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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
Oct 5 & 12	\$ 1060

By August 30, CSA 2024, we raised \$5410 (110%) 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 !**

Next OCIA Class will be held at 6:00 p.m on Oct 25
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

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
Saturday Oct 12
SUNDAY OCT 13
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
& for Mary Martin, Kethryn Minnich, Chris Raynor, Kathy Zink, Hellen Teets
Tue, Oct 15 Adoration & Mass at 5:00 p.m
Wed, Oct 16—Mass at 5:00 p.m
Thu, Oct 17—Mass at 5:00 p.m
Fri, Oct 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dylan Cogar - Oct. 13
Dale Elwood - Oct.14
Rev. Adam Oleszczuk, SVD
Tim Harman Jr. - Oct. 19
Wishing you all Happy and Blessed Birthday

CCD Class
Oct 13 & 20

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pastor's Pondering
Greetings on this Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time!
Dear brothers and sisters,
Please join me to welcome our provincial visiting this week. The Very Reverend Father Adam Oleszczuk, SVD, the Provincial of the Chicago Province will be visiting Appalachian (WV) district from October 11 through 19. He and our Provincial Treasurer, Fr. Matheus Ro, SVD will visit St. Thomas Parish on Tuesday, October 15 and leave on Wednesday, October 16. October 16 is also Father Adam's birthday. All are welcome join us for Adoration and Mass on Tuesday and to meet them after Mass. Let us pray for both of them as they travel to visit our district and parishes.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Mary, our mother, is honored every day, but the month of October give Catholics special opportunities to reflect upon her role in the life of the Church. These days, there is much to pray about concerning war in the Middle East and Ukraine, the fallout of natural disasters, unborn children, peace and unity of our nation during this election time, and on-going financial hardships on the part of so many, to name an only few examples.

At St. Thomas, as is our parish custom, we will pray the Rosary before the 11:00 am Sunday Masses throughout the year in the church, and October, we pray Rosary at Mother Mary's shrine if the weather permits and **we will have the Crowning for her on Oct 13 before Mass.**

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND
The Bishop has asked us to join in a national Catholic relief collection for the victims of Hurricane Helene who now have suffered a double blow with Hurricane Milton. That special collection will be taken up the weekend of **October 26 & 27.** Checks can be made out to "St. Thomas Church." Please write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo section of the check or place your donation in an envelope marked "Hurricane Relief."

Please continue to remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

We need all Catholic Christians to vote!!!
"As Americans, we have a great civic responsibility to vote in our upcoming elections. As Catholics, we are called to form our conscience based on the Gospel teachings before visiting the voting booth. In order to assist us in discernment, The United States Catholic Bishops have created a document, <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/formingconsciences-faithful-citizenship> to remind us of Catholic social teachings on the issues of War, Abortion, Racism, Immoral Lifestyles, Immigration Conflict, Unemployment, Health Care, Homelessness, and the Environment. We encourage everyone to read the document and spend time in prayer and discernment of all candidates before exercising our right to vote on November 5th." (This message is brought to you by the Justice and Peace sub-committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.)

Oct 13: Parish and Financial Council Meeting will be held after Mass. Please mark your calendar. Thanks.

THANK YOU
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Second Collection
Oct 19 & 20 we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts, particularly generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” –Mother Teresa
Also Thanks SVD and All Benefactors have been supporting us with this ministry ~ Fr. Thien



RISEN LORD FOOD PANTRY: THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to all volunteers in Risen Lord, Clay, Charleston, St. Thomas and Weirton, WV for the help for the Food Pantry this week. **We served 266 families this month of Sept.**

