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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Aug 30 & 31
Collection	225 + 1,439
Seminarians	110
Mass Attendance	9 & 14 + 42

Thank you for your contribution

Liturgy Schedule
RISEN LORD CHURCH
 SUNDAY MASS: 8:30am
Liturgy Schedule
ST. THOMAS PARISH
 ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
WEEKEND MASSES:
 Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)
 Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
WEEKDAY: Tue-5:00 p.m.
 Wed-6:00p.m
 Thursday & Friday: 8:00 am
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

HAPPY BIRTH DAY

Shaina Shaver – Sept. 10
 Carol Frame – Sept. 12
 Avery Porto – Sept. 13

Parish Council Election

We will be electing six members to the Parish Council. If you do not wish to serve on the council, please draw a line through your name. If you wish to serve, please put a check mark beside your name. If your name does not have a check mark, you will not be on the ballot. After compiling all the names of those who wish to serve; we will then have elections. If your name is listed and you are not a member of the church, please put a line through your name.

N.B.
 The Candidates List is at the back of the Church. The list of candidates will be finalized on Sept. 14, 2025, and the election will take place on the Sunday after, Sept. 21, 2025.

Parish Picnic 2025

Parish Picnic will be in the Parish Hall on September 14, 2025. A **signup sheet** is in the Parish Hall.

CCD will start on this day and a Blessing will be done for the children during Mass.

Commissioning of Catechists will be during Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 21, 2025.

OCIA begins today, after 11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall

* **CCD Teachers and/or part-time Teachers needed.** A wonderful way to serve and learn. See Pat please !!!

September 7 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Vocation Views:
 You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship.
DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 800-553-3321

Special Collection for **Gaza Relief** today – Sunday, Sept. 6-7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—C

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel is from the Gospel of Luke 14:25-33. In this passage, Jesus lays out three difficult things that his disciples have to do to be his disciples. First, he says that his disciples have to love him 'first' – before anything else, including family or self - when he is telling the disciples to 'hate' family, self, and possessions. Secondly, his disciples must carry a daily cross to walk in his path. Thirdly, the disciples have to renounce worldly possessions to follow him.

Looking at these three requirements, we can ask questions: was there anyone who could trust and follow God's teachings in such an extreme or intimate way?

It appears that there are a good number of people, even in their human shortcomings, but in God's grace, they have closely followed God. We can quickly recognize a few persons in the Old Testament, such as Abraham, who trusted in God's invitation to sacrifice his ancestral land and follow God's guidance to the promised land. He then put God's will before his family or his own hope. David trusted in God, taking refuge in Him, especially after he repented of his sins, until the end of his life. Job was another person. Even though he was going through severe challenges, losing family members and all possessions, he continued to trust in God's providence. Then, Jesus followed God's will as he says, "not my will but your will must be done," and he died on the cross. In contemporary life, we can see Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s saying in his final speech, "I just want to do God's will," and he died with great faith and trust in God's providential care. Dorothy May followed God's invitation to radically live, love, and serve the poor and the homeless and to work for social justice. Mother Teresa committed to a radical self-sacrifice, carrying a daily cross throughout her ministries and life to serve the world's poorest. We can also see many of God's children and people of goodwill around the world, who are trying to walk on the journey of faith to practice God's Great Commandments: to love God and to love others through sacrificing their time, gifts, talents, wealth, health, life, etc., in the service of others, communities, and nations.

Let us pray for the grace to be poor in spirit, so we can continue to learn and grow in following God's will and teachings. May God's glory be revealed in what we say, do, and serve in our families, churches, workplaces, and society. Amen.

LITURGY SCHEDULE			
Date	Readers	Bring up the Offertory Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers
Sept. 7	Jennifer Knowles	Kari & Fred Friend	Candy Teubert & Jennifer Knowles
Sept. 14	Beata Pawlowski	Jane & Ford Dever	Pat McPherson & Westley Carpenter
Sept. 21	Mac Bailes	Carpenters	Tom Teubert & Beata Pawlowski
Sept. 28	Teresa Sutton	McLaughlins	Mac Bailes & Freddie Friend

Work is being done on **Father Thien's scrapbook**, however we are still in need of family photographs from many parishioners. Also, please include a personal note to Fr. Thien with your photos. We will be taking more photos at our Family Picnic on September 14th if you have none.
 Please help to complete this project.

SPECIAL RETREAT

As the Church continues to minister to **all survivors of abuse**, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering **retreats for survivors**. The archdiocese will offer a **women's retreat on Sept. 19-21, 2025 and April 25 — 26, 2026**.

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a **men's retreat** will be held **June 12 — 14, 2026**.

This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments.

For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>.
 To register email:

JUBILEE 2025 17th Gathering of Catholic Men's Conference
HOPE September 13 2025
 12:00 - 1:00 PM Adoration
 Duquesne Un, Power Center, Pittsburgh PA 15282

- Dignity of All Persons - Respecting God's Gift**
1:30 PM
- To Believe, To Hope, To Love - Augustine & Modern Man**
2:30 PM
- Discipleship - Ground in Love - Never Disappoints**
3:30 PM
- Endurance, Character, Hope - Mary as Our Model**
4:30 PM (Mass)

Confessions 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Building Catholic Men's Groups in Our Communities
Join Men from Around the Diocese in Prayer, Planning, Faith-sharing, Networking
RSVP to
Tyler Greenwood tgreenwood@dwc.org



Thank You, Thank You!!!
The Benefactors & Volunteers; Friends & Church Members
who helped to prepare the food packages
on Wednesday, August 20
and to share them
with 253 families and the Moms at Risen Lord Catholic Church
in Clay County on Thursday, August 21, 2025.
May God's richest blessings and grace
pour upon you, your families and friends.

