10:30 Mass (12:00 noon). The Walk starts at the St. Stanislaus-St. Margaret Community Center (home of the Knights'). Please meet there to begin the walk, which progresses around the parish grounds and back to the K of C building. There will be refreshments, prizes, activities, pro-life displays and a Silent Auction (more information on that soon). If you have a pro-life T-shirt, please wear it! Pledge forms for donations are on the back side of the Walk for Life flyer, available in the vestibule of St. Stanislaus church. Thank you for supporting this annual pro-life event!

CURSILLISTAS: Ready to get renewed in faith and fellowship? Join us Tuesday, September 16 for the See City Deanery Ultreya at St. Stanislaus Parish Center. Mass 5:30 p.m. Pizza & salad 6:00 p.m. & Ultreya begins at 6:30 p.m. If you have attended a Cursillo weekend, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, share and continue your spiritual journey. All Cursillistas are welcome, bring a friend and come renewed. Please contact Gary Wilbers, 573-619-8700 or *gwilbers@goascend.biz* for more information.

XLT (EX-ALT) ADORATION is September 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m., prayer, confession & praise & worship music at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF ST. ALOYSIUS & ST. BONIFACE will be hosting a Divine Mercy Parish Mission on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at St. Boniface Annex in Koeltztown, Missouri from 11 am-4 pm presented by the Divine Mercy Mission Team from St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington, MO. The Mission will begin with a potluck lunch at 11:00 am after Mass (We have Mass at 10:00 am if you would like to join us). The program will begin at noon and confessions will also be available at that time. This is a free event and open to anyone, no matter what parish you are from. Everyone is welcome and we would be glad to have you!

LADY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS will be held September 21 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and September 22 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Helias Field House and Auxiliary Gym. This tryout is for grades 4 through 8. Please fill out the Google Form using the QR code located on the flyer."

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - October 18-19. This weekend focuses on putting Christ back at the center of your marriage. Cost is only $75 and includes one night stay at Best Western Capital Inn in Jefferson City, meals, and materials. Scholarships are also available. Register online at *jeffcityme.com.* Questions? Contact Matt Kuensting 573-424-2247.

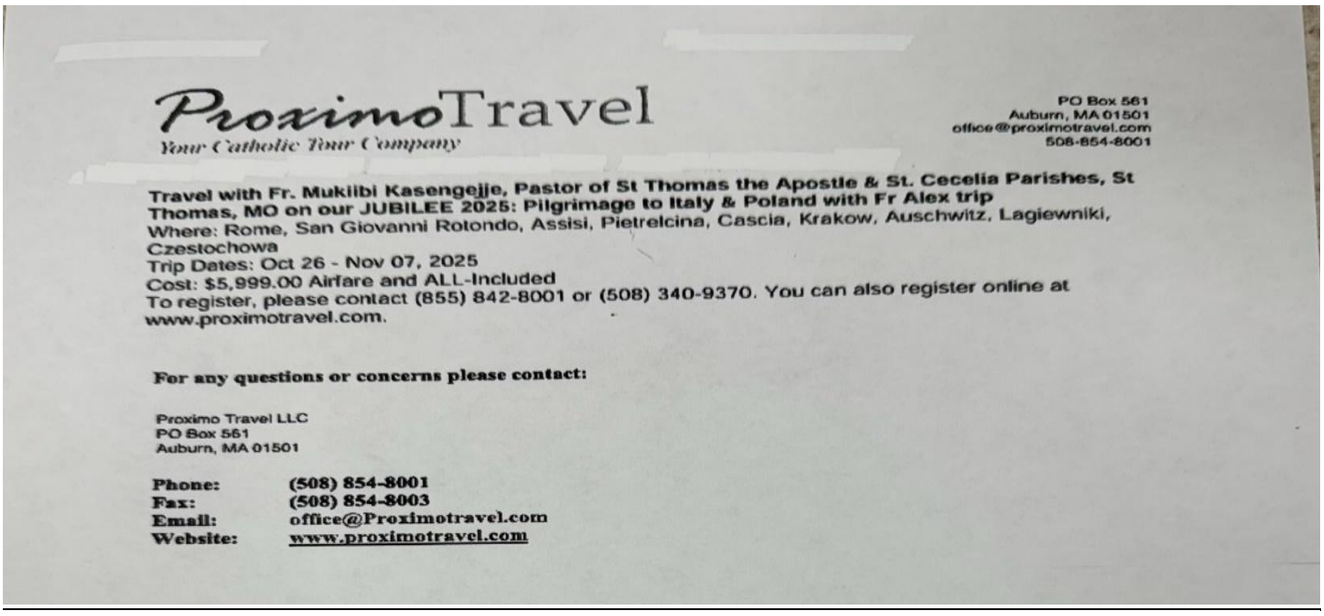
SCOUTING AMERICA: On Sept 2 at 6 PM at Bair Oaks elementary school, Scouting America will hold a parent information meeting for joining cub scouts for those 5 grade or less. There will be activities for the potential new scouts. Scouting America is open to all boys and girls from grades K to 12th grade. The local troop is based out of St Stanislaus and the pack is based out the lions club and is open to all children in the district (St Thomas/Wardsville/Taos/Osage Bend). Scouting is a faith based/service organization that teaches respect and outdoor skills with many activities available (rock climbing/archery/camping/ high adventure to name a few). You can also contact Jonathan Guroutte @ 573-418-4132 for younger scouts and Cash McManus @732-407-4025 or Jim Dallas @573-656-5656 for more info on older scouts 6 grade and up.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC, FREEBURG is Sunday, August 31, serving fried chicken and roast beef dinners carry outs and dine in from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. $16.00. NEW…Drive Thru 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the American Legion hall, no custom orders/mixed chicken. Quilt auction 5:00 p.m. Live music Home by Eleven 2-5 p.m. and Shiloh from 7:30-11:30 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FALL FESTIVAL, FOLK is Sunday, September 7, serving roast beef & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Meals $16.00. Drive thru & carry outs, indoor air conditioning seating will be available. Classic car cruise-in 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Shooting Match at noon. Quilt & Pie auction 5:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH FALL FESTIVAL, BONNOTS MILL is Sunday, September 14, serving fried chicken & bone in ham dinners from noon to 6:00 p.m. $16.00 per plate. Live Auction 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES: Tim Francis Presentation – Sunday, September 21, 1-3:30 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Center
Citizens Civic League Fall Festival is September 21.
29th Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy- Saturday, November 1.
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: December 11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall
Thursday, April 30, 2026 – Midwest March for Life, Jefferson City



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Travel with Fr. Mukiibi Kasengejje, Pastor of St Thomas the Apostle & St. Cecelia Parishes, St Thomas, MO on our JUBILEE 2025: Pilgrimage to Italy & Poland with Fr Alex trip
Where: Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi, Pietrelcina, Cascia, Krakow, Auschwitz, Lagiewniki, Czestochowa
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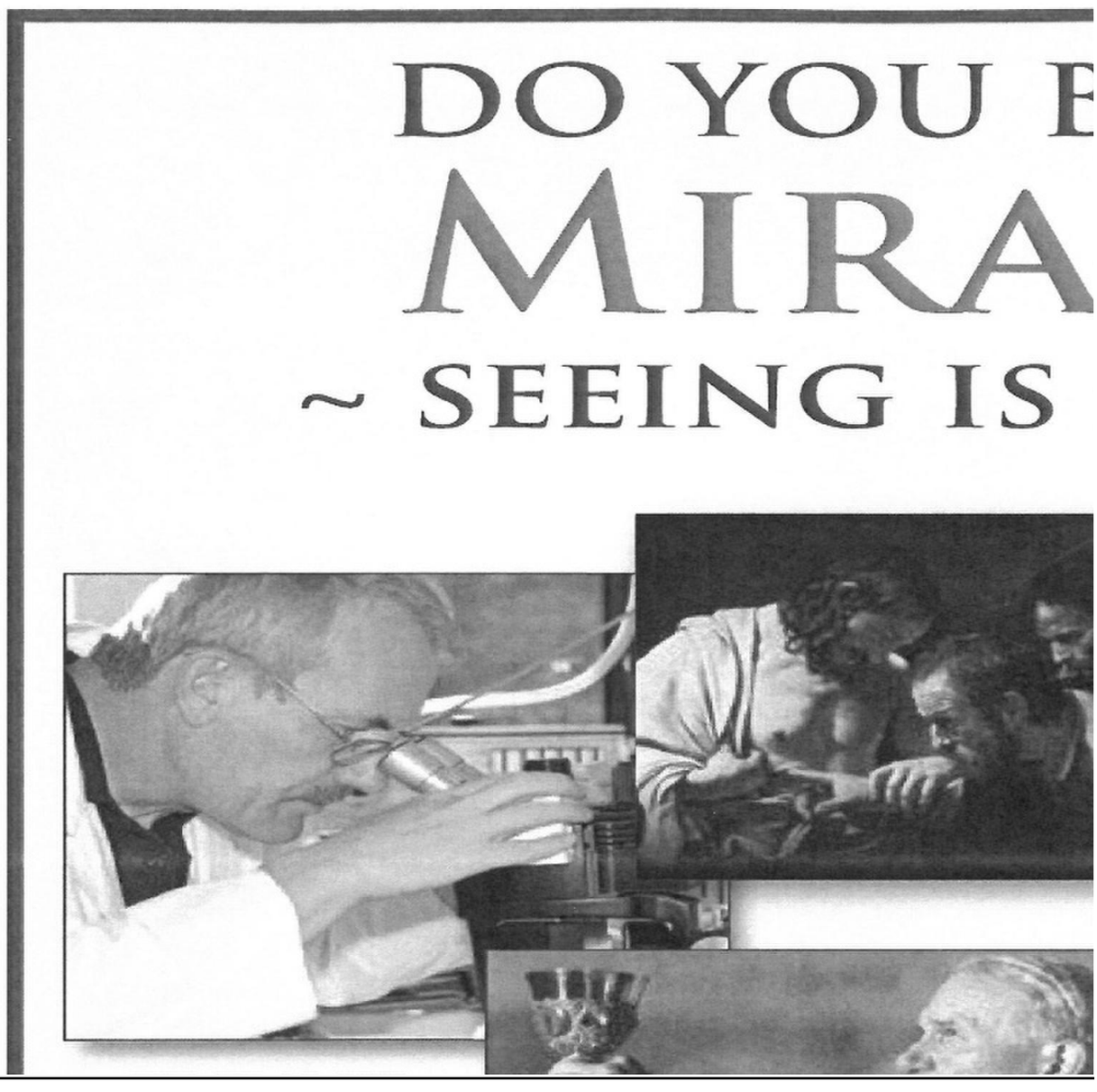

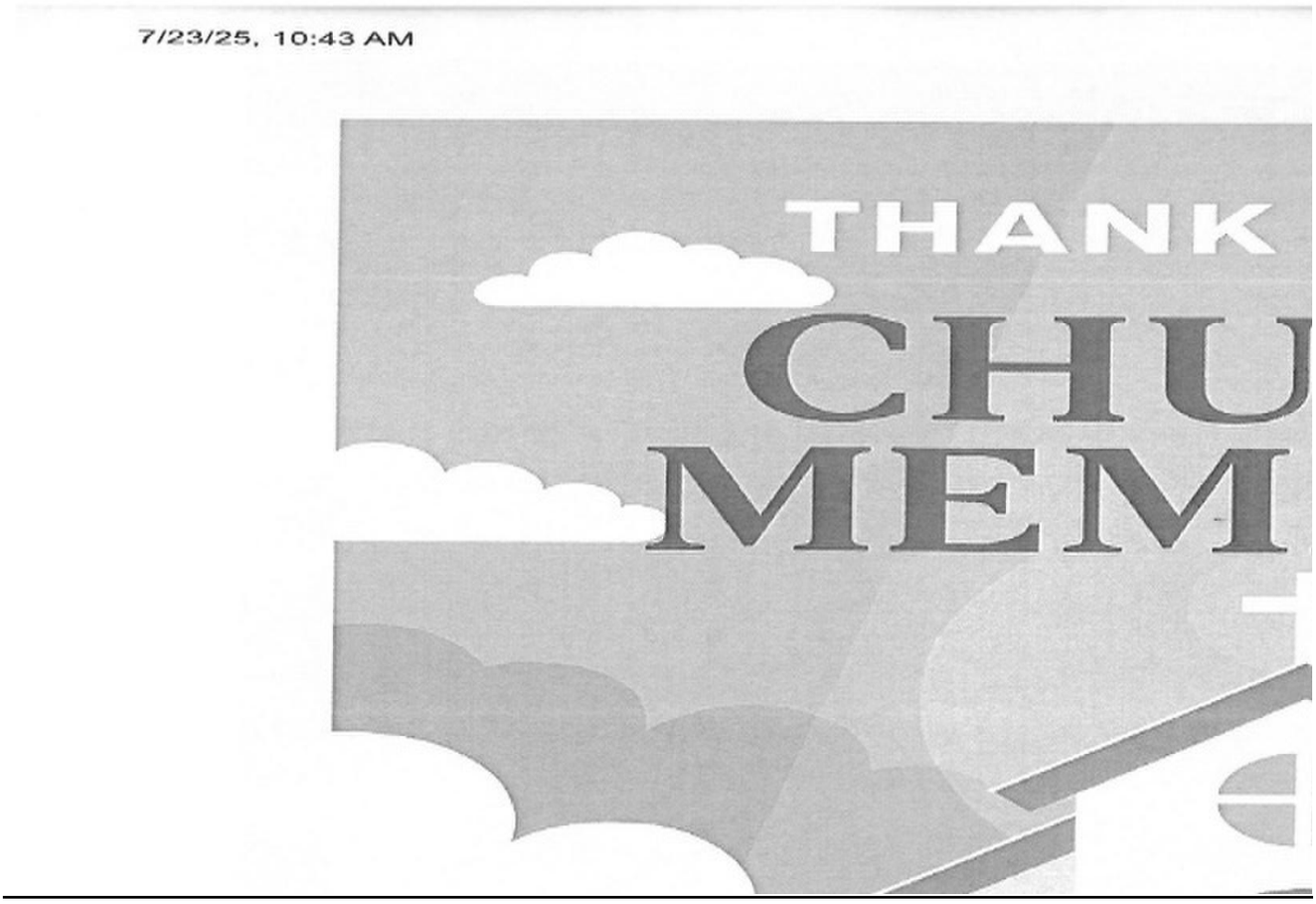

HELIAS CATHOLIC'S SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN. Helias has launched its Spirit of Excellence Campaign to raise $14 million to build a performing arts center, a baseball/softball complex and an addition to the existing James L. Rackers Field house including necessary updates to its athletic and strength 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.

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