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

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PO Box 146
St. Thomas, MO 65076

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 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 Sept. 22-29:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. –People of our Parishes
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. –Gilbert & Hermina Strope Family
Thursday 7:45 a.m. -L&D Roy & Lidwina Brockman Family
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Bernard & Betty Stegeman
Saturday 5:00 p.m. –People of our Parishes
L&D Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Knights of Columbus

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$ 82,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$ 68,707.93**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 13,792.07
Offertory Goal for July:	$ 27,500.00

Collection in Church:

September 1	$ 4,421.20
September 8	$ 3,272.57
September 15	$ 4,315.39
September 22	$
September 29	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,883.00
September total to date:	**$19,892.16**
Difference for September:	-$ 7,607.84

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$501,172.00
Total Collected	$543,519.23
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 $34,205.56
Loan payments to date $179,020.00
(principal) $165,794.44 (interest) $13,225.56

St. Thomas the Apostle Cantors / Organists
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Anne Strope / Jeanette
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Josh Luebbering / Alanna
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anne Strope / Jeanette
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Jenny Becker
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Ben Luebbering
Oct. 5 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Oct. 6 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 22-29:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Cindy Wansing Carmack

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Larry Bock

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$67,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$11,859.00**
Offertory Goal per month:	$ 5,583.34

Collection in Church:

September 1	$ 860.00
September 8	$1,220.00
September 15	$ 782.25
September 22	$
September 29	$
September total to date:	**$2,862.25**
Difference for September:	-$2,721.09

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
September: Terry & Pam Libbert

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Sept. 29 - 8:00 a.m.- Jennifer Even
Sunday, Oct. 6 - 8:00 a.m.- Doris Stumpe

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, Sept. 29 8:00 a.m. – Jackie
Sunday, October 6 8:00 a.m. –Emilie

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
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Al Carter & Gilbert Schellman
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Craig Buechter & Cash McManus
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strope & Mark Boessen
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & Keith Kliethermes
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Sept. 28 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Barb Graessle
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Glenn Prenger
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Lynne Reinkemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekday: Austyn Christian & Matthew Stegeman
Sept. 28 5:00 p.m. – Gannon Reeves, JD Volmert, Jude Luebbering, Carmen Luebbering
Sept. 29 10:00 a.m.- Isabella & Oliver Luebbering, Virgil Lackman & Kora Luebbering
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Emerald Fennewald, Ben & Luke Otto
Oct. 6 10:00 a.m. – Erica Luebbering, Fayeth Prenger, Virgil Lackman, Angelina Veltrop

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Sept. 28 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Family of Roman & Geneva Plassmeyer
Sept. 29 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Sept. 29 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder
Oct. 6 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 13 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Oct. 20 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg

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

Sept. 29	Jenny Schellman
Oct. 6	Dunja Wieberg
Oct. 13	Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 20	Jenny Becker
Oct. 27	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Nov. 3	Brooke Schell

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 Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Barb Graessle – Sorrowful Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder– Sorrowful Mysteries

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Sept. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Janice Schanzmeyer
Oct. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even

St. Cecilia Greeters/Ushers
Sept. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch & Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff
Oct. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Mitch Stumpe, Brendan Stumpe, Leonard Schulte, Randy Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Servers
Sept. 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Reagan & Eli Bock
Oct. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Natalee Derkum & Gavin Werdehausen

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Sept 29 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Larry Bock

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.– Dorothy Rehagen
Glorious Mysteries
Sept. 29 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Cathy Borgmeyer
Sorrowful Mysteries
October 6 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer
Luminous 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.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
Sept. 22: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman
Sept. 29: Sonya Henson, Susan Buechter, Brenda Schell, Barb Graessle
October 6: Brooke Schell, Tina Stockman, Gina Luebbering, Karen Luebbering
October 13: Alan Libbert, Nancy Libbert, Darrel Buechter, Jan Heckemeyer
October 20: 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 Strope at 573-477-3349.
Thursday, September 26 – Jackie Prenger & Joanie Prenger **Thursday, October 3** – Meghan Rackers & Kathy Rackers

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 & 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.

LITTLE SAINTS OF ST. THOMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Welcoming all preschool age children of our Parishes during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. To sign up your little saint or for more information, please contact Mason Otto, 573-680-7814 or Jessica Peters, 573-644-4714.

ST. CECILIA PARISHIONERS: St. Cecilia Directory Committee & Volunteer Photos, 9/29: Individual and Group photos of all committee members, staff and volunteers will be taken after St. Cecilia's 8 AM Mass, September 29 (9/29). The photos will include members/volunteers of: Pastoral Council, Cemetery Committee, Financial Committee, Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Rosary Ministry, Collection Counters, Bookkeeper, Custodians (Bldgs, Grounds, Marque), Sacristans, Organists, Choir, Knights of Columbus and St. Cecilia Lady Knights. The religion students and instructors will have their photos taken during a class night. If a family missed the scheduled Directory Photo Sessions and would still like to submit a photo in the Directory, please contact a member of the Directory Committee. If you have any questions or additional information, the Point of Contact for this project is Joanne Schroeder, 573-694-0311.

A NOTE OF THANKS!
The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for your support during our Pregnancy Help Center baby bottle drive. Our total raised was **$3,116.82!!** The ladies toured the Pregnancy Help Center this past week and presented the money to them.

VOTE NO on AMENDMENT 3 signs are available on the Vitae front porch. If you need more contact Janet Lueckenhoff 573-690-5682.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For those who serve our community as first responders; may God keep them safe as they serve with honor the safety and well-being of all, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: 25th Sunday of year B. JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES (Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16–4:3; Mk. 9:30-37) Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will as Jesus did, surrendering our lives to Him in the service of others. The passage from the Book of Wisdom sounds like a messianic prophecy similar to the "Suffering Servant" prophecy in Isaiah referring to Christ's passion. It urges us to choose the path of righteousness in spite of painful consequences. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 54), the psalmist prays for help against the insolent people who rise against the upright. The second reading is in tune with the dispute in today's Gospel, in which the apostles are competing among themselves to discover who will be the greatest in the coming Messianic Kingdom. James warns the church, and us, that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path of righteousness, mentioned in the first and second readings, looks like in action, welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst, especially defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill, and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God. Therefore, friends we must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome, and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, color, religion, language, wealth, or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: to put ourselves last, to be the servant of all, to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and to expect nothing in return. During the Holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service and for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service. We need to practice humility in thoughts, words, and actions: "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart," Jesus invites us. The essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ is humility." We should not seek recognition and recompense for the services we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting Faith, both causes and results from, true humility, for these two synergize, deepening each other, and both are essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity, and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them, and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil).
Have a blessed week! Fr. Leonard Mukiibi

ST THOMAS STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL KICK OFF WEEKEND October 5th & 6th: Stop by the 4 pillars (Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, & Service) booths after Mass to see how you can deepen or express your faith and participate in the mission of our parish. Grab a cinnamon roll, pick up your packet and enter to win a $25 Amazon gift card!

PSR "Volunteering to be a PSR Teacher is a rewarding experience! When I taught classes, I always kept in mind that I am playing a part in building the faith foundation for the future of not only our parish, but of our Catholic religion. Parents are the first teachers of the faith, but PSR teachers are a close second! One of my favorite experiences while coordinating PSR was when the students would participate in the ministries during the Holy Day Masses. The excitement on their faces after bringing up offertory or seeing a young student stand up and read to the congregation was so rewarding and fulfilling! And in my opinion, the best part of it all was seeing grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, and parents all attend Mass to support their student. To me, that is what it is all about, bringing families together to celebrate mass! By being a PSR teacher, you are forming young and active stewards!" ***-Karlie Reinkemeyer***

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Last year through our Stewardship program, some of our weekly prayer group, decided as an act of ministry, that on Friday mornings after Mass, we would like to start taking communion to those in the parish that requested it. We contacted Fr. Leonard who approved and gave us some training. Not only are we able to share the Body of Christ with others, but we also have the opportunity to get to know them, share stories, and enjoy visiting. It's a beautiful and rewarding ministry. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to join our rotation, feel free to contact me. ***- Jenny Becker***

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION is Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. school library.

HOLY HOUR & ANOINTING OF THE SICK is Friday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Church.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
Thursday, September 26, Picture Day
Monday, September 30, **NO SCHOOL P-8,** Diocesan Professional Development Day

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, JEFFERSON CITY: Mass & Confession Times: Weekend, Sat. 4:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Daily Mass: Monday, No Mass, Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Wed. 8:00 a.m. (with school) Thursday, 6:30 a.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. (all school) Sat. 8:00 a.m. Confessions, Wed. 5:00-5:45 p.m. & Saturday 8:40 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

LADY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS is September 29 (Skills Development) 5:00-7:00 p.m., September 30-(Tryouts) 5:00-7:00 p.m. for grades 5-8. Location: Helias Catholic High School Auxiliary Gym & Fieldhouse. For more information, please contact *gwiggans@heliascatholic.com*

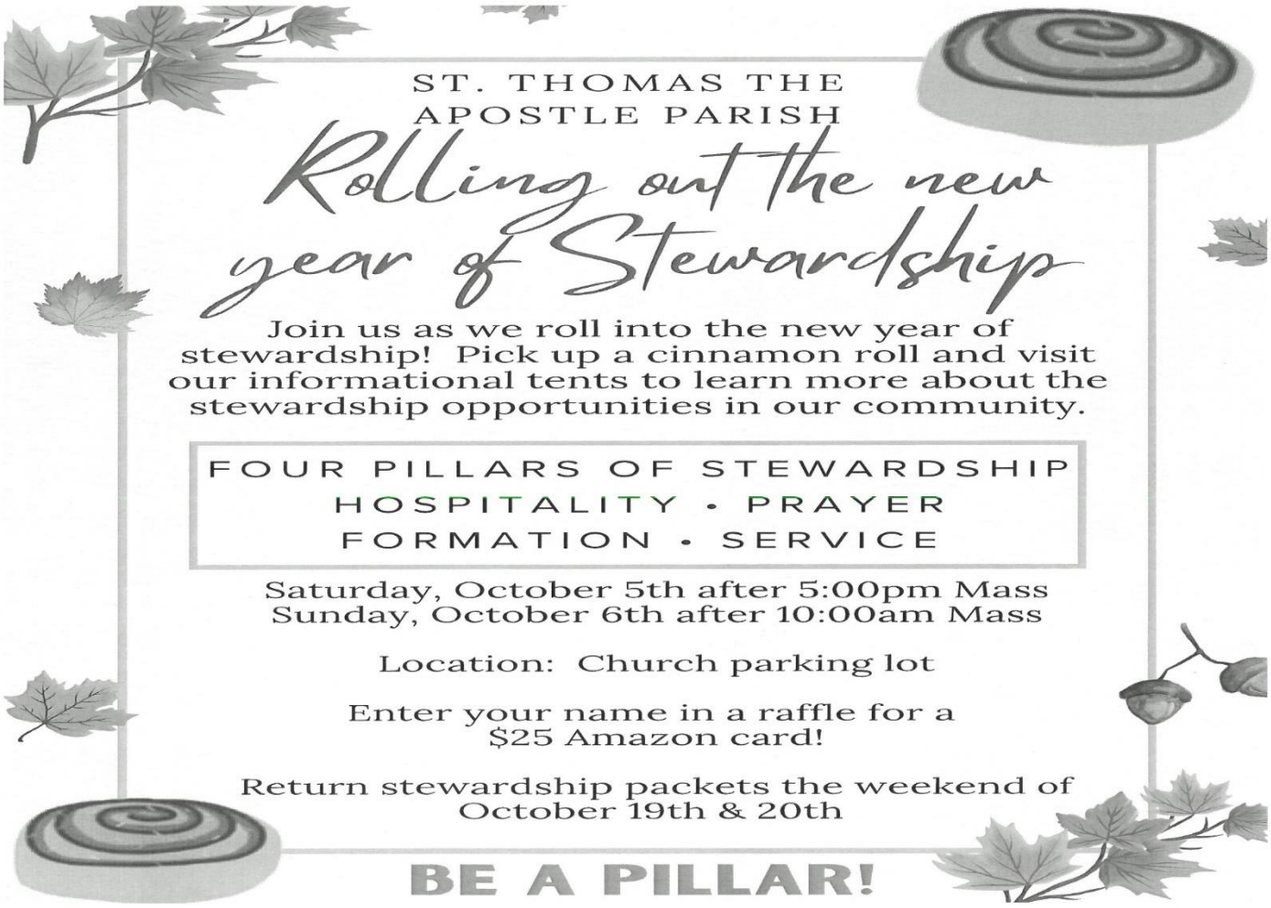
THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS: The City of St. Thomas Christmas Parade will be Friday, December 6. The Annual St. Thomas Holiday Mart will be Sunday, December 15. Again, this year, we will be offering a holiday shirt. This year, it's "A Tommy Town Christmas" ..online orders will be accepted until **September 23.** Orders will be delivered to the school. Here is the link. *https://christmasinstthomas.itemorder.com/shop/home/*

THE META CITIZENS CIVIC LEAGUE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING will be held on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.

JEFFERSON CITY MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: 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 November 2-3, 2024, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Cost is $75 which includes 1 night hotel stay and all meals and materials. Register at *jeffcityme.com*(Scholarships are available) Questions? Visit website *jeffcityme.com* or email *info@jeffcityme.com*

SAVE THE DATES:
October 27 – Trunk or Treat 4:00-5:15 St. Thomas the Apostle Church/School parking lot
November 2 – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Fall Fantasy

28TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH FALL FANTASY: A $125 ticket provides: Dinner for (2) - Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potato, slaw and dessert; All you can drink – Beer, wine, gin rickey, water and soda; and a chance to win $10,000. A total of over $15,000 will be given out that night, based on 300 tickets sold. The theme is Kentucky Derby. A dance will follow the drawing. Tickets are on sale **NOW!** For tickets, please contact Joanie Prenger (573-659-0304) or Kim Kliegel (573-619-9188), or purchase at the parish office in the Vitae House in St. Thomas during these hours: Tuesdays, 8:30 - 11:30 am or Wednesdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (parish office 573-477-3315). To be entered in the **Early Bird Drawing** and a chance to win $125, tickets must be purchased by October 5. Tickets complimentary of Elite Turf.



Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

August 31, 2024
Our Lady of Lourdes
903 Bernadette Dr., Columbia, MO
Gather in the Church @ 9:40 am

September 7, 2024
St. Patrick Chapel
415 E. 4th St., Sedalia, MO
All are welcome to celebrate 9:00 am Mass

September 28, 2024
St. Patrick Catholic Church
17 St. Patrick Ln., Rolla, MO

October 5, 2024
St. Joseph Cathedral
2305 W. Main St. Jefferson City, MO

November 9, 2024
Immaculate Conception
402 N. Rollins St., Macon, MO

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10:00 am Welcome and Prayer

10:05 am Keynote by Fr. Dan
- What is Liturgy?
- What are the postures used during the Liturgy and when?
- What does it mean to be a minister of the Liturgy?

10:30 am Breakout Sessions
- Lectors
- Sacristans
- Musicians
- EMHCs
  (VIRTUS trainer available throughout)

12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions

12:15 pm Closing Prayer

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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