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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
August 10 & 11	\$ 846

By August 3, CSA 2024, we raised \$4,925 (100%) of \$4920, Our Building insurance will be more than \$12,000; the sharing of CSA this year will use to pay for our building insurance. Please keep the bard raising. **Thanks for your support !**

Next OCIA Class will be held at 5:00 p. m on August 30 , 2024
 All are welcome to join us.


GOT LIFE QUESTIONS? OCIA
 Have you or someone you know? Expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Been baptized as a child, but not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Have a child older than 7 who's not baptized? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please let Fr. Thien know. (304-364-5895) or tdnguyen@dwc.org

LITURGY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m
SUNDAY 11:00 a.m
Sunday at 8:30 a.m at Risen Lord, Clay
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
Saturday August 17—Mass at 5:00 p.m
 For Beata's Intentions
SUNDAY AGUSUST 18
 FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
Tuesday—Aug 20- Adoration and Mass at 5:00 p.m—For Beata's Intentions
Wed Aug 21—Mass at 8:00 a.m Since Fr. Thien help food pantry at Risen Lord in the afternoon
Thursday Aug 22 —For parish Benefactors
Friday — August 23—For Beata's Intentions

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
 Edna Wilson - Aug. 19
 Jerry Jarvis - Aug. 19
 Cong Nguyen - Aug. 20
 Liam Harman - Aug. 20
 Brittney Wilson - Aug. 22

CCD Gathering after Mass on August 25— both parent children.

August 17 & 18: Second Collection for Education of Seminarians
 This second collection for August provides financial support to help defray the cost of educating young men in the seminary who are discerning a call to the priesthood in our Diocese.
From the August 2 Issue of The Catholic Spirit: "If you want more priests, you must pray for them. This is what Bishop Mark Brennan, the diocese, and the Vocations Office have been stressing year after year. This year we are blessed with 17 men saying yes to discerning God's will in the seminary. Please be generous.

 **CELEBRATE FIVE WITH 5**
 As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Most Reverend Mark Brennan next week as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to *Celebrate Five with 5!*
Celebrate Five with 5 is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with the gifts Christ taught us are the greatest to give – prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to dwc.org/celebrate-five/.



Will you commit to five?
 To honor Bishop Mark will you commit your word and deed in five acts of faith and works of mercy? As we learned on his installation day on August 22, 2019, the motto Bishop Mark chose for his Coat of Arms, "Living the Truth in Love," emphasizes that it is in the love of Jesus Christ that we receive the strength to live as God called and Jesus instilled in us. Let us show our thanksgiving through prayer and our love by our deeds. As is written in James 2:18 - Demonstrate your faith through your works.

- GIVE THE GIFT**
Five with 5 Prayers and Deeds
Gift of Prayer: Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include:
- **Pray the Rosary during a road trip.** Every time Bishop Mark travels across the diocese for parish and school visits or to celebrate Confirmation, he prays the rosary while driving (just remember to keep both hands on the wheel!).
 - **Pray for pregnant women as well as the husband/ father.** Each night, Bishop Mark says special prayers for women who are pregnant as well as the fathers. He prays for them by name, and encourages faithful to email him prayer requests for mothers if they are able.
 - **Pray for engaged/newly married couples.** Bishop Mark regularly prays for engaged couples or newly wed couples, that they may live their lives in the faith, be strengthened by the Holy Family, and open to God's will in their lives.
 - **Pray for the intentions of the faithful of the Diocese.** Bishop Mark has a rather large binder of prayer intentions given to him through the CSA prayer list as well as handwritten notes and emails from faithful across the state asking for his prayers.
 - **Pray for Vocations.** Bishop Mark prays daily for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life so that the faithful of the diocese can continue to have good, loving priests and religious to minister to them in the future.

Gift of Deed and Service:
 Prayerfully consider the Corporal Works of Mercy in the Catholic Church.
 1. Feed the hungry 2. Give Drink to the thirsty 3. Shelter the homeless 4. Visit the sick – the present of your presence with the sick physically, mentally, and spiritually. 5. Visit the prisoners – if not in person do it through ministry of cards/prayers/mass intentions 6. Bury the dead – Respect for life God created through prayer, in mass intentions, or by visiting a cemetery. 7. Give alms to the poor – gifts of treasure in a way that is pleasing to God.

Catholic Charities West Virginia presents us with a suggested Five Acts of Service to honor Bishop Mark Brennan - a true servant, reflecting the example of Jesus who served others freely and impartially. Inspired by Bishop Brennan's example, we have compiled 5 acts of service you can perform to celebrate and honor Bishop Brennan's time in our Diocese. Pledge to put your faith into action:

- Volunteer in Your Community...**
 - Listen and Encounter Others...**
 - Serve the Vulnerable...**
 - Provide Spiritual and Emotional Support ...**
 - Advocate for Justice ...**
- Lastly, consider honoring Bishop Mark Brennan's installation anniversary with a donation to support the ministries at Catholic Charities West Virginia. The link to donate is at: dwc.org/celebrate-five/. (From Faith In WV— Diocese of Wheeling—Charleston on August 18, 2024)
You can pledge to Celebrate Five with 5 at <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/>



On July 24 & 25 at our Mission Church-
 the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay
 we served 273 families with more than
 15,000 lbs. of food.
**THANKS VOLUNTEERS
 AND BENEFACTORS**
*“Truly I tell you, whatever you
 did for one of the least of these
 brothers and sisters of
 mine, you did for me.”
 (Matthew 25:40)*



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We served 82 families and the nurse in Wheeling, Cindy Hess checked blood pressure for 20 people this month. THANKS VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS !

