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| Sharing God's Blessings |            |
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| Date                    | Collection |
| August 24 & 25          | \$ 1737    |

**By August 30, CSA 2024, we raised \$5260 (107%) 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 5:00 p. m on Sept 6 , 2024.**  
 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](mailto: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 August 31—Mass at 5:00 p.m**  
 For Beata Intenstions  
**SUNDAY SEPT 1**  
 FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS  
**Tuesday—Sept 3—** For Beata's Intentions  
**Wed Sept 4—**For Beata Intentions  
**Thursday Sept 5 —For parish Benefactors**  
**Friday Sept 6 —** For Beata's Intentions



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 Phil Peters II - Sept. 3  
 Scarlett Taylor - Sept. 5  
**Wishing you all Happy and Blessed Birthday**

**CCD Class**  
**Sept 15 & 22**

**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. Amen

Mark your calendar  
**PARISH PICNIC ON SEPT 15, 2024 at the church**  
 Our Parish Picnic is coming up soon .  
 Sept 15, after 11: 00 am at the church.  
 The following sign-up sheet will be placed on the table in the parish hall. Please indicate on the sheet if your family is coming and what dish you can bring. Please invite your friends and families member join us.

*Greeting on Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Dear brothers and sisters,  
 On this Labor Day Weekend, I pray that you enjoy this time with family and friends. I encourage you to reflect on the work God has given you and your family. Let us reflect upon the word of pope Francis, “ *Human labor is the vocation that mankind received from God ever since the creation of the universe. It is work that makes us similar to God, because through work men and women act as creator, and are capable of creating many things, even of creating a family*” Pope Francis  
**Our Parish Picnic is coming up soon. Sept 15, after 11:00 am at the church.** Please mark your calendar. Picnics are casual, wonderful ways to enjoy the company of friends and meet new ones as well. All generations of parishioners benefit from being present. A Parish Picnic is a time to strengthen the bond of unity between all of us and to grow new relationships by making new friends; especially in that we continue to grow, and new parishioners are a blessing for us. Come join us.  
**Prayer for Labor Day**  
 As the sun rises to bring in the new day:  
 We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.  
 We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.  
 We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.  
 We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.  
 As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:  
 We remember those who work in the night.  
 We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.  
 We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.  
 We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.  
 God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
 (USCCB)

**Upcoming Faith Formation and Catechetical Certification Opportunities**  
 Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at [rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com)  
**Sacraments** This is an introductory overview to the theology of the sacraments, the public, liturgical prayer of the Church. This course will include online materials and a two-hour weekly zoom meeting on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning September 4th. To register or for further information please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu [rodicastcoiuphd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastcoiuphd@gmail.com)  
 Faith Formation Study of  
**The Joy of the Gospel:** Evangelii Gaudium Of special interest this Fall, in light of the next Synod session, we will discuss the role and responsibility of the laity in the Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and look at what it means to be “Spiritfilled evangelizers” today. The course materials are online and there is a two-hour weekly class discussion on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning Sept 2. To register or for further information please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu [rodicastcoiuphd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastcoiuphd@gmail.com)



On August 21 & 22 at our Mission Church-  
the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay  
we served 238 families with more than  
15,000 lbs. of food. 9 volunteers from the  
cathedral and St. Joseph the worker parish  
came to help. Two nurses also checked  
blood pressure and sugar check for 22  
individuals.

**THANKS VOLUNTEERS  
AND BENEFACTORS**

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for  
one of the least of these brothers and  
sisters of mine, you did for me."  
(Matthew 25:40)*



**THANK YOU**

**A Big Thank You** to Marian Agostino, Louise Elwood, Dot Shimko, Connie Moore, Mary Hailer, Tom Teubert and Rick Allen, Shaina, Beva & Fiona Shaver and 5 volunteers from St. Joseph the Worker parish in Wheeling, for the help for the Food Pantry on Aug 7 & 8...  
**We served 94 families and the nurse in Wheeling, Cindy Hess checked blood pressure for 20 people this month. THANKS VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS !**

