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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dawson Cogar - April 23

May you have a Happy and Blessed Birthday!

Sharing God's Blessings

Date	Collection
April 20&21	\$1473

By April 20, CSA 2024, we raised \$2340 (48%)
Thanks for your support

Walking with Moms in Need
The Pro-life mission doesn't end with saving babies from abortion. It is just the beginning. Women who choose life often need support during and after their pregnancies. Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Our parish established this ministry on April 7, 2024. If you would like to support us, the donation envelop is on vestibule, or donate diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes... Also, if you know some one need help, please introduce them to us as well. *Kari Friend: 304- 690-2001; Kathy Frame : 304-644-6938; Amber Green: 304- 678-5100, Anita Lang: 304-880-8031. St. Thomas, Fr. Thien 304-364-5895*



Hey Kids! It's time for C.A.M.P 2024!
C.A.M.P. Wade (Catholic Awareness Midsummer Program) is scheduled **for July 28 - August 3, 2024. Please mark your calendars.** We look forward to seeing you at this fun, faith-filled week at the Diocesan Camp Property, the old Camp Tygart property, in Huttonsville. Applications are available now. If you are also interested in serving as a volunteer for C.A.M.P., and / or have other questions, please contact Deacon Raymond in the St. Brendan Parish Office, 636-0546, or on his cell number, 304- 642-2279. **The application is at the vestibule.**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 11:00 a.m

WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.
Friday at 8:00 a.m
Holy Day of Obligation at 6:00 p.m

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION:
•Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
Other days by appointment

Mass Intentions for the Week

For Easter Lity Memorial

Saturday April 20 For Miles Christian Allen

SUNDAY APRIL 21 —

FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS

Tue April 23— Joe D. McPherson;
Joe + Theresa McPherson, Dorothy Young

Wed April 24— Mass at 8:00 a.m

Since Fr. Thien help Food pantry at Risen Lord

Thur April 25— For the Catholic Church,
Friend & family Rq. by John + Terry Mangano

And For Benefactor of our parish

Fri, April 26—Fred + Kari Friend

CCD Class, May 5th & 19th
Parents, please bring your kids to the class.

St. Anne

Walking with
Moms in Need

Baby Pantry

304-364-5895

St. Thomas Parish Yard Sale

On May 2nd, 3rd and 4th

And May 16th, 17th and 18th

From 9:00 a.m—3:00 p.m

We will need :

1) **Donated Items to Sell** : We will be accepting donations now. They can be dropped off, or if **you have a large quantity of items or aren't able to deliver them yourself, we can arrange for them to be picked up. Please give us a stuffs that's gently used in working condition...**

2) **Volunteers** - We will need people to help set up in hall, organize and price items.

3) **Customers** - Please pass the word along that we are having our yard sale this year.
Please contact Altar society or parish—Fr. Thien if you have any concerns. Thanks.

Greetings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter
Dear brothers and sisters,
This Sunday is also Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
In today's Gospel, Jesus said: **"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"** (John 10:11) The Good Shepherd has already done this for us, dying on the cross so that we may have eternal life. We are also called to remind that our Shepherd is with us—in our loneliness, sorrow, or trials as well as in our joy. Today or this week, please spend a few minutes in quiet, imagining yourself with the Good Shepherd in a green pasture or reflect upon the pray of *Saint Patrick*:
**“Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.”**

This 4th Sunday of Easter is dedicated to **the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Please keep praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Also, please keep all the leader of the church to become a “good shepherd” as Jesus, to continue Jesus’ mission here on earth. ~ *Fr. Thien*
Prayer for Vocations (Pope Francis)
Lord of the Harvest BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.
INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving— for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.
UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

FOR APRIL 20-21

Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with “Disaster Relief” on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>. Proceeds from this collection will support the long term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

“As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. Since the Eucharist is "The source and summit of the Christian life." (*Lumen Gentium*, #11) We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour.

When should Catholics not receive the Eucharist?

A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.” [i]

• If you have a mortal sin on your soul. For example, some serious sins include (but are not limited to) being married outside the Church, being unmarried but living together, using pornography, or purposely not attending Sunday Mass or holy days of obligation. For more info on what constitutes a mortal sin, refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1857 - 1859.

• If you have not observed the Eucharistic fast of one hour before receiving.

• If you have not yet received First Communion.

• If you do not believe the Eucharist to be Christ Himself (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity).



**St. Anne
Walking
With
Mom
In
Need**

**Established
April 7, 2024
On
The Divine Mercy
Sunday**



**Food Pantry
on
April 11
We served
103
families.**

**Thanks all
Volunteers
And
Benefactors**

