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**Sharing God's Blessings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sept. 6 &amp; 7, 2025</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>285 + 1,325</b>
<b>Gaza Relief</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	<b>13 &amp; 14 + 53</b>

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*

**Jean and Bruce Bienvenue will have the Marriage Blessings at 11:00am on this coming Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 at Risen Lord Catholic Church in Clay, WV. Jean will also receive the Sacraments of Initiation on this day. Accordingly, Jean and Bruce would like to invite everyone to join in this special celebration of their lives. Refreshment will be served afterward.**

**HAPPY BIRTH DAY**

- Robert Bennett – Sept. 16
- Marian Agostino – Sept. 17
- Millie Cogar – Sept. 18
- Kathryn Payne – Sept. 18
- Logan Bennett – Sept. 20

**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.

**St. Thomas Family Picnic 2025**

**will be in the Parish Hall after today 11:00am Mass, Sept. 14, 2025**

CCD will start today, Sept. 14 and a Blessing will be done for the children during Mass.

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

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Date	Readers	Bring up the Offertory Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers
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

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Christ — C**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we, along with our brothers and sisters around the world, celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Christ for human redemption. This is illustrated in today's Gospel passage, John 3:13-17, where Jesus tells Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the ser pent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

The accounts of Jesus being nailed to the cross can be found in all four Gospels: Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 15:24-39, Luke 23:26-43, and John 19:17-27. On this sacred feast day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we are invited to give praise and thanks for the sacrificial love that God has graciously and mercifully poured out for us on the cross, ensuring our redemption.

Let us pray that we can respond to Jesus' invitation to look up to Him on the Holy Cross daily with faith and hope. May we always remember the price Jesus paid for our salvation. As we look up to Christ and make the Sign of the Cross on ourselves, let us ask the Holy Triune God to bless us and give us strength and courage in our daily sacrifices for the love of God and our neighbors. May our hope of eternal glory with the Risen Lord remain strong, and may we be abundantly blessed with the grace to forgive those who wish to harm us or hurt us, ensuring our prayers for their conversion and redemption are certain. Amen.

**September 14 — Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Vocation Views:

**We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you!**

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**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:

**Risen Lord Family Night**

**Thursday, September 11, 2025**





## Thank You, Thank You ....!!!

To Benefactors & Volunteers: Kathy & Marty Bronkhurst, Marian Agostino, Pat McChesney, Tom Teubert, Rose DeProspero, Dot Shimko, Dale & Louise Elwood, Mary Hailer, Fred & Kari Friend, Connie & John Moore for helping to prepare the food packages on Wednesday, September 10 and to serve 96 families (consisting of 260 individuals), and 22 Moms on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at St. Thomas Church in Gassaway, West Virginia

May God's richest blessings and grace pour upon you, your families and friends.

### SPECIAL INVITATION:

For those who cannot physically help and would like to be a blessing for our less fortunate brothers and sister, please consider purchasing toothbrushes and toothpaste for our needy neighbors. They can be purchased inexpensively at Dollar General for \$1 each. We will be collecting these items from now until November 30 for distribution in December. Beginning in December, we will collect Kleenex tissues. You may place them in the designated box in the Hall.

