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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2024

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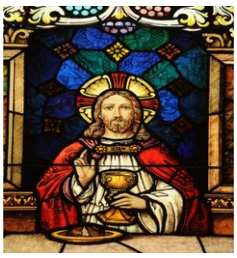

School Principal: Mr. Leroy Heckemeyer
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St. Thomas Parish Office hours: Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
School Office hours during school year: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
St. Cecilia Rectory Office hours: Wednesdays 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. 29-Oct. 6:

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. – Tom & Clara Schmidt
Wednesday 7:45 a.m. –Leo & Alma Holtmeyer
Thursday 7:45 a.m. - Gerald Luebbering
Friday 7:45 a.m. – Wilbert & Roselyn Wankum
Saturday 5:00 p.m. –People of our Parishes
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – L&D Jim & Kathy Ewers Family

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$330,000.00
Offertory Goal through Month End:	$ 82,500.00
Actual Collection for 2024-2025:	**$ 71,301.08**
Offertory Difference Year to Date:	-$ 11,198.92
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	$ 2,593.15
September 29	$
Collection Online:	$ 7,883.00
September total to date:	**$22,485.31**
Difference for September:	-$ 5,014.69

Church Renovation Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations	$501,272.00
Total Collected	$543,754.23
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
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anne Strope / Jeanette
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Doug Luebbering / Jackie
Oct. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.– Jean Kliethermes / Jeanette
Oct. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Judy Schroeder / Jackie

St. Thomas the Apostle Readers
Oct. 5 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. – Amanda Wooten
Oct. 6 Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Daffiny Tallent
Oct. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Kathy Graessle
Oct. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Jennifer Schroeder

Saint Cecilia
Mass Schedule for the Week of Sept. 29-Oct. 6:

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Hubert & Trudi Brune

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Harold Libbert

Your Sunday Offering:

Offertory Budget for 2024-2025:	$70,000.00
Collection Total for 2024-2025:	**$13,510.25**
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	$ 869.00
September 29	$
September total to date:	**$3,731.25**
Difference for September:	-$1,852.09

St. Cecilia Collection Counters
October: Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT.

St. Cecilia Readers
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. –Cathy Borgmeyer
Sunday, Oct. 6 - 8:00 a.m.- Doris Stumpe
Sunday, Oct. 13 - 8:00 a.m.- Betty Hagenhoff

St. Cecilia Organist
Sunday, October 6 8:00 a.m. –Emilie
Sunday, October 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
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Eric Strope & Mark Boessen
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Doug Stockman & Keith Kliethermes
Oct. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Phil Akin & Gilbert Schellman
Oct. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Eric Boessen & Art Groner
Collection baskets choir loft by organ, please return after use.

St. Thomas the Apostle Eucharistic Ministers
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Lora Boessen, Jan Carter, Brenda Wansing
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. –Lynne Reinkemeyer, Glenn Prenger, Keith Kliethermes
Oct. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m.- Marshall Boessen, Mark & Barb Graessle
Oct. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Marian Buschjost, Richard & Jan Heckemeyer

St. Thomas the Apostle Servers
Weekday: Cadyn Libbert & Jason Braun
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Miranda Meyer, Emerald Fennewald, Ben & Luke Otto
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Erica Luebbering, Fayeth Prenger, Virgil Lackman, Angelina Veltrop
Oct. 12 Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Ava Buschjost, Evelyn Wooten, Gannon Reeves & JD Volmert
Oct. 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m.- Victoria & Will Wieberg, Aliyah Buechter & Kora Luebbering

St. Thomas the Apostle Offertory Gifts
Oct. 5 Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Ushers
Oct. 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m.– Family of Jim & Kathy Ewers

St. Thomas the Apostle Collection Counters
Oct. 6 - Rosalyn Wieberg & Donna Schellman
Oct. 13 - Keith & Jean Kliethermes
Oct. 20 - Sonya Henson & Millie Wieberg
Oct. 27 – Dunja Wieberg & Jennifer Schroeder

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

Oct. 6	Dunja Wieberg
Oct. 13	Lauri Luebbering
Oct. 20	Jenny Becker
Oct. 27	Karlie Reinkemeyer
Nov. 3	Brooke Schell
Nov. 10	Jenny Schellman

St. Cecilia Eucharistic Ministers
Oct. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Jennifer Even, Doris Stumpe, Betty Hagenhoff
Oct. 13 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen, Dominic & Mary Plassmeyer

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

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

St. Cecilia Offertory Gifts
Oct. 6 Sunday 8:00 a.m.– Family of Harold Libbert

Rosary before Mass at St. Cecilia
Wednesday 6:05 p.m.– Dorothy Rehagen Glorious Mysteries
October 6 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Mary Plassmeyer Luminous Mysteries
October 13 Sunday 7:35 a.m. – Dorothy Rehagen Joyful 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 Lueckenhoff – Sorrowful Mysteries
Saturday 4:35 p.m. – Dale Herigon – Luminous Mysteries
Sunday 9:35 a.m. – Tina Stockman– Luminous Mysteries

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Cleaners
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
October 27: Lynne Reinkemeyer, Linda Boessen, Lauri Luebbering, Lisa Lackman

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, October 3 – Meghan Rackers & Kathy Rackers **Thursday, October 10 –** Jill Rademan & Kailey Reeves

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Harvey Renick Luebbering,*** son of Ben & Elise Luebbering, who became a child of God through baptism this weekend in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

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.

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 OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: For a greater conversion of hearts to God who loves us so much; that in living the stewardship way of life, we may avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationship with God and one another, we pray to the Lord.

PASTORS MEDITATION: For October 7th to 11th, we will **not** have weekday morning Masses, I will be attending the priests' institute. **26th Sunday of year B. ARE YOU FOR JESUS (Num. 11:25-29; Jas. 5:1-6; Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)** Today's Scripture readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance, and scandal. In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving Ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant. This selection is intended to provide a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy apparent in the apostles. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19), "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart," reminds us that obedience to the spirit of the Law will draw us closer to God and so give us lasting joy. In the second reading, James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers in refusing to give them a living wage, by ignoring the needs of others, and by condemning and murdering the innocent, and the righteous. Withholding a day-laborer's wage was a terrible act of injustice, tantamount to murder in the agricultural economy of the ancient Middle East. Baptism commits every Christian to work for social justice through peaceable, rather than violent, means. In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, despite their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in his own kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the apostles because they are the disciples of Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, to vulnerable members of the community, and to beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the Apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a limb or some part of the body to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us, or others, to sin and so leads to spiritual death. So, friends, let us avoid conduct that can lead to giving scandal. We give scandal and become stumbling blocks to others: a) when we are unkind or unjust in our treatment of them; b) when we humiliate them by hurting their pride and damaging their self-image; c) when we discourage, ignore, or refuse to accept them; and d) when we become judgmental about those who are still struggling to reach a level of commitment that we feel is too low to be useful. Let us learn the Christian virtue of tolerance: Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others (without condoning the evil they do), by: a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs; b) respecting the differences we encounter; c) working together on projects of common interest; d) affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things; and e) allowing the light of Christ to shine through our loving words and deeds. A disciple should be willing to undergo any sacrifice for the kingdom of God. ***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!

Music Ministry: I sing with the choir and cantor mostly because I love to sing. I enjoy how the different parts sung by choir members blend together and I feel it makes the church's main celebrations sound even more joyful! As far as cantering, I don't think I have a much better voice than anyone else, and I do still get nervous each time, but I love to hear the congregation singing, and we need people to lead that. If you like to sing, too, we'd love to have you join us! Like St. Augustine says "he who sings, prays twice." **-Judy Schroeder**

Fundraising Committee: I joined the Picnic Committee as a way to get to know parishioners better. Participating on a fundraising committee is a great way to interact with parishioners in a different setting and foster relationships with new members in our parish. I love to see everyone coming together for a common cause and contributing their skills whether it be baking pies, frying chicken, making gravy, serving as kitchen helpers or all of the many tasks it takes to put together an event of this size. We truly have so many talented people in our parish! Please consider giving of your time and talent by serving on the planning committee for one of our fundraising events. It truly is a fulfilling experience! -**Debbie Strope**

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

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

RELIGION CLASSES – ST. CECILIA: 1st through 7th grades: Religion classes for 1st through 7th grade are planned to start on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. All new/first time students are asked to please sign up. Accurate counts are needed for ordering books and materials. Please contact Jennifer Even at 573-680-6945 (text or call) to sign up or with any questions.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE /ST. CECILIA YOUTH ALLIANCE: All youth members of St. Thomas and St. Cecilia who have been confirmed are invited to attend Youth Alliance events twice monthly, alternating between St. Cecilia and St. Thomas. Confirmation is merely a beginning, not an end, to our faith journey, and what better way to continue it than through faith, fellowship, and fun with other youth from our parishes? Come join us at our first event Wednesday, October 9th from 7:00. to 8:00 p.m. at the St. Cecilia parish center basement for trivia night and games. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Friends are welcome! For more information, contact Samantha Helton at (573) 469-8649 or Jeff Cassmeyer at (573) 690-7546.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL NEWS:
Monday, September 30, **NO SCHOOL P-8,** Diocesan Professional Development Day
October 7-11 Achievement Testing, Grades 2-8

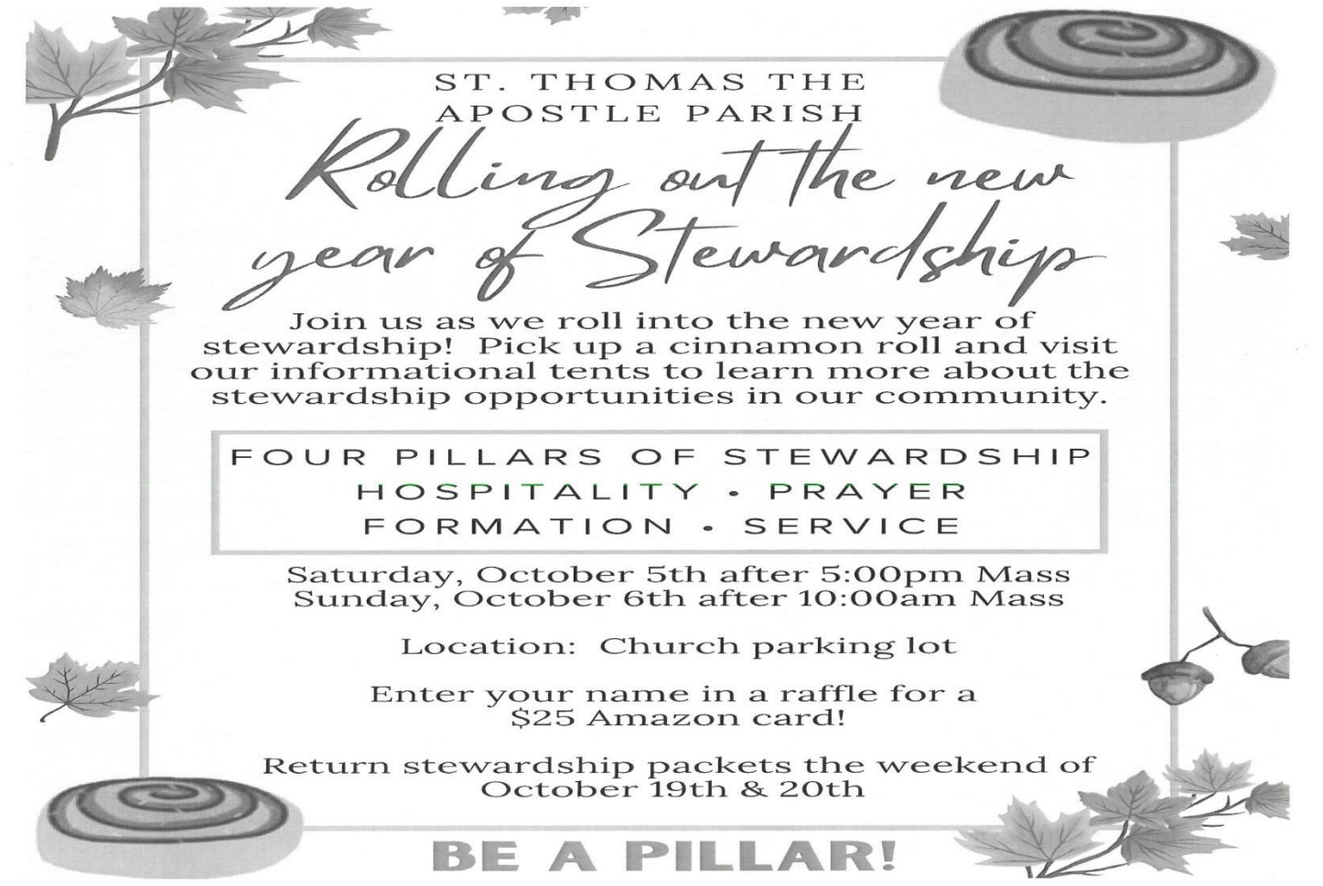
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, JEFFERSON CITY: Mass & Confession Times: Weekend, Sat. 4:00 p.m., Sun. 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Daily Mass: Monday, No Mass, Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Wed. 8:00 a.m. (with school) Thursday, 6:30 a.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m. (all school) Sat. 8:00 a.m. Confessions, Wed. 5:00-5:45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

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER 14TH ANNUAL BANQUET is Thursday, October 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Capitol Plaza Hotel. To register online by October 17 at *www.friendsofphc.org* or call 573-644-6635.

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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