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**Sharing God's Blessings**

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Feb 1 & 2	\$1424

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**Notice:**  
**2024 Catholic Calendar and Contribution envelopes are available at vestibule.** If you don't see your envelope box, please pick up a box of "unnamed" envelopes to use and please let us know your number. Thanks for your contribution.

**CCD Class will be held on Feb 2 & 16**

Parents, please bring your kids to the class

- **OCIA Class will be held on Tuesday February 11, 18 and 25**

All are welcome to join us to share your faith with Catechumens and Candidates.

**Please contact Fr. Thien Nguyen for:**

- **Anointing of the sick; Holy Communion to the sick or homebound.**
  - **Baptism of infants and Children under 7. RCIA/RCIC is for adults and children older than 7. Mee**
- + **Sacrament of Marriage:**  
Arrangements should be made with the pastor at least Six months before a wedding. Please, do not set a wedding date before contacting your pastor. Preparation classes with the pastor are required.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m**

**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**

Saturday Feb 8- for Beata Intentions

**SUNDAY FEB 9**

**FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS**

**Tue, Feb 11** for Beata Intentions

**Wed, Feb 12** for Beata Intentions

**Thursday Feb 13**

*For Benefactors of our parish*

**Friday Feb 14** for Beata Intentions

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Tim Harman III Feb. 9*

*Donna Pierson Feb. 10*

**Wishing you all Happy and Blessed Birthday**



**Second Collection for February 8-9**

The Second Collection for February is for Church Missions within the United States. This collection combines the collection for Black and Indian/Native American Missions and Catholic Home Missions. Your kind donation will be split between these two causes, unless you specify a particular intent on your envelope.

Thank you for helping the missions in the US.  
Read more: [www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions)

**The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment**

**To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse,** please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Greetings on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's readings tell us stories of the call of three of God's servants: Isaiah, Paul, and Peter. They teach us that God has His own criteria for selecting people to be His disciples, ministers, and prophets.

In the first reading, Isaiah, and Peter in today's Gospel, both express their unworthiness to be in the presence of God's great holiness. Yet they immediately receive reassurance and their divine calls.

The readings challenge us to examine our own personal transformation and commitment to discipleship. They remind us that God does not call the perfect — He perfects the called. God does not need our ability; He needs our availability.

This was the experience of St. Paul. He humbly acknowledges that he is the least of the apostles, unworthy because of his past actions. Yet he testifies to the transforming power of God's grace: *"By the grace of God, I am what I am."* This grace was not without effect, as Paul labored tirelessly for the Gospel.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that we are all called to Christ's ministry by virtue of our Baptism into Jesus Christ. Today's Scripture readings challenge us to discern God's call to each of us to become His disciples with a mission. Jesus' words to Peter are His words to us: *"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."* May we respond with courage and joy, trusting that Jesus will work through us to bring others into the abundant life He offers. Let us cast our nets without fear, knowing that the One who calls us will also equip us for the mission. ~Fr. Thien

**Our Lady of Lourdes & the World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

On Feb. 11th celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. Honor the apparitions of Mary to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 by showing compassion to those who are sick and suffering. Equally important is the Blessed Mother's call for us to lead others to know and trust Jesus Christ. Through prayer, penance, and service we can bring healing to others and the world. Our Lady of Lourdes, you bring hope to the world. Pray for us!

**In addition, Feb 11th is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** As we approach this day consider all those we can accompany through our prayers and loving care for those who are sick in our parish and family. In his Message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis emphasizes that **"Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5) and strengthens us in times of trial.** He reflects on the profound challenges faced by individuals battling illness and offers hope, faith, and divine strength in times of suffering. The Pope encourages the faithful to recognize that God stays close to the suffering through three essential elements: encounter, gift, and sharing.

**As Encounter...** *"In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological and spiritual levels. Yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering. God does not abandon us and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected, and would never have found on our own."*

*Sickness, then, becomes an occasion for a transformative encounter, the discovery of a solid rock to which we can hold fast amid the tempests of life, an experience that, even at great cost, makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone."*

**As gift...** *"More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining "faithful to the faithfulness of God", in the fine expression of Madeleine Delbr el (cf. La speranza   una luce nella notte, Vatican City 2024, Preface).*

**Through sharing...** *"Places of suffering are frequently also places of sharing and mutual enrichment. How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope! How often, by our closeness to those who suffer, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realize that we are "angels" of hope and messengers of God for one another, all of us together: whether patients, physicians, nurses, family members, friends, priests, men and women religious, no matter where we are, whether in the family or in clinics, nursing homes, hospitals or medical centers.*

In his closing remarks, Pope Francis extends heartfelt gratitude to those who are suffering, describing their journey as a "hymn of dignity, a song of hope," and thanking them for their witness to the enduring power of hope and grace. For the full message, <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2025/01/27/250127f.html>

**To mark the World Day of the Sick and the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Thomas, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during Mass on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. All are welcome to join us.**

**THANKS YOU!** On Jan 9, 2025 Despite the weather, St Thomas Food Pantry remains faithful to serving those in need. Due to icy road and a winter storm, only 50 families came for food pantry today. Eight mothers came for diapers, baby wipes and highchairs. We are glad to serve those in need. Seeing the good works, a Good Samaritan who came to pick up the food for his neighbors and helped us to plowed snow. *During this week, we served 7 more families and 5 more mothers!* **Thanks Benefactors and all volunteers. God bless you all. Stay warm and well fed!**



**January 21-23, During the last three days, even in extreme cold weather(-7 to 26), parishioners and volunteers of Risen Lord Food Pantry are still faithful. We unloaded, packaged and distributed food for the poor in Clay County. We served about 15,000 pounds of food to 192 families. Thank you all Benefactors and Volunteers.**

