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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
August 17 & 18	\$ 1044

By August 3, CSA 2024, we raised \$5260 (107%) 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 Sept 6 , 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 24—Mass at 5:00 p.m
 For Natalia P
SUNDAY AGUSUST 25
 FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
Tuesday—Aug 27— For 23 year Anniversary of death of Beata's mom and Daniel Shimko BD
Wed Aug 28—For Beata and Dot's grandchildren
Thursday Aug 29 —For parish Benefactors
Friday — August 30—Annia + Daniel Marriage anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Lindsey Harman - Aug. 25
 Joshua McLaughlin - Aug. 29
 Charlie Harman - Aug. 30
Wishing you all Happy and Blessed Birthday

CCD Gathering after Mass on August 25— both parents & children.

Mark your calendar
PARISH PICNIC ON SEPT 15, 2024 at the church
 Our Parish Picnic is coming up soon . Sept 15, after 11: 00 am at the church.
 The following sign-up sheet will be placed on the table in the parish hall. Please indicate on the sheet if your family is coming and what dish you can bring. Please invite your friends and families member join us.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
 Dear Parents and Children,
 Welcome to St. Thomas Church and our Parish Christian Faith Formation Program. At the baptism of a child, parents, and sponsors promise to teach their children the Catholic faith and “to bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, “The Sunday Celebration of the Lord’s Day and His Eucharist is at the heart of the Church’s life” (No. 2177). As a law of the Church, the Sunday Mass obligation binds Catholics.

Children that are at least 7 years old and have the use of reason. However, since first reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist are at or about age 7 in the United States, it seems that children should be well accustomed to attending and participating in the Mass prior to that age. **“Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This happens when family members help one another grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and heart of liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents”** (Catechism, 2226).

The Faith Formation program generally serves students in grades 1st-10th who attend public schools or non-Catholic private schools. It includes preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We are delighted that you are here at St. Thomas Church, and we look forward to your time with us. We will resume full enrollment and in person classes. Our classes will be held at parish hall. These sessions will be on Sundays from 9:45am and until 10:45am.

Registration is currently open. Please register with Mrs. Pat McPherson, DRE. We will be in need of teachers to help with the catechism classes, if you interested, please let Pat McPherson or Fr. Thien know.
We would like to have meeting with parents and children after Mass on Sunday August 25. Please join us.
CCD Schedule: Sept 15 & 22

SAFE ENVIROMENT
 If you are volunteering for any activities at the church with children such as CCD teachers, etc., please log in to your VIRTUS account. The Diocese has implemented a yearly continuing education module including updated training and bulletins. Please login and complete the training to stay in compliance. Please let Fr. Thien know if you have questions or you are having trouble accessing your account. Or contact **Mrs. Sharon K. Goudy Email: sgoudy@dwc.org**
 Thank you.

Celebrate Five with 5
 For Bishop Brennan’s Fifth Anniversary As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Bishop Mark Brennan as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to Celebrate Five with 5! This is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark’s milestone year with gifts Christ taught us were the greatest to give - prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> and gift their five.



Gift of Prayer - Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include praying the rosary during a road trip for pregnant women as well as the husband/father; for engaged/newly married couples; for the intentions of the faithful of the diocese; and for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life
Gift of Works/Deed: Inspired by his example, Catholic Charities WV compiled five acts of service - volunteer in your community; listen and encounter with others; serve the vulnerable; provide spiritual and emotional support; and advocate for justice.
 For more information see the Faith in WV e-bulletin for August 18 at <https://faithwv.org>



On August 21 & 22 at our Mission Church-
the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay
we served 238 families with more than
15,000 lbs. of food. 9 volunteers from the
cathedral and St. Joseph the worker parish
came to help. Two nurses also checked
blood pressure and sugar check for 22
individuals.

**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)*



THANK YOU

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We served 94 families and the nurse in Wheeling, Cindy Hess checked blood pressure for 20 people this month. THANKS VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS !

