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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
June 1 & 2	\$1535

**By May , CSA 2024, we raised \$4065 (83%) 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 for the Week**  
**Saturday June 8**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 9**  
**FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS**  
 Tue May June 11  
 Wednesday June 12  
 Thursday June 14 - For our benefactors  
 Fri May 14

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**Maxine Taylor June 8**  
**Louise Elwood June 10**  
**Ford Dever June 14**  
**Joe Frame June 15**

**Wishing you a wonderful and blessed Birthday.**



**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

**Pastoral's Pondering**

Dear brothers and sisters,  
 Greetings on the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Times!  
 Please join me to welcome Frt. Cong Nguyen, SVD who will stay and help our parish during this Summer. Also, with great joy our parish celebrates the Full Communion with the Catholic Church for Mrs. & Mrs. Kevin and Doreen Carpenter this weekend Jun 9, 2024

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To a non-Catholic, this might seem like a strange devotion. We are devoted to God's heart? Well...yes. A person's whole self is symbolized in his/her heart. The heart is, above all, the emblem of love, and by this characteristic, the devotion to the Sacred Heart is naturally defined.

Our Lord's profound love for us is demonstrated through His willingness to sacrifice His life for our sake. The love from His Heart motivated all of His actions—His inner life manifested in his demonstrated virtues and sacrifice. Yet this great love is often received with ingratitude, even by us faithful. Therefore, the purpose of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is to focus our hearts on receiving and returning His love with gratitude—with all of our heart, soul, and strength—that He may be glorified.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is very old. As early as the eleventh and twelfth centuries we see explicit devotion being given to the Sacred Heart in the life of the Church. Yet, the devotion as we know it to be today stems mainly from the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690). St. Margaret Mary was a Visitation nun in France who Christ began appearing to, revealing the desires of His Heart and to confide the task of imparting new life to the Church through this devotion. In His apparitions to St. Margaret Mary, our Lord offered twelve promises to all who spread devotion to His Heart.

- I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- I will establish peace in their homes.
- I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive month strengthen grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Therefore, during this month of June, let us strive to grow in devotion to the Sacred Heart and play the small part that we can in spreading this devotion in order to show our gratitude for Christ's love for each and every one of us. ~Fr. Thien



**Food Pantry-Help Wanted!**

**Pick up at Mountaineer Food Bank**  
 at 1:00 p.m  
**Unload + Prepacked**  
 1:45 p.m. on June 12  
**Distribute on June 13,**  
 from 9:00 a.m. —12:00 a.m.

**June's Events!**  
 Please check out the list of events. I encourage you to take part in these opportunities to deepen our faith and grow closer as a community of faith.

2) **June 9th, Altar Society** will held the meeting after Mass.

3) **June 16<sup>th</sup> : FATHER'S DAY DINNER** after 11: 00 am Mass At parish hall or at Old high school food ball field—next to our church.

**June 23rd:** Parish and Financial Council Meeting will be held after Mass. Please mark your calendar. Thanks.

**Second Collection ON JUNE 8 & 9**

The second collection for the month of June is for the Peter's Pence Collection, which enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world and those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak and defenseless and voiceless but also sustain those who suffer.

On May 8 & 9 at St. Thomas Food Pantry we served 90 families with more than 8000 lb of Food

On May 22 & 23 at the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay we served 260 families with more than 10,000 lbs. of food.

Two donors and volunteers from the Dio-cese of Wheeling-Charleston's Cathedral of St. Joseph

gave 500 rosaries for St. Thomas and Risen Lord parishioners to distribute.

They've already given 200 rosaries to people who visited Risen Lord yesterday.

Our prayer box this month received 70 prayer requests!

THANKS VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS

