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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	Collection
July 6 & 7	\$ 1082

By July 13, CSA 2024, we raised \$4215 (86%) 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. Thanks for your support !

MASS ETIQUETTE

- Remember to **be silent, turn off, and put away your cell phones**, tablets, and gaming devices prior to the start of Mass.
- Keep in mind the Communion fast**—we are to fast from food and drink (water and medicine excluded) one hour before receiving Holy Communion. **This includes chewing gum.** Even you are not planning to receive the Holy Communion, chewing gum is generally not appropriate in a church, including during Mass, for Catholic teaching. Let us prepare our body and soul to worthily receive and worship our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
- When we are in the church (specifically in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament), **we should keep our volume to a reverential whisper, if conversation is necessary. This is to promote prayer with Christ in the Eucharist and to prepare our hearts and minds for Mass and express our reverence to the present of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.** Community time is best for after Mass in the hall or outside the church. Thank you for your mindfulness!

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 SUNDAY JULY 7
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
Saturday July 13—For Beata's intentions

SUNDAY JULY 14
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS

Tuesday July 16—For Beata's intentions
Wed July 17—For Beata's intentions
Thursday July 18—For our benefactors
Friday — July 19—For Beata's intentions



OCIA Class will be held
at 5:00 p. m on July 19,
and July 26 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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

All three readings of this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, especially the first and the Gospel readings, deal with the call and the sending of God's messengers with a direct and specific missions to carry out to his people. In the first reading, The prophet Amos received his call from the Lord While he is working as a shepherd and a farmer taking care of the sheep and fig trees in Judah the Southern kingdom of Israel., the Lord calls him to be a prophet without going through any religious training. *He admits that "I'm not a prophet! And I wasn't trained to be a prophet. I am a shepherd, and I take care of fig trees" (Amos 7:14).* God called him to bring his Word to the people in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Amos was confronted and rejected by Amaziah, a priest of the sanctuary at Bethel in the Northern Kingdom.

Today's Gospel passage from Mark tells us about an important moment in the ministry of Jesus Christ. He gathers his twelve apostles and sends them out two by two, giving them authority over unclean spirits. This act of sending them out is significant not only for the apostles but also for us today as followers of Christ.

Firstly, Jesus sends them out in pairs. This teaches us about the importance of companionship and support in our mission as Christians. We are not meant to journey alone in our faith but to support and encourage one another along the way. This companionship strengthens us and helps us face the challenges that come with spreading the Gospel message. We have proverb saying: "Two heads are better than one!" Mother Teresa of Calcutta — *'I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.'*

Secondly, Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits. This signifies that as his disciples, we too are empowered by Christ to confront the forces of darkness and evil in our world. This authority comes not from our own strength but from our union with Christ and our faith in his power.

Thirdly, Jesus instructs them to take nothing for their journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belts. This instruction teaches us about trust and dependence on God. It reminds us that our mission is not about relying on our own resources or abilities, but about trusting in God's providence and guidance. When we step out in faith, God provides what is needed for the journey.

Finally, Jesus tells them that if they enter a house where people welcome them, they should stay there until they leave. If not welcomed, they are to shake the dust off their feet as a testimony against them. This highlights the importance of hospitality and openness to the message of the Gospel. As disciples, we are called to share the Good News with others, but we must also respect their freedom to accept or reject it. *"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."* (Luke 10:16)

Brothers and sisters, as we reflect on this Gospel passage, we are reminded that **Jesus' Mission is our mission.** Let us ask ourselves: How am I responding to the call of Jesus to be his disciple? Am I willing to step out in faith, trusting in his guidance and providence? Am I open to the companionship and support of my fellow believers? And am I ready to confront the challenges of spreading the Gospel message with courage and humility? We are called to be God's instruments!

Let us pray for the grace to answer these questions with a resounding "yes" and to follow Jesus wholeheartedly in our mission as his disciples. May God bless us and strengthen us in our journey of faith.

THANK YOU

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Second Collection next weekend July 20 & 21 for: 1) The Catholic Communication Campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Wheeling Charleston Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message!
 2) **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** is an anti-poverty program of the Bishops of the US. CCHD funds organizations nation-wide, including West Virginia.

Prayer of St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



On June 26 & 27 at our Mission Church-
the Risen Lord in Clay
we served 265 families with more than
14,000 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)*



July 11 St. Thomas Food Pantry serve 94 families with more than 8,000 lb of food. A nurse from Wheeling also helped to check blood pressure for 13 people. We also gave out more than 140 Rosaries for people.
Big Thanks to Deacon Dave Galvin, volunteers and benefactors of St. James the Greater in Charles town, WV for helping us with new fence for our food pantry garden! THANKS VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS !

