



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407

# THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church  
9 Third Avenue  
Union City, PA 16438

## October 20, 2024



### 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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#### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

St. Thomas the Apostle     St. Teresa of Avila

Please drop this information into Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.

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**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish**  
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**Saint Teresa of Avila Church**  
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**Parish Office**  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407  
814-663-3041

**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)  
Friday: Closed

**Notes from the Pastor**

**ALTAR ROSARY CARD PARTY:** A big thank you goes out to Rowena Watts and the women of the Altar Rosary Society for the great Card Party they put on last week. Thanks to Dick Hasbrouck for all his help and for being the MC for the event. Thanks to all those who donated items for the various raffles that took place. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a huge success.

**THANKS TO THE CORRY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Thanks to the Corry Knights of Columbus and all those who helped they work at the Sparty Fair. Thank You for the very generous contribution to St. Thomas Parish for all your hard work.

**ALL SOULS SERVICE:** On Monday, November 4, at 7:00pm at St. Teresa Church, we will be celebrating Mass in remembrance of all those who have died in the past year from all three Churches. A letter will be going out to families of those who have had a loved one buried from our parish inviting family members to this Mass. All are welcome to attend. Families will have the opportunity to carry up a candle to be lit in remembrance of their loved one. A light reception will follow in the Parish Center.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** During the month of November, we remember to pray for all those who have died. One way we do that is the Book of Remembrance. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book and it will be placed near the altar during the month of November where we will remember them in our prayer each day. At St. Thomas the book is located near the St. Joseph Statue. At St. Teresa the book is located in the back of the Church near the stairs to the basement.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS:** We are hoping to offer Adult Formation Classes while our young people are attending their classes. I am hoping to offer a class on How to Interpret Scripture beginning Sunday, October 20, from 9:30 to 10:30 in the NEW meeting room in the Parish Center. The class will continue on November 3 and 17, as well as December 15. Please sign up in the Church for this class so we know how many to prepare for.

**POLITICAL ISSUES TO KEEP IN MIND IN THE COMING MONTH:** As a Church and a non-profit organization, we are not permitted to endorse a political party or candidate. That includes those who would use our facilities for a gathering or an event. We encourage people to register to vote and to exercise their right to vote. We can host voter registration events but only if both parties are represented and able to register. We can even hold polling places in our buildings. Political signs are not permitted on Church property as they constitute us supporting one candidate over another, even if that candidate is a parishioner.

Some examples of what can and cannot be done: It is not permissible to rent out a Catholic facility for a dinner for a political party or a candidate for office. Likewise, while it would be permissible to conduct a general voter-registration drive, it would not be permissible to conduct a Democratic or Republican voter-registration drive, since by their nature these would be partisan events.

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**Sunday, October 20**

- 8:00a.m. Members of the Catholic Daughters by the Catholic Daughters, Court Conception #35 (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter, Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, October 21**

- 8:00a.m. †Bill Flynn by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, October 22**

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Vinca and Buccolini Families by Julie & Steve Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 6:00p.m. †Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #425 (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, October 23**

- 8:00a.m. †Joseph Jawdy, Sr. by Joe & Janet Jawdy (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, October 24**

No Mass or Services at either Sts. Thomas or Teresa today.

**Friday, October 25**

- 8:00a.m. †Paul Flynn by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, October 26**

- 4:30p.m. †Betty Sarnicki by the Catholic Daughters (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, October 27**

- 8:00a.m. †The Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

The Church can host events that explain the Catholic position on issues according to the Catholic Moral tradition and social teaching.

NO GROUP or ORGANIZATION has permission to distribute flyers or other voter education information on Church property. Church parking lots are private property and therefore it is inappropriate for groups or individuals to “leaflet” or distribute materials on cars parked in church parking lots. No one has permission to “leaflet” or distribute materials on cars parked in church parking lots.

The Church must walk a fine line between encouraging people to vote and be educated on issues but can never endorse a particular party or candidate. If a Church crosses this line, it could lose its tax exempt – nonprofit status.

**ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY MASSES:** Masses on Friday, November 1, will be at 8:00am at St. Teresa and at 7:00pm at St. Thomas.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** will be at St. Teresa at 9:00am.

- Fr. Tom

## St. Thomas News

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/13):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,846.00

Total Paid to date = \$56,746.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 131

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

Please make a pledge today. Thank you.

Be sure to make your check payable to

'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.



**PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (814-665-6944), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-882-6806).

Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our deceased loved ones.



### Catholic Daughters Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of the Catholic Daughters, Court Conception #35, are reminded of their meeting on Thursday, October 24, at 6:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please join us and bring a friend.

It is CDA Day and we would like women of the parish to know that we are seeking new members. There will be sign up sheets in the church in the next few weeks if you are interested in joining the Catholic Daughters organization. Thank you.

## PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



### Corry Knights 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425, cordially invites parishioners to a special evening Mass at St. Thomas Church on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm for the celebration of their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A dinner program will follow the Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish Center at 7:00pm for all who wish to attend. **Dinner reservations are required!** Cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. Please make your RSVP by calling one of the following Knights: Deacon Randy at 814-964-7823, Gary Johnston at 814-665-1036, or Len Clark at 814-664-8740.

### Thank You!

The Knights wish to thank all the parishioners and everyone else who helped at the Spartansburg Fair selling gate tickets this year. We were able to donate \$2,335.95 to Saint Thomas Church from our efforts. *We could not have done it without 'YOU'!*



Members of Corry Council #425 of the Knights of Columbus presenting the check to Fr. Tom after Mass last weekend.

### Corry Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

The Corry Knights are holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the week prior to Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to please donate non-perishable food items. Place donations in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Thanks!



*"Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."* - Pope St. John Paul II

### Family Perspective

While many good books abound on marriage and parenting, Jesus tells us in today's gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" ourselves.



### Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at Saint Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

### "Question of the Week" - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** Name some ways that you can serve others.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and/or your community?

**Question for Adults:** What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

### Winterizing Our Cemeteries

Please remove all urns/plants from graves for the winter by Nov. 10 at both St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. There will be a work bee to clean up the cemeteries for Fall on either Saturday, Nov. 16 or Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). If you wish to help with the clean-up, please contact Rhonda Pierce at the parish office (814-663-3041). After these dates, holiday wreaths/decorations may be placed on graves. Thank you.

## St. Teresa News

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/13):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00

Total Paid to date = \$37,210.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 102

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

**Please make a pledge today. Thank you.**

**Be sure to make your check payable to**

**'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.**

## St. Teresa Church

**CO-ED**  
**CASH**  
**BINGO**

**Saturday, November 9th, 2024**

Doors open 4:30 - Bingo starts at 6:00

**Union City Fire Hall**

50 2nd Avenue • Union City, PA

**ADMISSION \$30.00**

BYOB,  
Non Alcoholic  
Beverages will be  
Available  
Food Truck  
will also be available

Large Basket  
Raffle  
Chinese Auction  
Lottery Tree  
50-50  
and more...

No one under 21 admitted -  
For reservations Contact Dick or Elaine Hasbrouck  
814 450-2766

### Seeking Items for the Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo. Donations can be dropped off at St. Teresa Church. For other arrangements call Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950. Thank you.

### Helping Hurricane Helene Victims

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites those who wish to make a donation to relief efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Helene and Milton to donate directly through Catholic Charities USA at this link: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/disaster-relief/hurricane-helene-response/>.

"CCUSA, as the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, has launched a dedicated Helene disaster relief campaign. All donations received for disaster aid will be allocated to the Catholic Charities agencies providing critical relief — including shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid — to those most in need."

Catholic Charities agencies are on the ground providing immediate disaster relief such as water, food, and shelter and will continue to serve in their communities throughout the long-term recovery.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bill Flynn by Judy Flynn.

### Readings for the week of October 20, 2024

Sun.: Isaiah 53:10-11 ♦ Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22) ♦ Hebrews 4:14-16  
♦ Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Mon.: Ephesians 2:1-10 ♦ Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 ♦ Luke 12:13-21

Tues.: Ephesians 2:12-22 ♦ Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 ♦ Luke 12:35-38

Wed.: Ephesians 3:2-12 ♦ Psalm 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ♦ Luke 12:39-48

Thur.: Ephesians 3:14-21 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 ♦ Luke 12:49-53

Fri.: Ephesians 4:1-6 ♦ Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ♦ Luke 12:54-59

Sat.: Ephesians 4:7-16 ♦ Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 ♦ Luke 13:1-9

Next Sun.: Jeremiah 31:7-9 ♦ Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3) ♦ Hebrews 5:1-6 ♦ Mark 10:46-52



Rev. Msgr. John Swoger, Rev. Dennis Veltri, Rev. Ross Miceli, Rev. Mark O'Hern, Rev. Brian Vossler, Rev. Thomas Suppa, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

### St. Teresa Cemetery News

This is a reminder that the water will be turned off at the cemetery at the end of October. If you have any plants/pots on loved ones graves that you wish to keep, please remove them by October 31, 2024. Thank you.



### Thank You from the St. Teresa Rosary-Altar Society

We wish to thank everyone involved with helping to make our recent Harvest Moon Card Party such a success again this year. We are grateful to all of our members who prepared and worked this event, and thanks to those who attended the card party. It was a very enjoyable evening. A special "thank you" to Fr. Tom Whitman and Dick Hasbrouck for their help. *Thanks again - Rowena Watts, President of the Rosary-Altar Society*

### **Have HOPE in the Lord.**

### October—Respect Life Month

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

*from Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995.*



### St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

#### •Rosary—Altar Society

Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM

#### •Knights of Columbus

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

#### •Religious Education Guild


Meets during the school term

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** October 12 & 13, 2024

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| <b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (125) .....   | \$4,951.00    |
| <b>Loose</b> .....  | \$416.00      |
| (Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)   |               |
| <b>Online Giving</b> (12) .....   | \$410.00      |
| <b>Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.</b> .....   | \$0.00        |
| <b>Continuing the Vision.</b> .....   | \$40.00       |
| <b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....   | \$5,817.00    |
| <b>Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....  | \$11,390.00   |
| (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.) |               |
| <b>Weekly Average Shortfall</b> .....   | \$(-5,573.00) |

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.*


**Please write checks to St. Thomas Church.**  
*If checks are to go to our parish cemeteries—please make them to either St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, or St. Teresa Cemetery. Thank you.*



*Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at [www.StThomastheApostle.Church](http://www.StThomastheApostle.Church) and click 'Donate Online'.*

## Religious Education News


**2024—2025 Religious Education Program**



Our Religious Education Program is combined this year. Combining our resources helps to make our program stronger. For the 2024-2025 Religious Education year, we will have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year (September—December) and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year (January—May). Class times are 9:30am—10:45am in Union City and will be from 9:00am—10:30am in Corry, to allow students and families to attend Mass at either church.

**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

Sunday, October 20—Class for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)  
 Sunday, October 27—Social Event at St. Teresa (12:00pm-2:00pm)  
 Sunday, Nov. 3—Classes for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)  
 Sunday, Nov. 10—Classes and Youth Mass at St. Teresa  
 Sunday, Nov. 17—Classes for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)  
 Sunday, Nov. 24—Classes and Advent Group Activity at St. Teresa




Election 2024

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A guide for Catholics in the Diocese of Erie

Please visit the diocesan micro site at <https://www.eriecd.org/election.html>

**Book of Remembrance**



Our Books of the Remembrance will be available in both churches throughout October and November. Books are located near the St. Joseph statue at St. Thomas and in the back at St. Teresa. You may write the names of beloved family and friends who have gone home to with our Lord, especially those who have died since last November 1. We will continue to pray for these loved ones throughout November, especially as we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Please also utilize your offertory envelopes for All Souls Day by writing the names of deceased loved ones on them. Thank you.

**Special Second Collection TODAY—October 19/20**

Thank you for supporting the second collection for *World Mission Sunday*. We join as Catholics in supporting the mission of the Church in places where faith is young, growing, or facing particular challenges. Your generosity will make a significant impact. Thank you for donating!


World Mission Sunday 2024

October 20th

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet (Mt 22:9)

**YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:**

- 👤 38,140 Individuals
- 🏠 8,750 Families and Households
- 🏥 12,000 Health Centers
- 🏫 844,000 Children
- 👥 258,540 Beneficiaries



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Society of Missionaries)

TEXT "MISSIONS24" TO 44384  
 SHARE THE FEAST: Give now  
[WWW.ONEFAMILYINMISSION.ORG/WMS](http://WWW.ONEFAMILYINMISSION.ORG/WMS)

Have you made your pledge to the 2024 CSA?

Diocese of Erie - 2024 Catholic Services Appeal

"That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you."  
John 17:21



# One Faith One Family

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find here a place where your faith will be nourished.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New Parishioners are welcome to register by completing the form on the front of the bulletin and returning it to the Offertory Collection or the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. We require all first-time parents to attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. The best time to take this class is before the child is born and before godparents are chosen.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least ten (10) months in advance to schedule a Wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the Parish Office know of anyone in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would desire weekly Holy Communion to be brought to them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are offered at the following times/locations:  
 3:30pm—4:00pm on Saturdays at the church where the anticipatory Mass is celebrate that evening—at St. Thomas Church, Corry or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (depending on the month); and other times by request made to the Parish Office.

Please be sure to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address, phone numbers, or email address. Thank you.