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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	Collection
Sept 28 & 29	\$ 1087

By August 30, CSA 2024, we raised \$5410 (110%) 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. Please keep the bard raising. **Thanks for your support !**

Next OCIA Class will be held at 6:00 p.m on Oct 11

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 5—Mass at 5:00 p.m

For Lucas Shimko

SUNDAY OCT 6

FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS

& for Mary Bailey Fisher, Ruth Taylor, Betty Johnson, Bea Straub, Flo Warner

Oct 8— For Beata's Intentions.

Oct 9—For Beata's Intentions.

Oct 10—For parish's benefactors

Oct 11 —For Katerina Pawlowski

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pat McPherson - Oct 7

Dan Given - Oct. 8

Katerina Pawlowski - Oct. 11



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Dear brothers and sisters,

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 our St. Thomas Parish on Tuesday, October 15 and leave on Wednesday, October 16. 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 months of May and 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, the fallout of natural disasters, unborn children, 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. As we honor Our Lady of Rosary in the upcoming month of October, we will have the Crowning for her on Oct 13.

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. At St. Thomas, on Tuesday, we will have Adoration and Benediction to pray for Unborn children and for Life.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND

In late September, Hurricane Helene slammed the coast of Florida and ravaged portions of the southeast with strong winds and flooding rains. Hundreds of lives have been lost and millions of families lost their homes and everything in them. Entire towns have been destroyed.



Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of October 26th-27th, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made securely online by visiting dwc.org and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief."

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA's Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. The fund assists organization on the ground in the immediate aftermath to support individuals and families who have lost nearly everything. Every dollar contributed will be used to provide essential services like shelter, food, and medical care to those affected.

Please 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.

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

Food Pantry-Help Wanted!

On Oct 9

Pick up at

Mountaineer

Food Bank

at 1:00 p.m

Unload + Prepacked

1:45 p.m.

Distribute on Oct 10

from 9:00 a.m. —noon

Walking with Moms in Need

The Pro-life mission doesn't end with saving babies from abortion. It is just the beginning. Women who choose life often need support during and after their pregnancies.

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. Our parish established this ministry on April 7, 2024.

If you would like to support us, the donation envelope is on vestibule, or consider to donate diapers (all size needed), baby wipes, baby clothes... Also, if you know any mom need help, please introduce them to us as well.

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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.**

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A Big Thank You to Kathy Bronkhurst, Marian Agostino, Dot Shimko, Connie Moore, Collen Mahon, Mary Hailer, Louise Elwood, Rick Allen, Tom Teubert, the McLaughlin family and 7 volunteers from St. Joseph the Worker, Weirton, WV for the help for the Food Pantry this week and have blood pressured check up for 16 people. **We served 109 families this month.**
“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

