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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 2025

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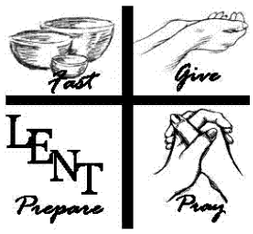

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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
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 March 30-April 6:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m.- Sylvanus Hoecker
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. – People of our Parishes
Thursday 7:45 a.m. –L&D Anton Boessen Family
Stations of the Cross immediately following Mass
Friday 7:45 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina Strope Family
Friday 6:30 p.m.- *Stations of the Cross*
Saturday 5:00 p.m. –L&D Ida Schellman Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. –People of our Parishes
Alex & Joann Heckman

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$247,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$269,610.71**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	$ 22,110.71
Offertory Goal for March:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

March 2	$ 7,833.10
March 9	$ 5,957.30
March 16	$ 2,174.16
March 23	$ 4,982.34
March 30	$
Collection Online:	$ 8,448.00
March total to date:	**$29,394.90**

Difference for March $1,894.90

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Judy Schroeder / Jeanette
April 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Lisa Wieberg / Alanna
April 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Mary Kay Brand / Jeanette
April 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – David Schroeder
April 6 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Jan Heckemeyer
April 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Narrator-Kara Holterman
Speaker -Carolyn Loethen
April 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Narrator –Richard Heckemeyer
Speaker -Katie Luebbering

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

April 6	Karlie Reinkemeyer
April 13	Brooke Schell
April 20	Jenny Schellman
April 27	Dunja Wieberg
May 4	Lauri Luebbering
May 11	Jenny Becker

Saint Cecilia

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 30-April 6:

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.- Bill & John Koehler

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry, Alma, Gerard Blomberg and Mary Clark

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$44,879.25**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,833.33

Collection in Church:

March 2	$ 2,651.00
March 9	$ 528.00
March 16	$ 540.00
March 23	$ 1,089.00
March 30	$
March total to date:	**$ 4,808.00**
Difference for March:	-$ 1,025.33

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
April: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Dorothy Rehagen
Sunday, April 6 - 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even
Sunday, April 13- 8:00 a.m.
Narrator –Betty Hagenhoff
Speaker – Dorothy Rehagen

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, April 6 8:00 a.m. – Emilie
Sunday, April 13 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
April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Gilbert Schellman & Keith Boessen
April 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.–Alan Reinkemeyer & Matthew Maasen
April 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. –Adam Holterman & Phil Akin
April 13 Sun. 10:00 a.m.–Doug Stockman & Art Groner
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Brenda Wansing,
Paul & Jenny Becker
April 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Lynne Reinkemeyer
Richard & Jan Heckemeyer
April 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Mark & Barb Graessle,
Marshall Boessen
April 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger,
Linda Lueckenhoff, Keith Kliethermes

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekdays –Jayden Libbert, Emmary Prenger & Austyn Christian
April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Austyn & Kaycie Christian,
Ava Buschjost & Evelyn Wooten
April 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Victoria & Will Wieberg,
Kora Luebbering, Gavin Buechter
April 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Emerald & Georgia Fennewald,
Noah Akin, JD Volmert
April 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Isabella & Oliver Luebbering,
Miranda Meyer, Jude Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
April 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.–Family of Ida Schellman
April 6 Sun.10:00 a.m.–Family of Alex & Joann Heckman

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
April 6 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
April 13-Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
April 20-Ron & Theresa Veit
April 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
May 4- Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
April 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Betty Hagenhoff,
Dorothy Rehagen, Pam Libbert
April 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dominic Plassmeyer,
Janice Schanzmeyer, Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
April 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte
Mitch Stumpe, Randy Hagenhoff
April 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m.- Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Brendan Stumpe, Mitch Stumpe

St. Cecilia Servers
April 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Gavin Werdehausen
Natalee Derkum
April 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Annaline Schroeder

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
April 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Henry, Alma, Gerard
Blomberg and Mary Clark

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
April 6 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
April 13 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Sorrowful 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.

Rosary before Mass at St. Thomas
Tuesday, 7:25 a.m. - Bob Schellman – Sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday 7:25 a.m. – Shirley Volmert– Glorious Mysteries
Thursday 7:25 a.m. –Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Friday 7:25 a.m.- Jim & Janet Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle - Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m**.** – Tina Stockman - Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
March 23: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
March 30: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
April 6: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
April 13: Janet Lueckenhoff, Jim Lueckenhoff, Charlene Buschjost, Randy Buschjost
April 20: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lindsay Luebbering

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, March 27-Carol Backes & Jenny Becker **Thursday, April 3** – Cheryl Boessen & Linda Boessen

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

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.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT APRIL PRAYER INTENTION: For all who have suffered abuse, that they may experience healing and restoration. That we may be ever vigilant in protecting the vulnerable and ensuring our parishes remain places of safety, love, and respect, we pray to the Lord.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE FOR ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISHES is Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES SIGN UP SHEETS are in the entrances of both Churches.

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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PSR: Please join our PSR students for Mass on April 9 at 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate another wonderful year of learning about our Faith. Cookies will follow the Mass for all.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 4th Sunday of Lent. **A FATHER'S LOVE FOR TWO LOST SONS.** (Jos. 5:9a, 10-12; 2Cor. 5:17-21; Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32) Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called "Laetare" Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance, the confession of our sins then celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God. In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), a rejoicing Psalmist invites us, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us together extol His Name!" In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by his suffering and death. Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his **"homecoming"** where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the joy of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community, and his God. At the same time, in his self-righteous elder brother's angry reaction to the prodigal's return, Jesus invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of repentant, sinful people, who are now ready to receive God's forgiveness, to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God and so to love and forgive each other making, generous and lasting peace. Therefore friends, let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts. As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in many forms (drugs and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, pornography, premarital sex, marital infidelity, and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people). All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home. Holy Mass enhances our "pass over," from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. At every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father's house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned ("I confess to Almighty God"). In the Offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God's invitation through Jesus: "this is My Body, which will be given up for you, this is the chalice of My Blood which will be poured out for you" All I have is yours. In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings.
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Palm Sunday, April 13 – 8:00 a.m. procession with palms from Parish Center into Church at St. Cecilia (weather permitting)
10:00 a.m. Procession with palms from St. Thomas the Apostle School ENTRANCE into Church at St. Thomas
Tuesday, April 15 – 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Spy Wednesday, April 16– 7:45 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. **There will be no Stations of the Cross or Mass at St. Cecilia**
Holy Thursday, April 17 – 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Adoration until 11:00 p.m.
(Sign-up sheets in the entrances of both Churches).
Good Friday, April 18 – 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Cecilia Church; 7:00 p.m. Good Friday services, St. Cecilia Church
Holy Saturday, April 19 – 8:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church
Easter Sunday, April 20 – 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia Church; 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

ST. CECILIA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone interested in making a monetary donation for Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones is asked to place the donation along with **PRINTED NAMES** to be remembered in an envelope provided in your April monthly packet and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office by **April 13**. The names will be published in the **Easter Sunday bulletin, April 20.**

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE / ST. CECILIA YOUTH GROUP: The St. Thomas and St. Cecilia Youth Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m., alternating between St. Cecilia parish basement and St. Thomas School library. All students in 8th-12th grade who have been confirmed are welcome to attend. The dates and locations are listed below. **April 9**- St. Thomas, **April 23**- St. Cecilia.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS
Diocesan Spelling Bee-Thursday, April 10, St. Martins
Panoramic Photo, Sports Photos – Tuesday, April 15
7&8 Cardinal Trip – Wednesday, April 16
Easter Break- No School, April 17-23

ST. CECILIA PARISH: The annual cleaning and maintenance of St Cecilia Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th at 10am (Make up day will be April 6th). Bring any gardening tools you may have to clean flower beds and trim shrubs. Anyone is welcome and all help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Dominic Plassmeyer, Will Derkum, Eileen Brune, Michelle Derkum, or Cordell Schroeder.

ST. THOMAS CEMETERY DUES: Dues are $10.00 per family and $5.00 per year for single persons. Also, anyone after their 21st birthday must pay their own dues of $5.00. Members who are 80+ years old and who have been members for at least 15 years will be exempt from paying dues. Please note: Anyone falling in areas over 5 years must pay $100.00 to rejoin plus current dues. Please put payment in the collection basket at St. Thomas the Apostle Church or St. Cecilia Church marked "St. Thomas Cemetery Dues or mail to St. Thomas Cemetery Association, c/o Lisa Lackman, 2222 Upper Bottom Rd, St. Thomas, MO 65076. You may contact Lisa if you have any questions about your current or past dues at 573-338-2703.

HELIAS MARCHING CRUSADERS TRIVIA NIGHT/SILENT AUCTION is Friday, April 25, 6:00 p.m. Helias Auxiliary Gym. To register please go to, httpps://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/

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 McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at *reportabuse@diojeffcity.org*

JEFFERSON CITY DIOCESE CURSILLO is launching a new school of leaders program starting April 5, 2025 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office (OCIA Room) in Columbia, MO (903 Bernadette Drive). The program will run from 9:15am-10:45am with an optional social gathering of coffee and treats at 8:45am. We plan to meet the first Saturday of each month except for July when it will be the second Saturday. We are putting together a community of Cursillistas interested in developing a closer relationship with Christ and assisting others with that same ideal. We plan to accomplish this goal through a better understanding of the Cursillo method and living that out in service to the Cursillo community and the Church. All interested Cursillistas are encouraged to attend. The first session will include "the role of palanca in our prayer life" and "the joy of our Lenten journey." Hope to see you April 5.

DIOCESAN SUMMER MISSIONIARIES: Any young Adult Catholics between 18-25, who would be interested in helping out the diocese this summer with various youth activities, please visit *https://diojeffcity.org/summer-missionaries/* to find out more.

COLE COUNTY PWSD NO.5 will be performing the annual flushing of the water mains in ***St. Thomas*** on **April 12 from 8 AM to noon.** Customers may experience low water pressure and it is recommended that you refrain from doing laundry, taking a shower, etc. during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL FLOWERS & ARRANGEMENTS from in front of the stones in the St. Thomas Cemetery during the grass cutting season. Thank you for your cooperation.

SACRED HEART KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRIES, ELDON are Friday's, April 4 & 11, serving fried catfish, baked Pollock, French Fries, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, corn bread, drink & dessert. Shrimp Dinners: 10 Jumbo Shrimp & sides, Combo plate: 5 Jumbo Shrimp/fish & sides. All you can eat fish & sides, NO seconds on shrimp. Adults $12.00, children 6-12 $6.00 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ARGYLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE THRU ONLY FISH FRY is Friday, April 4, serving Swai filets, Au Gratin Potatoes, baked beans, slaw from 4:30-6:30 p.m. All Drive Thru meals $12.00, at the Argyle Knights of Columbus Hall.

HELIAS CRUSADER ALUMNI BACKYARD BBQ CONTEST: Calling all Helias Catholic alumni and friends! It's time to register your team for the annual Crusader Alumni Backyard BBQ Contest on Saturday, April 12! Please go to *www.heliascatholic.com/alumni* for links to contest information and to sign up. The contest is held at the American Legion Sports Complex, in honor of our friend Joey Heet, '98.

THE LADIE'S SODALITY- OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH, FRANKENSTEIN is hosting a quilt and craft show, Saturday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. to noon at St. Mary School Hall in Frankenstein. Quilts, quilt tops and a variety of crafts will be for sale. Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH, KOELTZTOWN & ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH, ARGYLE, FRIED CHICKEN & BAKED HAM DINNER is Sunday, April 13, serving country fried chicken, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce and desserts from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the St. Boniface Annex Building, located behind St. Boniface Church, Koeltztown. Dine in or drive thru - $16.00 per meal.

SAVE THE DATES: **Totus Tuus will be at St. Stanislaus the week of June 22 – 27, 2025**
July 13- St. Cecilia Parish Picnic
July 19-St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Tractor Pull

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.

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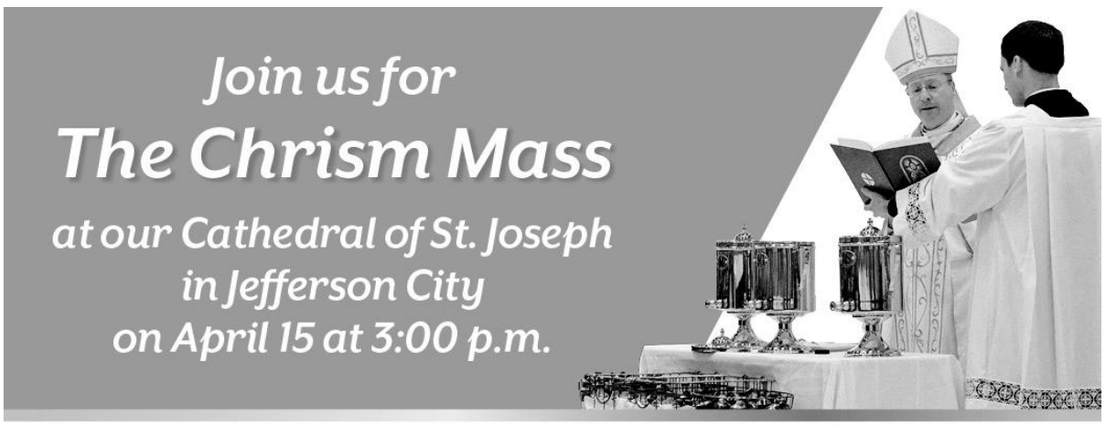

Please join us for refreshments after Mass!

RSVP online at:
diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP
or scan the QR code

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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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