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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
Nov 2 & 3	\$ 700
<p>By August 30, CSA 2024, we raised \$5460 (111%) of \$4920, Our Building insurance will be \$11,618; the sharing of CSA this year will use to pay for our building insurance. Please keep the bard raising. Thanks for your support !</p>	

CCD Class
 Nov 3 and Nov 17
Parents, please bring your kids to the class

Next OCIA Class will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Nov 8, at 6:00 p.m.
 All are welcome to join us.

Food Pantry-Help Wanted!

On Nov 13
Pick up at
Mountaineer
Food Bank
 at 1:00 p.m.

Unload + Prepacked
 1:45 p.m.

Distribute on Nov 14
 from 9:00 a.m. —noon

We already ordered 120 turkeys for Thanksgiving !

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 Nov 2 —Mass at 5:00 p.m
 For all the souls of ancestors and relatives of Chi Bong's family
SUNDAY NOV 11
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
Nov 12 — For Peter Khang Nguyen & Anna Le Ho
 - For all the deceased of Bronkhurst's family
Nov 13 For Perter Khang and Anna Ho Rq by Chi Bong
 For all the deceased of Joe + Marian's family
Nov 14—For parish's benefactors
 -For Peter Khang Nguyen & Anna Le Ho
 For all the deceased of Pat Mepherston's family
Nov 15 —For Conversion to Catholic Faith of Family members of Chi Bong
 For all the deceased of Mike Duty family

Altar Society will held the meeting Today Nov 10, after Mass.

Veterans Day! This Monday is Veterans Day, the annual federal holiday that celebrates, honors and remembers all who have served in the military, both in wartime and peacetime.

A Prayer for Veterans
Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

This weekend the Second Collection for Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese.

Pastor's pondering
Dear brothers and sisters
 Greetings in the Lord!
 During this month of November, our Church invites us to reflect on the Four Last Things, **Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.** We began celebrating All Saints and praying for All Souls this month. In three weeks, we will end this month of prayer and reflection with the beautiful Feast of Christ the King. The Feast of Christ the King (Nov 24) will mark the end of our Church Year and will proclaim our joy and hope in our Risen Christ.

As we make our way through the month of November, pivotal celebratory moments are soon approaching: our national holiday of Thanksgiving and the opening of the new liturgical year with the Advent Season and Christmas follow. The following is the schedule for these events:

1) This year, Thanksgiving falls on 28th of November. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at the Altar that **morning at 9:00 am for Mass** to Praise and Thank the Lord before sitting down with loved ones at your tables at home. In spite of the many hardships endured by people all over the world, we have much to be grateful for as we reflect on the year drawing to a close. Every day is Mass - "Thanksgiving day" at the Altar!

2) The Season of Advent begins this year on December 1st. To prepare ourselves for the Christmas celebration, we will have **Advent Penance Service on December 8. After Sunday Mass,** the light lunch will be served and followed with Advent Penance Service. Fr. William Kuchinsky will give reflection and hear confessions for us.

3) December 15, First Communion and Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner .

Dec 24 Christmas Eve – **Mass at 8:00 p.m**

Dec 25 Christmas Day --- **Mass at 11:00 a.m**

Dec 25 Christmas Day at Risen Lord at 8:30 a.m

~ Fr. Thien

WHAT ARE THE FOUR LAST THINGS
The Four Last Things:
Death: "Death is the end of earthly life. Our lives are measured by time, in the course of which we change, grow old and, as with all living beings on earth, death seems like the normal end of life. That aspect of death lends urgency to our lives: remembering our mortality helps us realize that we have only a limited time in which to bring our lives to fulfillment..." (CCC 1007) Reflecting on our own death helps us live with the end in mind. St. Paul taught "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 6:23). Jesus transformed death in His obedience to the Father. When a soul is separated from the body, death is no longer the end, but it is transformed into a blessing of eternal life. Further, the Catholic Church can aid people in preparing for their own deaths. In the Litany of the Saints we ask the Lord to deliver us from a sudden and unprovided death. In the Hail Mary we ask Our Lady to pray for us at the hour of our death. We also can ask St. Joseph to intercede for us as he is the Patron of a Happy Death: *O Blessed St. Joseph, who gave up your last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me, I beseech you, the grace of a happy death. Defend me from all evil, especially in my final hour. Assist me by your presence, protect me by your power, and obtain for me this grace, O holy St. Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if so I am unable to do so in words: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and life. Amen.*

Judgment : "Judgment" refers to both the "general judgment" (the second coming of Christ at the end of time) and the "particular judgment" (the judgment of each individual soul). At the moment of death each person is judged by God based on the conduct of his or her life. In that final hour all is laid bare, the time for repentance is over, and the merciful Father is the Just Judge. This seals one's destiny for the blessedness of heaven or everlasting damnation. "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love." (CCC 1022)

Heaven: "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ." (CCC 1023) In heaven there is a communion of life with the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, angels, and all the blessed. This glory in heaven is also called "the beatific vision". Those who die in God's grace and friendship but are not perfectly purified undergo purgation, or a cleansing, in preparation for being in the presence of God. For those souls the Church offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and recommends the faithful engage in almsgiving, indulgences, and penances to benefit the Holy Souls.

4. Hell: God does not predestine anyone to hell. On the contrary God and His Church constantly call each of us to repentance. "To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice." (CCC 1023) Today people avoid talking about purgatory, and avoid talking about hell even more. But Jesus in the Bible is clear. Church teaching on the matter has never wavered. In modern times the children at Fatima had much to say about the vision of hell the Blessed Mother showed them, and they spent their lives praying for the conversion of sinners. So Then, How Should We Live? (a) Respond to Christ's call to follow Him. (b) Turn away from sin, repent and go to Confession on a regular basis (monthly, if possible). (c) Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and weekdays when possible. (d) Ask your guardian angel to guide you, and the Blessed Mother and saints to intercede for you.

THANK YOU

St. Thomas Food Panty Oct 9 &10 We served 102 families
Risen Lord Food Panty on Oct 23& 24 served 279 families.
Thanks all volunteers and Benefactors!

“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” –Mother Teresa



Children Mass at St. Thomas parish on Nov 3rd, 2024



On Nov 3rd, Our Mission church Risen Lord with OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATIONS, honor Deacon Dave Galvin and The Outreach Ministry of St James the Greater parish **MATHEW 25 AWARD** for what they have been doing for the poor in Clay and Braxton county

