

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



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

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

# *November 15, 2026*



## 33rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"
Matthew 25:21

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
PHONE _____

☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

*Please drop into the Offertory Basket or mail to the Parish Office.*


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

***Message from the Pastor***

I GIVE CATHOLIC - EARLY GIVING: The early giving phase of "I Give Catholic" begins this week (Nov. 16-30). There are envelopes in the pews and at the entrances. You can also use your own envelope, just clearly mark what your gift is for. On our parish website is a link to the online giving site and the various projects that we are funding with this money. Two of the big projects that we are funding are the boilers at St. Thomas and the roof at St. Teresa Parish Center. Thanks to all those who have been so generous in contributing to these two big projects.

PRACTICES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: I have been reflecting on some different types of prayer and would like to continue that with some different spiritual practices and forms of prayer.

Often times our prayer is us speaking to God or reciting prayers, but like any conversation, if one person is doing all the talking, it is not very fruitful. At some point someone has to listen. And in our prayer, we need to listen to God speaking to us, if we want our prayer to be fruitful. How do we do that?

Most people are familiar with what we call an examination of conscience. We most often do this before we go to the sacrament of confession or reconciliation. We take some time to look back over our life since our last confession in order to identify the things that have been sinful in our lives. We would most often do this by reflecting on the Ten Commandments and identifying which ones we have broken.

This practice is not limited to Christians. The Pythagoreans and the Stoics both used a version of this practice long ago. But this practice of identifying our sin is not really looking at the entirety of our life. St. Ignatius in his *Spiritual Exercises* talks about an examen, or what we call today the *Ignatian Examen*. It looks not just at our moral faults and failings but looks at our good deeds and our emotions. The *Ignatian Examen* attempts to look at the whole picture of our life and how God is speaking to us through various aspects of our lives. (Next week will have a six step process to pray this *Ignatian Examen*.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS AT ST. TERESA: We will be collecting food for 30 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to support families in Union City. See the details of what is needed in the bulletin. Boxes are at the Church entrances to place your donations.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN CORRY: The Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food items to help support the Food Pantry in Corry for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Boxes are at the Church entrances to place your donations.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass will be on **Thursday, November 26, at 9:00am at St. Teresa**. All are welcome to attend.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Our Advent Penance Service will be **Sunday, December 6, at 1:30pm at St. Teresa Church**. There will be four priests available to hear confession during the Penance Service.




**Sunday, November 15**
8:00a.m. People of the Parish (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. ✝ Don Tinko by Irene Weaver and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, November 16**
8:00a.m. ✝ Lutz and Amoroso Families by family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, November 17**
8:00a.m. ✝ Janet Mitchell by Don Mitchell (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, November 18**
8:00a.m. ✝ Stanley Zajac by friends of the Manor (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, November 19**
No Mass or Services today at both St. Thomas & St. Teresa.

**Friday, November 20**
8:00a.m. ✝ Alfred & Lois Tujetsch by Carol Bryant (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, November 21**
4:30p.m. ✝ Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, November 22**
8:00a.m. ✝ Cragg and Sullivan Families by family (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

***Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*** Psalm 128

I GIVE CATHOLIC: The annual I Give Catholic online giving campaign will be held on **December 1**. Advanced Giving envelopes will be available as well. Watch the bulletin and the website for more information.

HOLY DAY MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: Masses will be **Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00am at St. Thomas in Corry** and at **7:00pm at St. Teresa in Union City**.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS AT BOTH CHURCHES: We will decorate for Christmas **at St. Teresa on Sunday, December 20, after the 11:00 Mass**, and **at St. Thomas on Monday, December 21, at 9:30am.** All are welcome to come and help.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: **Thursday, December 24, Mass will be at 4:30pm at St. Thomas and at 7:00pm at St. Teresa**. On **December 25, Mass will be at 10:00 at St. Thomas in Corry**.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES: Mass on New Year's Eve will be at **6:00PM at St. Teresa (Thursday, Dec. 31)** and Mass on New Year's Day will be at **9:00AM at St. Thomas (Friday, Jan. 1)**.

*- Fr. Tom*

# St. Thomas News

**The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of November 15th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Matthew Silvis by Mom.**

**"Question of the Week" - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children**: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

**Question for Youth**: Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

**Question for Adults**: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God.



***TODAY is Coffee & Donuts Sunday at St. Thomas***

Please stop over after the 8:00am Mass on **Sunday, November 15th** (TODAY) in the multipurpose room in the former school building. We will have some tasty donuts, delicious coffee, and good fellowship with each other. It will be a great start to your day following Mass. Hope to see you there.

***Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society***



The ladies of the Altar Rosary will again sell pastries at Masses the weekends of Nov. 14/15 and Nov. 21/22. Costs is $18 for Kolachi (Walnut and Apricot) and $13 for Baklava. Monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.

Cemetery Fundraiser at Corry Pizza Hut

**Tuesday, November 17th**

Help Support

St. Thomas & St. Elizabeth Cemeteries

***Eat Pizza - Have Fun - Raise Money!*** Help us raise money for our cemeteries during our Pizza Hut Fundraiser event. We will receive 25% of the sales from all orders placed at only **Corry Pizza Hut on Tuesday, Nov. 17 between 11:00am - 6:00pm**. You must present a voucher (see bulletin insert) with payment or at the time of pickup for any dine-in or carry-out orders made at the Corry Pizza Hut to participate. Please tell your family & friends, the more people who participate - the more money raised for our cemeteries. Thank you!



***Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection***

Please bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the baskets/bins by the doors at St. Thomas Church. Your donation goes to the Corry Food Pantry. Thanks!

***Join Us for Choir Practice at St. Thomas***

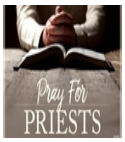
We will meet for choir rehearsals to prepare for the Advent and Christmas season on **Mondays from 6:00pm-7:30pm in St. Thomas Church**, now until Dec. 21. All who like to sing are invited to join us. Questions: contact Gary or Joan.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Janet Blakeslee** and **Harold 'Jake' Eberhardt** who passed away from Saint Thomas Church. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

# St. Teresa News

**The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 15th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of lives lost due to violence.**




Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski, Rev. Msgr. Henry Krebs, Rev. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, Capt. Joseph Campbell, Rev. Matthew Kujawinski, Rev. Thomas Trocchio, Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, and also Pray for All Priests and Deacons of our diocese.

***Donations Needed for Thanksgiving Food Baskets***

We are looking to provide **30 families right here in Union City** with everything needed to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! **Items needed to fill each meal include**:

**Canned Items**: Vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, peas), Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit, Pumpkin, Gravy.

**Boxed & Pantry Items**: Stuffing Mix, Dessert Mixes (cake, brownies, Jell-O, etc.), French Fried Onions, Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup, Broth (Chicken, Vegetable, or Turkey).



**Donations** are also a wonderful way to help! We will be purchasing fresh rolls for each meal. **You can contribute by dropping monetary donations in the collection basket or in the mailbox next to the rectory garage**.



You may also bring food donations to the entrance of **St. Teresa Church Monday–Thursday, 8:30AM–4:00PM, or before and after weekend Masses. Donations will be accepted now until Sunday, Nov. 15th**. Together, we can make this Thanksgiving special for our neighbors in need!

***Special Second Collection for Local Needs***

**100% of your donation in today's second collection remains within the Diocese of Erie**, directly supporting grassroots efforts that bring together community members, faith leaders and local organizations to build a more just and compassionate society. Your generosity helps uphold human dignity, strengthen communities and offer hope to those facing difficult circumstances. Thank you for putting your faith into action. Your generosity in this special collection is appreciated. Thank you!

**Readings for the week of November 15, 2026**

Sun.: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Mon.: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 | Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Luke 18:35-43
Tues.: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 | Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 | Luke 19:1-10
Wed.: Revelation 4:1-11 | Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Luke 19:11-28
Thu.: Revelation 5:1-10 | Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b | Luke 19:41-44
Fri.: Revelation 10:8-11 | Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 | Luke 19:45-48
Sat.: Revelation 11:4-12 | Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10 | Luke 20:27-40
Next Sun.: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | Matthew 25:31-46

***Family Perspective***

Just as the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, God has entrusted our family to us. Like the good servants, we are expected not to play it safe, but to selflessly and fully invest ourselves in each other.

## St Thomas the Apostle

Financial Summary for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

| Income | | |
|---|---|---|
| Offertory | | $242,651 |
| Special Gifts | | $12,484 |
| Investment Income | | |
| Parish Activities | | $61,974 |
| Rental Income | | $14,675 |
| Reimbursement | | $16,761 |
| Other - Candles, Religious Ed, #igivecatholic, ERIE Gives, sale of items | | $21,008 |
| Catholic Services Appeal | | $60,117 |
| **Total Income** | | **$429,670** |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Clergy Salary & Benefits | | $33,979 |
| Employee Salaries & Benefits | | $88,623 |
| Religious Education | | $13,383 |
| Parish Activities | | $41,855 |
| Rectory Expense | | $6,160 |
| Office Expense | | $13,158 |
| Altar & Liturgical Expenses | | $6,565 |
| Maintenance | | $46,199 |
| Utilities | | $57,094 |
| Insurance/Taxes | | $11,888 |
| Diocesan Assessments | | $12,863 |
| Support to Catholic Education | | $12,012 |
| Other | | $1,547 |
| **Total Expenses** | | **$345,326** |
| **Operating Net Income** (Income minus Expenses) | | **$84,344** |
| Extraordinary repairs - Parking lot, steeple roof, down payments for new boilers in church, school, office, and new roof on St Thomas school | - | -$216,102 |
| Funds used from Savings & CSA | + | $155,462 |
| **Total Net Income** | | **$23,704** |

## St Teresa of Avila

Financial Summary for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

| Income | | |
|---|---|---|
| Offertory | | $133,241 |
| Special Gifts | | $11,574 |
| Investment Income | | |
| Parish Activities | | $71,487 |
| Rental Income | | $3,800 |
| Reimbursement | | $7,407 |
| Other - Candles, Religious Ed, Interest, #igivecatholic, ERIE Gives | | $11,674 |
| Catholic Services Appeal | | $27,256 |
| **Total Income** | | **$266,439** |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Clergy Salary & Benefits | | $32,167 |
| Employee Salaries & Benefits | | $74,738 |
| Religious Education | | $13,476 |
| Parish Activities | | $38,623 |
| Rectory Expenses | | $6,160 |
| Office Expense | | $11,495 |
| Altar & Liturgical Expenses | | $6,951 |
| Maintenance | | $26,705 |
| Utilities | | $33,117 |
| Insurance/Taxes | | $12,218 |
| Diocesan Assessments | | $11,062 |
| Support to Catholic Education | | $9,922 |
| Other | | $0 |
| **Total Expenses** | | **$276,634** |
| **Operating Net Income** (Income minus Expenses) | | **-$10,195** |
| Extraordinary Repairs - Sealing parking lot, Church Roof, Rooftop Unit at Parish Center, Downpayment for parish center roof | - | -$165,600 |
| Funds used from last year CSA & savings | + | $125,472 |
| **Total Net Income** | | **-$50,323** |

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Nov. 7 & 8, 2026

**Total Offertory Income** ..... $7,240.00
**Average Budgeted Offertory Income**.....$7,700.00
**Offertory Shortage**.....$(-460.00)

*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 the specific cemetery: St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, or St. Teresa Cemetery. Thank you.***

DONATE ONLINE

***Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.***

You may also give by simply scanning the QR Code here:
THANK YOU for supporting our parish.

*If you are not receiving offertory envelopes from our parish and wish to, please contact the parish office. Thank you!*

**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!
We appreciate their support and ask that you patronize their businesses.

**2026 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals**

**Diocesan Goal for our parish is $64,881**
St. Thomas portion is $38,000 | St. Teresa portion is $27,000
Stretch Goals: St. Thomas - $123,000 | St. Teresa - $94,000

Amount Pledged at St. Thomas to date = $78,952
Paid to date = $75,907

Amount Pledged at St. Teresa to date = $42,980
Paid to date = $41,586

Number of Families who made a pledge is 216

Diocese of Erie 2026 Catholic Services Appeal

**Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment**

#iGIVECATHOLIC ON GIVING TUESDAY December 1, 2026

**Advanced Giving Dates**
**Nov. 16th - Nov. 30th**

**You can support St. Thomas and St. Teresa with an offline gift of check or cash by placing your gift in the #iGiveCatholic envelope found in the pews at both our churches**. Please be sure to designate which project/church you wish your gift to be applied.

**St. Thomas - offset the cost of new boilers**
**St. Teresa - raising funds for the roof**

Give Online at: **erie.igivecatholic.org**
(search for St. Thomas)

***Early Bulletin Deadlines***

The holidays are fast approaching and with it comes early bulletin deadlines. They are as follows:
For the Nov. 22 Bulletin - articles due by Nov. 12
For the Nov. 29 Bulletin - articles due by Nov. 18
For the Dec. 6 Bulletin - articles due by Nov. 28
For the Dec. 13 Bulletin - articles due by Dec. 3
For the Dec. 20 Bulletin - articles due by Dec. 10
For the Dec. 27 Bulletin - articles due by Dec. 16
Please be sure to have any items for the bulletin to the parish office well in advance to ensure publication. You may email the information to: *secretary@stparish.org* or drop it off in the parish office. Thank you.

## Faith Formation & Religious Education News

*We are excited to share the teaching of the Catholic faith in our Religious Educaiton Program*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Religious Education Class Schedule***
**Classes meet from 9:30am - 10:45am at St. Teresa Parish Center in Union City for ALL students** (Sept. - Dec.).
November 15 - Class
November 22 - Class / Safe Environment Training
November 29 - NO Class / Thanksgiving break
December 6 - Class / Advent Student Confessions
December 13 - Class
December 20 - Class / Advent Group Activity
December 27 - NO Class / Christmas break

***Parish Calendars***: 2027 Calendars are available in our churches near the entrances. We are grateful to the local funeral homes who sponsored our calendars so they can be enjoyed by parishioners. Please take only one per family, for now, until everyone who would like one has a chance to get one. Thank you.

***Winterizing Our Cemeteries***
Parishioners are reminded to remove all potted urns/plants (live or artificial) and other items from graves at our cemeteries for the winter. These items should be removed now before snow arrives. You are permitted holiday wreaths and/or seasonal decorations on graves for the Christmas holiday. Thank you for helping maintain the beauty and peacefullness of our parish cemeteries.

### WELCOME
If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find 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 returing it in the Offertory Colleciton or to 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.

### SACRAMNET 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 celebrated 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 notify the Parish of changes to your mailing address, phone numbers, or email. Thank you.*