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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	Collection
Sept 7&8	\$ 1000

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 5:00 p. m on Sept 20

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 Sept 14—Mass at 5:00 p.m

SUNDAY SEPT 15

FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS

Sept 17— For Marian and Joe Agostino's Intentions
Sept 18—For Marian and Joe Agostino's Intentions
Sept 19 —For parish's Benefactors
Sept 20— For Marian and Joe Agostino's Intentions



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Bennett - Sept. 16
 Marian Agostino - Sept. 17
 Logan Bennett - Sept. 21
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. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**PARISH PICNIC TODAY
 ON SEPT 15, 2024at the church**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

Pastor's Pondering

Greetings on this Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday Sept 15, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, a day to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all, a day to honor all those in our parishes and Catholic schools who teach us about God, the Church and how to put our faith in action.

Pope Francis said, "catechists have the vital responsibility of leading others to a personal encounter with Jesus through prayer, the sacraments, and Scripture... *"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God ... to transmit the joy of the Gospel in life."*

Pope Saint John Paul II said in a message to catechist, "So many times it has fallen to (catechists) to strengthen and build up the young Christian communities, ... It was you, the catechists, who instructed the catechumens, prepared people for the sacraments, taught the faith, and were leaders of the Christian community.... Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of your vocation, through which Christ has called you from among other men and women to be instruments of his salvation. Respond with generosity to your vocation and your names will be written in heaven (cf. Lk 10:20)."

Parents, Jesus said, **"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."** (Matthew 19:14) and **The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds that,** "parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children" (CCC 2223). **It adds,** "Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This happens when family members help one another grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and heart of liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents" (Catechism, 2226).

Parents, we know you work hard with the hope that your child will grow up to be healthy, have success in life, have a happy marriage, have wonderful children, a nice home, financial success. Good, natural hopes. But the greatest hope you can have is your child will come to eternal life with God. Jesus reminds us, **"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"** (Mark 8:36). Therefore, please take your serious duty to encourage and bring your children to the class and to help them grow in faith so that they will make a life that begins now and will last for all eternity. You are the primary faith teacher for your kids.

May God bless our catechists that without hesitation share the beauty of their faith, the love of life-long learning, and the graces of the sacraments.

At St. Thomas we will resume CCD in person classes on Sep 15. Our classes will be held at the basements of the parish hall. These sessions will be on Sundays from 9:45am and until 10:45am (TBA). Registration is currently open. Please register with Mrs. Pat McPherson, DRE. Thanks. ~Fr. Thien

Prayer for Teachers

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever. R/. Amen.

THANK YOU

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 Sept 12 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

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Sept 22: Altar Society Meeting will be held after Mass.

Please mark your calendar. Thanks.



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 par-
ish 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)*



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