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CCD Class, Jan 7 & 28
OCIA (RCIA)
Saturday after 5: p.m Mass

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Melissa Duty Jan. 16
Connie Moore Jan. 23
May you have a Happy and Blessed Birthday!

Sharing God's Blessings

Date	Collection
Jan 6&7	\$ 1395

The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)
 As of Dec 30, 2023, St. Thomas has raised \$6,690 which is 127% of our parish goal of \$5,250. **Thank you very much for your generous Support**

LITURGY SCHEDULE
ROSARY: Sunday 10:30 a.m.
WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday 5:00 p.m (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
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 for the Week
Sat Jan 13—For Tumman Family
Sunday Jan 14
For Parishioners of St Thomas

Tue, Jan 16—for Katerina Pawlowski's intentions
Wed, Jan 17 - for Katerina Pawlowski's intentions
Thur, Jan 18— **Benefactors of our parish**
Fri, Jan 19 — Beata Pawlowski's intentions

Special Collection for the Holy Land Jan 13-14
 As we pray for peace in the Holy Land, Bishop Mark Brennan reminds the faithful of the special collection for that war torn region to be held in parishes and missions in our diocese next weekend.
 Funds will then go directly to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support, providing essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land.

Parish and Financial Council Meeting on January 28, 2022
 Fr. Thien would like to have Parish and Financial council meeting on January 28 after Mass. Please mark your calendar.
 Thanks. *Fr. Thien*

Greetings on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time
 Dear brothers and sisters,
 We are in the second week of Ordinary Time until we begin the Holy Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Ordinary Time - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people.
 The word ordinary can feel like a synonym for "boring," but Ordinary Time is far from it. This season takes its name from the ordinal numbers (first, second, third, and so on) that are used to count the Sundays and the weeks that follow them. While the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter have a certain importance in the liturgical year, that does not diminish Ordinary Time. Consider that as the priest prepares the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil, he states, "All time belongs to him." How might we use this season to grow closer to God? Fr. Thien

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference-Married and engaged couples are invited to the third annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on February 10, 2024 from 10:45am-6:00pm at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$32/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. *For more information, visit togetherinholiness.org/wheelingcharleston or email Cameron@forlifeandfamily.org.*

• *"Every person is made for self-giving love, which has been fully revealed to us by Jesus Christ. At the third annual Together in Holiness conference in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, you will have the opportunity to reflect upon how your own family is called to be a school of love. I encourage all married and engaged couples to attend this event so you and your spouse may grow in deeper appreciation of your marriage vocation and your mission to love God and one another."*- **Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston**

THANK YOU
Many Thanks to Marty & Kathy Bronkhurst, Marian Agostino, Collen Mahon, Mary Hailer, Rick Allen, Tom Teubert, Beata Pawlowski, Louise Elwood, Dot & Pete Shimko and Amber & kids for the help at the Food Pantry on Jan 10&11.
We served 93 families.

Dear everyone,
 The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis of Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston offer two, upcoming, hybrid courses for catechists, for all of our Catholic, West Virginia catechists and religion teachers. These will be taught via ZOOM gatherings and Dayton's website platform. The Diocese 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

Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church
(Begins Week of January 15th)
 This is the second in a series of courses on the theology of the Church and builds on the course The Beginnings of the Church. We will continue our exploration of the Church and how, as a living organism, it both maintains its continuity with Jesus and reshapes its own self-understanding. We will examine questions of authority, community and governance and look at social and political changes in the Church through the 15th century. This will then aid our conversation as we look at Vatican II and its understanding of the episcopal and papal offices and the models of Church presented by the Council. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton...The Zoom sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 7pm for five weeks. Our first meeting will be on January 15th.

Introduction to Scripture
 (Begins Week of January 15th)
 If you are new to studying the Bible, have questions about reading the Bible, want to learn more about the Bible but don't know where to start; or, if you are working towards your certification for catechesis, this course is for you!! Learn what the Bible is and where it comes from, understand how Roman Catholics read the Bible and what the differences are between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible, start to build your Bible vocabulary by learning about the synoptic Gospels, what is inspiration, and much more. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation of the University of Dayton...The Zoom sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm for five weeks.

When the song of the angels
is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes
are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins

to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

- HOWARD THURMAN

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O God... help us to
walk together, pray
together, sing
together, and live
together until that day
when all God's
children, Black,
White, Red, and
Yellow, will rejoice in
one common band of
humanity in the
kingdom of our Lord.
Amen.

Martin Luther King Jr.

