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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	June 14 & 15
Collection	235 + 1,089
Mass Attendance	11 & 10 + 57

Thank you for your contribution

Liturgy Schedule

RISEN LORD CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**

Liturgy Schedule

AT ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.

Friday : 8:00 am

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

LITURGY COMMITTEE will have a meeting after Mass on Sunday, June 22, 2025. The members of Liturgy Committee please make time available to attend that meeting.

Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Beva—June 27

Beth Liebig—June 28

Flora Hopen—June 30

May God's richest blessings pour upon you on your birthday celebration this year, and may you enjoy the new age with your families, relatives, friends and the surroundings, and may every day is pleasing to Him.

READERS

June 22: Westley Carpenter & Harmans

June 29: Lindsay Harman, Kathy Marty & Marty Bronk Hurst

July 6: Theresa Sutton & Carpenters

July 13: Dot Shimko, Candy & Tom Teubert

July 20: Beata Pawlowski, Jane & Fore Dever

July 27: Candy Teubert, Kari & Fred Friend

June 22 – Body and Blood of Christ

A Vocation View: **Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world?**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we, as a family of God's children, are celebrating the Solemnity of the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is also known as Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In celebrating this feast, we carry on Jesus' teachings to the Apostles at the Last Super celebration. Jesus institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist. "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat this is my body. Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, - Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Then, he instructs the Disciple to "do this in remembrance of [him]" (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-21).

Through the resurrection of the Lord, the disciples and all the faithful throughout the past two millenniums can have firm belief that the impossible becomes possible that the Risen Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continues to remain with the disciples and with all the faithful as Flesh and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Spirit, who once made the Invisible, the Divine, the Son of God to be conceived in the womb of Mary, now continues to make the bread and wine to become the Flesh and Blood of the Lord every time we come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. As we continue to live in our human's shortcomings, continue to make mistakes and continue to commit sin, Jesus continue to humble himself to be in the Holy Eucharist and to sacrificed for our salvation.

The Holy Eucharist means the celebration of Thanksgiving, in which, Jesus makes himself to be the Sacrificial Lamb, to be the gift of loving sacrifice to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins, similarly as he once prayed on the cross before his last breath "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). It is important to remember that, in sins, human make the sacrifice of Jesus in a bloody way as we can see Jesus was sacrificing on the way of the cross to Golgotha and then he poured out his blood and died on the cross. However, in God's power and love, Jesus continues to offer himself – to make the sacrifices in the Holy Eucharist in a blessed, comforting and relatable ways.

Thus, when we as God's children coming to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we should come with joyful heart, with the heart of thanksgiving with Jesus. We come together in God's presence and to join with the angels and saints to offer praise and worship to our merciful Triune God – the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, when the Faithful coming forward to receive the Holy Eucharist, we welcome Jesus in Flesh and Blood either physically or spiritually (*which is when we see that our soul is not ready, it still holds mortal/deadly sin, and is unworthy to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus physically, we invite Jesus to come in spiritually—through private prayer or by walking up in the receiving-communion line to ask for a prayer of blessing from a priest*), we are blessed to enter into Holy Communion with the Holy Trinity. Importantly, receiving Jesus in either—physical way or spiritual way, we will receive graciously the same and full present of the Lord.

As we are joining with Jesus in celebrating the Holy Eucharist, the Thanksgiving to the Father, may we celebrate with the joyful heart for God is truly present among us, outside of us and inside of us in a tangible way as Flesh and Blood, and Christ continue to remain with us till he comes again. Let us give praise and thanks to God for through God's humbleness, sacrifice and mercy, we are though sinners, are made son and daughter of God (1 John 3:1). May our lives be also like Christ to be the thanksgivings to the Father in the way we love, serve and sacrifice in our families, in the larger society and in the church. Amen.

Some Stories about the Miracles of the Holy Eucharist in the past and present:

EWTN's Youtube : "The Lanciano Miracle: Unveiling the Eucharistic Mystery", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X41hVzx6yxl>

Father David Michael Moses' Youtube: "Vatican to Confirm NEW Eucharistic Miracle—Face of Jesus Appears on Host", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMfIKQETa2o>

Fr. Mark Goring's Youtube: "The World's #1 Most Impressive Eucharistic Miracle: Sokółka - Fr. Mark Goring, CC", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYC_Hn8ICG0

Million thanks to the Benefactors, Volunteers from Wheeling, Neighborhood, and Church Members who helped to do the blood-pressure check and to share foods and items to 66 families and young mothers on last Thursday, June 12, 2025. May God bless you and your families graciously.

Let us pray for the families who are travelling to visit families and friends this summer that they may have safe trips and enjoy precious time together with families, friends and all in God's goodness and blessings.

