



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

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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September 1, 2024



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

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

BOOKS: From time to time, I will recommend books on a variety of topics. Since we don't have Catholic Religious Goods stores anymore, Amazon becomes sometimes the easiest way to find books and even books on Kindle. All of these books are available in book form and on Kindle.

There has been a great deal of talk about the Eucharist lately so I will recommend two books:

Why Go To Church? The Drama of the Eucharist by Timothy Radcliffe, OP.

Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI.

Prayer: Our Deepest Longing by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

The Sower of Black Field, by Katherine Koch – this is a novel, based on a true story about a Passionist Priest from our Diocese (from Sharon, PA). It is the story of an American Priest in Nazi Germany. It is a story of a local hero.

I recommend these books not to rehash old teachings, but to help people grow deeper in their faith. Often times our Catholic Education ended with Confirmation Class during our Religious Education on Sunday mornings. These books challenge us to take that next step in our faith into a deeper relationship with God and with one another.

MASS CHANGES BEGINNING THIS WEEK: Starting September 1st, **Mass at St. Teresa will be at 11:00am on Sunday.**

UPCOMING CHANGES: Now that the official merger of St. Teresa of Avila Parish into St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has taken place there are some changes that you might need to be aware of.

• **Most importantly, the 10:00 Mass at St. Teresa will move to 11:00am starting in September.**

• We will be merging the two parish websites into one. At some point, if you go to St. Teresa's website, you will be automatically redirected to St. Thomas' website. This will allow us to keep everything in one place.

• We will also be combining into one parish envelope system. As a result, your envelope number may change.

• We will also be combining our online giving into one program. Currently we have one program for St. Thomas, We Share, and one for St. Teresa, Vanco.

• Many of these changes do not dramatically affect how things operate but help us at the office level to coordinate things better.

LIFECARE MINISTRIES: I received a very nice thank you note from Lifecare Ministries in regards to the Baby Bottle Drive that we held this summer. They were able to collect \$15,345.50 from all those who participated, and \$1,123.49 of that total came from St. Thomas Parish. Thanks to all those who helped to coordinate this effort and to all those who were so generous in supporting this worthy cause.

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Sunday, September 1

8:00a.m. ☩ The Amoroso and Lutz Families by their family (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ☩ Richard Boyd by Patrica Boyd and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

8:00a.m. All Veterans by Irene Weaver and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, September 3

8:00a.m. ☩ Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, September 4

8:00a.m. ☩ Veronica Whitman (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, September 5—Eucharistic Adoration

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Friday, September 6—Eucharistic Adoration

8:00a.m. ☩ Bill Flynn by Mary Brown (St. Teresa, Union City)

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Saturday, September 7

4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, September 8

8:00a.m. ☩ Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ☩ Fred Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)



BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS: You have noticed that various businesses advertise on the back of the bulletin. We are grateful to those businesses and individuals for their continued support of our parish. We invite you to support their businesses in gratitude for their support of our parish. We are always looking for additional sponsors to fill the empty spaces. These ads not only provide our parish bulletins, but also our parish website.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 25, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (56)\$2,687.40
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 89)
Loose\$163.00
Online Giving (11)\$380.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$5.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,235.40

Average Weekly Expenses\$5,335.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,099.60)

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 St. Thomas Cemetery or St. Elizabeth Cemetery.

Thank you.



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



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 September 1st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.



Volunteers Can Still Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair going on THIS WEEK, September 2nd—7th. This annual fundraiser benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-397-7332) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Parish will be served in the multipurpose room following the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, September 8th. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and food.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/25):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,796.00

Total Paid to date = \$54,406.00

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.

Retreat Center in Frenchville Offers Fall Retreats

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville has several upcoming retreats among which are: Prayer with Mary, October 7, and Centering Prayer, Oct. 17. For a complete list of their fall offerings visit the "retreats" tab on their newly updated website at <https://www.anawimministries.com>.



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.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That can be good or bad news, depending on what's being learned!



'For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?'

Deuteronomy 4:7



Very Rev. Nicholas Rouch, VG, Rev. Vincent Cieslewicz, Rev. Mark Nowak, Rev. Stephen Collins, Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw, Rev. David Carter, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

"Question of the Week" - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

Question for Youth: Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

Question for Adults: Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one's life that faith is present?

St. Teresa News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Aug. 24/25, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (51) \$1,760.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 106)
Loose \$363.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,233.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Aug. 25, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (5) \$169.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)
St. Teresa Church Offertory Income \$2,402.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,183.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write checks payable to St. Teresa Church.*



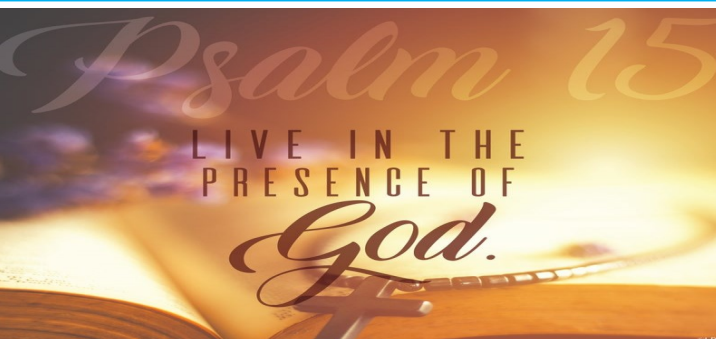
Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our website at www.st-teresa-unioncity-org OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/25):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,857.00
 Total Paid to date = \$35,499.00
 # 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. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.



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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of September 1st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of All Veterans by Irene Weaver and family.

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa

September 7—St. Teresa’s Cash Bingo
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party

Readings for the week of September 1, 2024

Sun.: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 ♦ Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a ♦ James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 ♦ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
 Mon.: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ♦ Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 ♦ Luke 4:16-30
 Tues.: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 ♦ Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 ♦ Luke 4:31-37
 Wed.: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ♦ Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 ♦ Luke 4:38-44
 Thur.: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 ♦ Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ♦ Luke 5:1-11
 Fri.: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 ♦ Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 ♦ Luke 5:33-39
 Sat.: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15 ♦ Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 ♦ Luke 6:1-5
 Next Sun.: Isaiah 35:4-7a ♦ Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) ♦ James 2:1-5 ♦ Mark 7:31-37

St. Teresa Church



Saturday September 7th, 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...

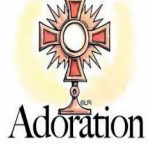
- No one under 21 admitted -
 For reservations Contact Dick or Elaine Hasbrouck
 814 450-2766

Seeking Items for our Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo on Saturday September 7th. You may drop donations off at St. Teresa Church at weekend Masses, weekdays Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, or in the locked mailbox beside the Rectory. If other arrangements are necessary please contact Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950. We will be selling tickets to attend the Cash Bingo Fundraiser following the Masses at St. Teresa THIS WEEKEND. We hope you purchase a ticket and plan to join us for the bingo event!



Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK



I am the living bread that came down from heaven...

We will hold our monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 5th (8:00am) through Friday, Sept. 6th (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, Sept. 6th (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We are very grateful for the help of trained and designated Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in carrying our Lord to those who are sick and homebound. This service finds its origin in the very beginning of the church. Extraordinary Ministers who take the Eucharist directly from Mass to the sick and homebound can either a) receive their pyx from the altar and be sent forth by the presider after Communion, or b) pick up the pyx after Mass from the Tabernacle and take the Blessed Sacrament immediately to the person who is to receive it. The long-standing directive first issued by Bishop Trautman, and repeatedly renewed by Bishop Persico, is that it is not permitted for those distributing the Eucharist to place the consecrated host in a pyx brought forward by the people in the Communion line at Mass and then return to their seat. Wherever this custom exists, it should cease.



Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd so that our staff may enjoy time with family. We will re-open on Tuesday morning, September 3rd. If there is a sacramental emergency, please call the office number (814-663-3041) and follow the prompts to reach the priest and leave a message. Thank you.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!
We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.



We are seeking more volunteers from our parish to be involved in liturgical ministries at Mass at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa. If you feel called to become a Lector, Minister of Holy Communion, or Altar Server, please talk with Fr. Tom or contact the parish office. We could always use your help! Prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to help. Thanks.

Make an Investment in Your Future

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Invest in your marriage by attending Engagement Encounter. Spend a weekend away from the stress of planning for the wedding and enjoy the special moments of creating your future marriage together. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email familylife@erieRCD.org. For more information and to register visit <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice/>. The next EE weekend is scheduled for **January 17-19, 2025**, at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Registration for THIS YEAR



Families involved with our Religious Education programs were mailed Registration packets for this year (if they did not pick them up). We invite new families of school-aged children (grades K-9) to pick up and complete the Registration packet for the upcoming 2024-2025 Religious Education year. Packets are available in the church or online at our parish websites. Questions, please contact Missy Silka. Classes start Sunday, September 22 with all students (from both churches) meeting at St. Teresa Parish Center at 9:30am.

New Look to Our Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education Program will combine this year. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. This Fall 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).

Volunteers Needed for Religious Education

Members of our parish who have a desire to teach the faith and are interested in helping with Religious Education should contact Missy Silka at the parish office (phone: 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org). We are in need of catechists, volunteers to help with youth special events, and/or our EDGE and PURPOSE programs, as well as leaders for small groups. Parents are always encouraged to be a part of our Religious Education program.

Also, please be on the lookout in future bulletins for unique needs/donations which will be used to run our EDGE and PURPOSE programs for middle and high school students to help make it more effective and enjoyable. Thank you.

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