The Roman Catholic Parishes of

St. Thomas the Apostle
in St. Thomas

St. Cecilia
in Meta

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 12, 2025

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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 October 12-19

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.	L&D Virgil Kirkweg Family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	Bob & Donnie Luebbering
Thursday 7:45 a.m.	Fr. Russell Judge
Friday 7:45 a.m.	People of our Parishes
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	L&D Anthony & Ida Schellman Fam.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	People of our Parishes James R. & Margaret Cassmeyer

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of October 12-19

Wednesday 6:30 pm	Frank & Eleanor Wilde
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Gus Kelly

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$342,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End	$114,000.00
Actual Collection for 2025-2026	**$100,395.10**
Offertory Difference Year to Date	$13,604.90
Offertory Goal for October	$28,500.00

Collection in Church

October 5	$6,400.10
October 12	
October 19	
October 26	

Collection Online	$7,030.50
October Total to Date	**$13,430.60**
Difference for October	-$15,069.40

Your Sunday Offering

Offertory Budget for 2025-2026	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2025-2025	**$15,903.00**
Offertory Goal per Month for October	$5,833.33

Collection in Church

October 5	$1,321.00
October 12	
October 19	
October 26	

October Total to Date	**$1,321.00**
Difference for October	-$4,512.33

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Gabe Sandbothe & Hannah Tallent

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 Anthony & Ida Schellman
Sunday	Family of James & Margaret Cassmeyer

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia & Lector
Wednesday 6:10 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen – Glorious

Lector: Cathy Borgmeyer

Offertory Gifts – St. Cecilia

Sunday	Family of Gus Kelly

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 October 18 & 19

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
Altar Servers	Akin, Noah Luebbering, Hank Meyer, Miranda Verslues, Max	Berhorst, Leni Stegeman, Kambrie Stegeman, Matthew	Rackers, Emmett Tallent, Francie Tallent, Hannah Tallent, Levi
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Buschjost, Marian Boessen, Marshall Green, Mike	Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary Stumpe, Doris	Prenger, Glenn Prenger, Matt Luebbering, Ben
Lector	Schroeder, David	Plassmeyer, Dominic	Luebbering, Ben
Rosary Leader: Joyful	Herigon, Dale	Plassmeyer, Mary	Lueckenhoff, Janet
Greeters/Ushers	Verslues, Shane Verslues, Ezekiel	Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Hagenhoff, Randy Schulte, Leonard	Maasen, Matthew Prenger, Matt
Music Ministry	Stockman, Alanna Brand, Mary Kay	Borgmeyer, Emilie	Prenger, Jackie Luebbering, Josh
Live Stream			Wieberg, Dunja
Count Collections		Plassmeyer, Dominic Plassmeyer, Mary	Schroeder, Jennifer Wieberg, Dunja
St. Thomas Church Cleaners	Buechter, Susan - Graessle, Barb - Henson, Sonya - Schell, Brenda		

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, October 16 – Marian Buschjost & Julie Buschjost **Thursday, October 23** – Kristin Buschjost & Charlene Buschjost

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Aspyn Marie & Aria Rose Holtmeyer,*** daughters of Blake & Michelle Holtmeyer, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

A NOTE OF THANKS! On behalf of the Kelsey Heckemeyer family, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who sent cards, visited us, provided food, or assisted during the services and funeral luncheon. Your presence, comforting words and prayers are much appreciated during this difficult time. ***Richard, Jan, Brent and Justice Heckemeyer***

OCTOBER MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT – ATTENTION USHERS: This October, we will once again take an attendance count at all weekend Masses. The form to fill out is in the back of Church (St. Thomas, offertory table) (St. Cecilia on table to the right).

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. CECILIA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING is Wednesday, October 15, 7:15 p.m. in the rectory.

THE LADIES AUXILARY/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be having their annual tootsie roll drive/ bake sale the weekend of October 18 and 19 after Mass at St. Thomas and St. Cecilia. All proceeds will benefit SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Special Learning Center. All bake sale items will be donations only.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS! Wednesday, October 16- Flu Clinic 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 19 – Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:15 p.m. Church/School Parking lot
Wednesday, October 22 – Prek-4 Field Trip
Thursday, October 23 – Early Release 12:50 car riders, 1:00 p.m. bus riders, PAT conferences
Friday, October 24 – No School
Monday, October 27 – No School, Regional Diocesan Profession Development Day

THE NEXT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. A rosary will be prayed at 6:45 p.m. Please read the October newsletter attached to the bulletin.

HELIAS CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE is from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, November 15. Come see how Helias Catholic High School is building a community of saints and scholars for Christ! Stop by to tour the campus; explore academics and extracurricular opportunities; and meet teachers, staff and students. Open House attendees can enter a drawing for prizes, including the chance to have their enrollment fee waived! Afterward, head down to Rackers Fieldhouse for a blessing and dedication at 11:30 a.m. and open house viewing of the new fieldhouse expansion until 1:00 p.m. Please contact Helias Catholic's admissions office at *admissions@heliascatholic.com* or 573-635-6139 with any questions.

FELLOWSHIP AT ST. THOMAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL: The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall will be open the first and third Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. each month starting October 2. This will be an opportunity for card playing, games, and visiting. Feel free to bring games and snacks to share.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 29th ANNUAL FALL FANTASY: Tickets on sale NOW! $125 ticket. A ticket provides: Dinner for (2)- Prime Rib OR Chicken Cordon Bleu Baked potato, slaw and dessert. All you can drink: •Beer, Wine, Gin Rickeys Water Soda. A Chance to win $10,000-- a total of over $15,000 will be given out that night ***based on 300 tickets sold THEME: Camoflauge, Dance following drawing: Ryan Voss Band How to get tickets: 1. Contact: Joanie Prenger 573.659.0304 Kim Kliegel 573.619.9188 2. Purchase at the Vitae House in St. Thomas during these hours: Tuesdays, 8:30-11:30 am Wednesdays 8:00 am -4:30 pm 573.477.3315.

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, October 15, at Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City. Father Dan Merz will be with us on October 15, presenting on the topic of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church. Come learn about the prayer that feeds the souls of priests and religious, and a growing number of laity as well. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. 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.*

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH, WARDSVILLE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOUR is Sunday, October 26, 5:30 p.m. Step away from the noise of daily life and enter into a sacred space of praise, worship & reflection. Whether you're seeking peace, clarity, or simply a quiet moment with the Lord – this hour is for you. All parishioners and surrounding community members are warmly invited. Come as you are, leave renewed. .

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH FALL DINNER, BRINKTOWN is Sunday, October 12, serving fried chicken & sausage dinners from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Quilt & Dessert auction at 2:30 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 3:30 p.m.

BONNOTS MILL KOFC COUNCIL 2027 FISH FRY is Friday, October 24 at the Loose Creek School, serving from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Drive Thru Only - $13.00 per meal. Money raised is given to the local Seminarians.

SAVE THE DATES:
St. Thomas the Apostle Trunk or Treat - Church/School Parking Lot 4:00-5:15 p.m. – Sunday, October 19.
29th Annual St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy- Saturday, November 1.
Friday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. – 4th Annual St. Thomas Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 7, Meta Christmas on Third Street 3:00-5:00 p.m. & Parade 5:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: December 11, St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall
Thursday, April 30, 2026 – Midwest March for Life, Jefferson City

St. Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Notes - September 30, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: Attendance: Father Leonard, Lynne Reinkemeyer, Sonya Henson, Linda Boessen, Alanna Stockman, Leroy Heckemeyer, Logan Peters, Erica Graessle, Jenny Becker, Marian Buschjost, Anthony Luebbering

- Not in Attendance: Shane Verslues, Brenda Schell

Principal's Report / School Advisory Council

- We are extremely fortunate to have Mr. Keith Buechter as our Maintenance/Custodian!!
- We have 14 new Chromebooks that were put in the kindergarten and 5th grade classrooms.
- A new Smartboard was installed in Miss Morris's room, and her smartboard went into the computer lab.
- We hired Mrs. Judy Schroeder as our music teacher for this year.
- We hired Sabrina Luebbering to help with our Extended Care program.
- School began on August 13th. We currently have 90 students enrolled this year.
- We had a Home & School meeting on August 21st.
- The Three Rivers Electrical Safety Assembly was held on Wednesday, September 17th.
- We had a Dress Down Day on Thursday, September 18th for the United Way of Central Missouri. It was almost 100% participation from our K-8 students.
- We also had our Helias Catholic High School visit for our 7th and 8th graders on September 18th .
- Picture Day was on Thursday, September 25.
- Grandparents' Day was on Friday, September 26.
- Monday, September 29th was the Diocesan Professional Development Day at St. Joe Cathedral.
- Achievement Testing for grades 2-8 will be on October 6-10th.
- The end of 1st quarter will be Friday, October 10th .
- The Flu Shot Clinic will be on Thursday, October 16th starting at 10:00 AM in the school library.
- The Safety Kids assembly for grades K-2 will be held on Thursday, October 16th at 1:00 PM.
- Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 19th .
- The Preschool – 4th grade will be going to Fischer Farms on Wednesday, October 22nd. TBA
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 23rd which will be an Early Release.
- There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 24th.
- There will also be NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 27 due to a Regional Professional Development Day for the teachers and myself.
- Halloween parties will be held on Friday, October 31st. Preschool at 9:00am. K-8 will have a parade of costumes at 1:30pm followed by their parties.

CSR: October 18th/19th is Stewardship weekend. The Stewardship forms are to be returned or filled out online by October 25th/26th.

Pastoral Council Commission Reports:

Worship: Alanna Stockman and Anne Strope are in discussion to begin a Children's Choir. They may begin this with a Christmas Mass.

- Brenda will take care of getting plastic roses that parishioners will place at the Virgin Mary statue when praying for expectant women and the unborn.
- Deer season Masses will be at 7:00pm at St. Cecilia on November 15th and 22nd.
- Solemnity of Christ the King will be November 23rd at both Sunday Masses.
- The Feast of St. Cecilia is November 26th at 6:30pm.
- Thanksgiving Mass is at 9:00am November 27th at St. Thomas.
- Marian shared information from the Miracles Presentation.
    - It would be great to have a 24hr Perpetual Devotion set at St. Thomas the Apostle.
    - There are before and after communion prayers that will be printed and laminated placed in the pews. This will give parishioners a focus of prayer for communion time.
    - Weekly confessions help parishioners to be in a state of grace to receive communion
    - The site sciencetestsfaith.com has a great video to learn more about miracles and about Tim Francis whose life has been saved by the miracles shared and how we all can benefit from being fully prepared to receive Christ. (The video will be found at the bottom of the page.)

Social Concerns: We discussed whether our picnic could be moved to a different weekend. We know that we cannot move it the week before ours as that is Rich Fountain's picnic. Brenda was going to find out when all of the local picnics are scheduled for future discussion.

- We also discussed that some parishioners would like that St. Thomas the Apostle would not begin school until after the picnic.

Administration: The church roof will be replaced starting 10/20/25. The plan is to be completed by Fall Fantasy.

- The ballfield lights will be the next big project. The plan is to do something like a Capital Campaign to raise the funds for this. The Finance committee is still looking into grants to help offset the cost.
- Waterproofing at Church and the Rectory has started. The plan is to be done by the time the reroofing begins on the church.
- Anthony will talk to Shane to find out if he has a schedule for when the waterproofing is being done to let Father know in case he needs to reschedule some of his plans/meetings because they were working.

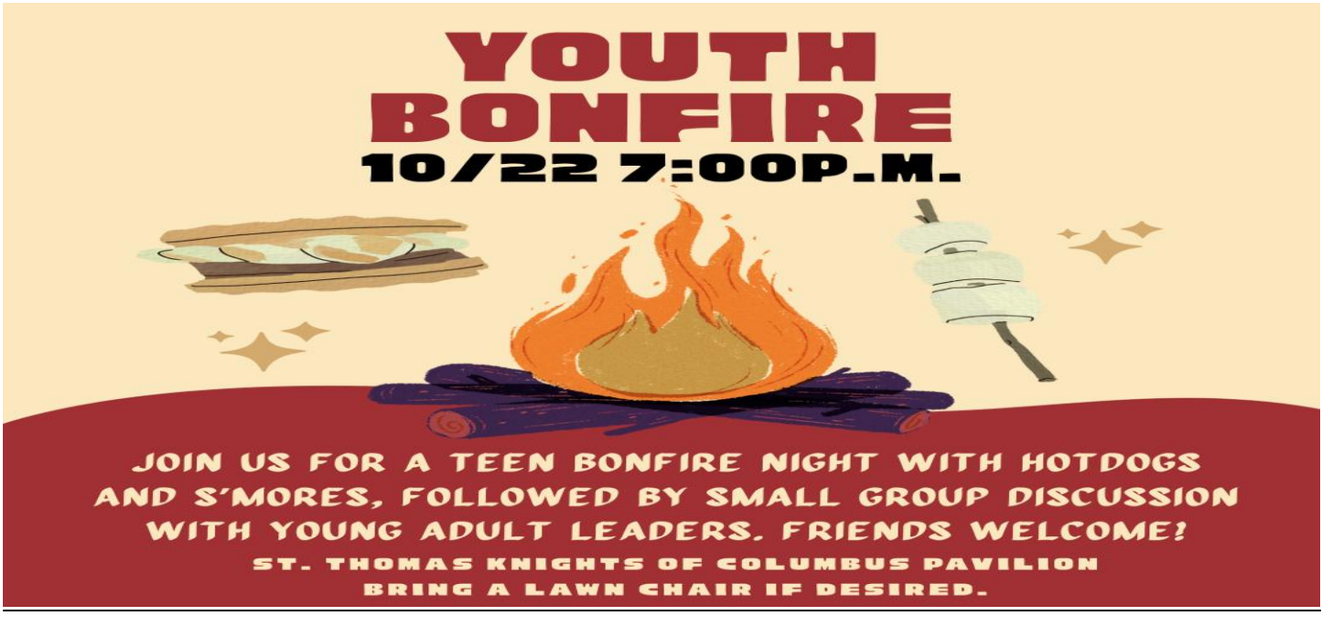
Finance Committee: The finance committee met on 9/11/25. The parish finances are in good standings. The parish did receive $80,000 from the insurance for the replacement. As of now the cost will be around $95,000 to replace the roof.

- The picnic was very successful. The quilts did great!
- It has been discussed that the parish may do away with the Ham Breakfast as it is not a big moneymaker and takes a lot of time and people. Lynne will talk to the group in charge of ham breakfast as well as the finance committee to get a report of the last 3 years' profits for ham breakfast and discuss what to do moving forward.

Pastor's Report: Our new Bishop elect Fr. Ralph O'Donnell will be ordained on October 28th. Father encourages parishioners to attend if possible.

- Pray for Bishop Gaydos who has gone on to the Lord this month.
- October 5th-10th is the Priest Institute Conference. Father will be gone from St. Thomas this week.
- Pray for Father to get his Visa so that he will be able to attend the Pilgrimage from October 25th-November 8th.
- Thanks to Marian for her reporting on the Eucharistic Miracles.
- Some parishioners have reported that it is difficult to hear at the back of the church. Father has suggested we get a couple more speakers at the back. Will West put in our speakers when we remodeled.
- Father has suggested that PPC come up with ideas for parishioners to make their donations to. Linda suggested that it would be great to have a boys and girls restroom inside the preschool room if that would be a project to donate to!

New Business, **Next meeting**, Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 PM



Join us for the 14th Annual
St. Thomas Trunk or Treat

October 19th, 2025 ~ 4–5:15 PM
St. Thomas Church Parking Lot

In order to make this a huge success, we need trunks to hand out candy! Plan for 200 trick-or-treaters. Decorate your trunk/area in Halloween decorations or a theme or bring a table!

RSVP by Wednesday, October 15th
Please call the school office at 573-477-3322, send an email to kmorris@stacs.school or dlueckenhoff@embarqmail.com, or return the form below to sign-up for a spot!!

It is our hope to provide a safe and fun time for our kids and community members! Please come out and support this fun event!!

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_____ Yes, we will hand out candy at the Trunk-or-Treat!!

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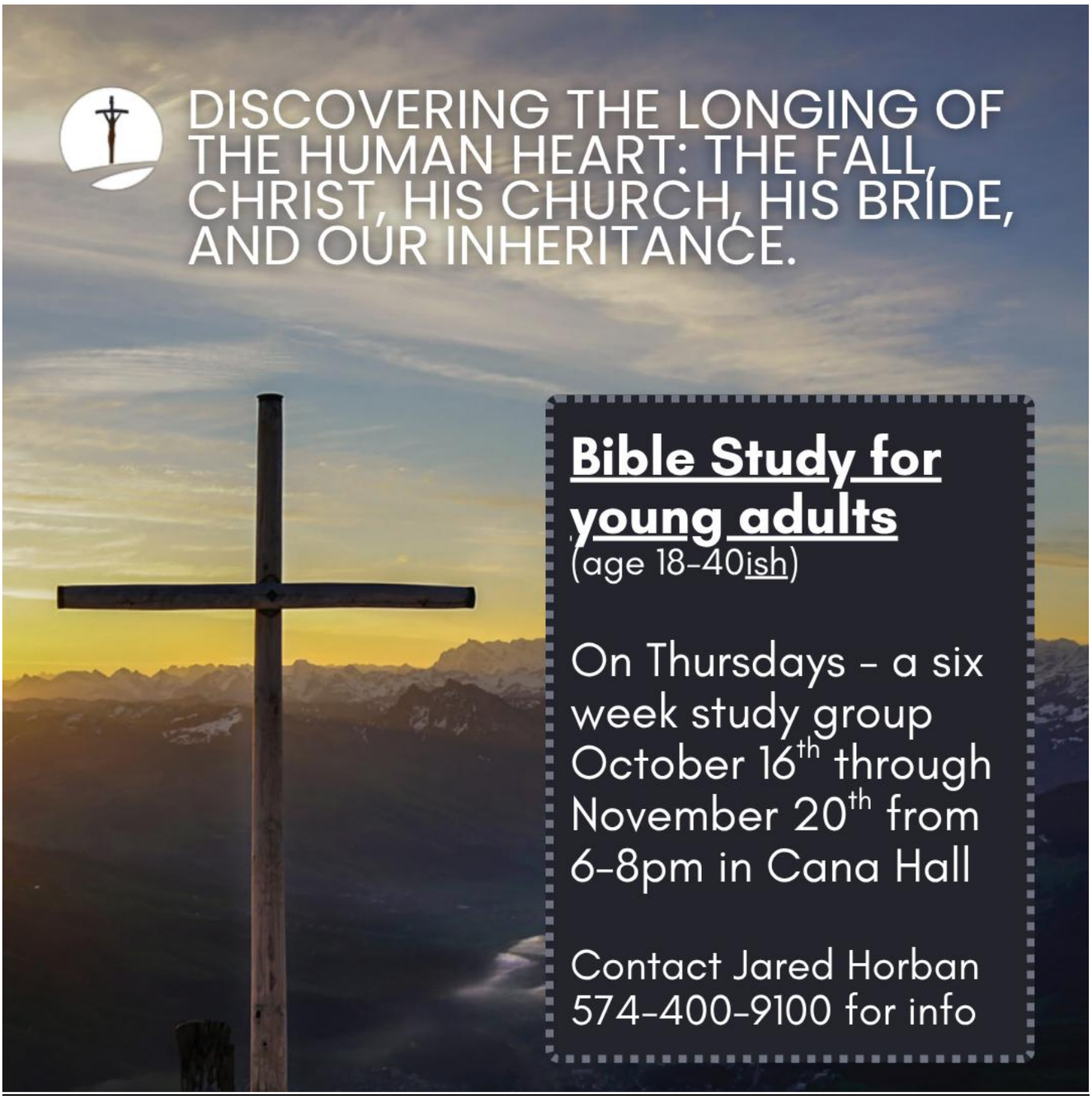
Name


DISCOVERING THE LONGING OF THE HUMAN HEART: THE FALL, CHRIST, HIS CHURCH, HIS BRIDE, AND OUR INHERITANCE.
Bible Study for young adults
(age 18-40ish)
On Thursdays - a six week study group October 16th through November 20th from 6-8pm in Cana Hall
Contact Jared Horban 574-400-9100 for info

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.