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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
Sept 20 & 21	\$ 580

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 Sept 28—Mass at 5:00 p.m

SUNDAY SEPT 29
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS

Oct 1— For Pat McPherson's father .
Oct 2—For Pat McPherson's daughter

Oct 3 For parish's benefactor & for Joe and Marian Agostino's Intentions
Oct 4 —For Marian and Joe Agostino's Intentions

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Alana Bailey - Sept. 29
Tom Karickhoff - Sept. 29

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!
 Dear brothers and sisters,
SVD Provincial visit WV and Our Parish: 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.
 Why are we asked to pray the Rosary?
 Pope Pius V urged all Catholics to pray the Rosary for the Christians' victory over the Turks in the Battle of Lepanto, on October 7, 1571. When their prayers were answered, the pope decreed that October 7 would henceforth be commemorated as the feast of Our Lady of Victory.
 In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast to Our Lady of the Rosary. More than three hundred years later, Mary appeared in Fatima, Portugal, and said, "I am the Lady of the Rosary." She asked that the Rosary be prayed for peace. The crowd that gathered that day, October 13, 1917, witnessed an event known as the Miracle of the Sun.
 In his 2002 Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary, Pope John Paul II described the Rosary as a prayer that was from its inception "destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness." Though ostensibly a prayer calling on Mary's aide, it is ultimately centered on Christ and the eternal mystery of the Word made flesh. Regularly contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life is an exercise designed to bring peace, deepen our sense of faith, hope, and love, and, above all, help conform us "ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness."
 As an immensely powerful prayer, the Rosary also has benefits for our:
Minds: Even on our busiest days, we need to spend time reflecting on Jesus. A whole Rosary takes a mere 20 minutes. The Rosary should be part of every day. Take breaks, pray for souls, receive graces.
Hearts: The Rosary is a Christ-centered, deeply Scriptural prayer. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary – important events in the life of Christ – we recall evidence of God's love in history. We can ask for the graces to imitate the virtues of Jesus and Mary. Gradually, our hearts will be conformed to Jesus' Heart.
Souls: The Rosary prepares us for deeper prayer. Switching from "active working mode" to "contemplative prayer mode" may not happen right away. The repetition of the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers creates a space in our minds and hearts, so we can enter into deep, intimate prayer with God.
 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 May 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 Crowing for her on Oct 13. ~ Fr. Thien

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.

Prayer for the Respect of Life Heavenly Father, the beauty and of hu-man life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be.

2nd Collection for Catholic University of America: This weekend, the diocese will take up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education.



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.**

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 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

