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**Heavenly Father, We lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask that you bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies, minds and souls...**  
 Madilyn Peters, Benjamin Hailer, Melissa Duty, Maria & Jimmy Frame, Michael Larch & Thomas T, Tom Sharpe and Kristen Teubert and those who ask us pray for them.

**CCD Class: May 7 & May 21**  
 OCIA (RCIA) class  
 Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m to 10:45 am

**Sharing God's Blessings**

Date	Collection
May 13&14	\$920

**Thank you very much for your generous Support**

**The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)**  
 As of April May 27 , 2023, St. Thomas has raised \$3970 which is 76% of our parish goal of \$5,250. Remember every dollar raised over the first 50% of each goal will be returned to the parish, including every dollar donated over the parish goal. Again, this year, we are going to use the fund for our building insurance which is over \$8000. Thank you.

**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**  
**May 30—Tuesday For Steffi Hone, Arlene Phillips, Harold Samples. Rq by Rose**  
**May 31- Wed for Beata's P intentions .**  
**June 1- Thursday for our Benefactor**

**BIBLE STUDY—SHARING RESUME**  
 Every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesday after 5:00 PM Mass. PLEASE JOIN US.

This Monday, as we remember those who have given their lives in service to our nation, make use of the prayer is this bulletin. Have a blessed Memorial Weekend!  
**Prayer for Memorial Day**  
 God of power and mercy,  
 you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.  
 Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
 We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Catholic Relief Services Collection-May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

**Pastoral's Pondering.**  
**Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord!**  
 Happy Birthday, Catholic Church! Pentecost is one of the most ancient feasts in the church. 50 days after Easter, Jesus gives to the church the Holy Spirit. Pentecost (literally: "fifty-days") was originally a Jewish feast commemorating the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, which took place 50 days after the first Passover Meal. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the beginning of the Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit. May we be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide us.

For the Eucharistic Congress, Bishop Mark writes, "*As you are well aware, we are looking forward to our final Eucharistic Congresses in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on June 2-3 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. It will be held in Charleston, and these two days will in many ways reflect the local diocesan Church and our desire to unite as we come together to worship God and give thanks for Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.*"

**We would like to have 10-15 parishioners to represent our St. Thomas parish and Risen Lord Mission community at this significant event in the life of the diocese.** Additionally, from that group, we need to designate one representative that will be part of the procession of the vicariates (presenting your Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer) during the Saturday morning prayer service. Please prayerfully consider attending this event. Please let Fr. Thien know if you plan to attend so that we can register to the diocese. Or you can register at <https://dwc.org/eucharisticcongresses/#>. IT's FREE. There will be **NO 5:00 p.m Mass on June 2** since Fr. Thien attend the Eucharistic Congress.

**Friday, June 2, 2023.**  
 5:30pm: Seminarian meet and greet (Basilica Gathering Space)  
 7:00pm: Taizé Prayer Service with reception to follow in Gathering Space

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
 9:00am-10:00am Check-In/Coffee and Donuts (Basilica Gathering Space)  
**10:00am-10:30am** Morning Prayer (Basilica)  
 10:30am-10:45am Break  
 10:45am-11:30am Plenum Address – Fr. Joe Freedy (Basilica)  
 11:30am-12:00pm Break  
 11:45am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CC High School 4th Floor Chapel)  
 Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (Basilica/CCHS)  
 11:45am-12:15pm Tours of the Basilica  
 12:00pm-1:15pm Lunch (CCHS Commons)  
 1:00pm-2:00pm Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation  
 1:15pm-2:15pm Q&A with Father Joe Freedy (CCHS Commons)  
 2:45pm-3:45pm Breakout Sessions (CCHS)  
 4:00pm-5:00pm Breakout Sessions (CCHS)  
 5:15pm Musical Preludes prior to Mass (Basilica)  
 5:30pm Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop Brennan as Principal Celebrant

**PARISH 'S WEBSITE**  
 Please check out our parish website  
<https://stthomasgassaway.org>

**THANK YOU**  
 We had successful yard sales again! Heartfelt Thank you to all those helped our parish yard sale this year. And Thank you for your donation.

**Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer**  
 Our Bishop Mark has gifted us with a "Book of Prayer" for our upcoming Eucharistic Congress. *The book is set out in the vestibule (the entrance of the church) we ask that you place your prayer requests in the book. We will present the book during the Eucharistic Congress to Bishop Mark, who will offer our intentions in prayer throughout the Congress. The Eucharistic Congress date in Charleston June 2-3.*

**June will be a busy month for our parish.**  
 Please check out the list of events. I encourage you to take part in these opportunities to deepen our faith and grow closer as a community of faith.  
 Our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
 June 11th- On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), we will have a Eucharistic Procession after our 11:00 am Mass.  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> : FATHER'S DAY DINNER after 11: 00 am Mass At Shelter #1 by the Sutton dam  
 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 join us.  
 Thank you.