



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 13, 2024



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
- Mk 10:26-27

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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

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 went 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 St. Teresa 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 9:30am to 10:30am in the NEW meeting room in the St. Teresa Parish Center. The class will continue on November 3 and 17, as well as December 15. Please sign up in either 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.

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.

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Sunday, October 13

- 8:00a.m. ☩ Irene & Z. Marion Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary and Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. ☩ Jerry Adams by Diane Adams and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, October 14

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Saturday, October 19

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

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)

ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY MASSES: Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation are on Friday, November 1, and 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.

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.

- **Beginning in October, please make out your checks for offertory and CSA to St. Thomas Church.** We will be combining our accounts into one account to eliminate unnecessary accounts and consolidate our record keeping.

- 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, WeShare, and one for St. Teresa, Vanco.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas News

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/06):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,841.00

Total Paid to date = \$56,071.00

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 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tom Keys by Pat Keys.

Winterizing Our Cemeteries

Parishioners are reminded to remove all potted urns/plants from graves for the winter as of November 10 at both St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. We will be cleaning up the cemeteries for fall during a work bee on either Saturday, November 16 or Sunday, November 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.



October—Respect Life Month

An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/end-of-life-care> for ways to compassionately care for them.



Family Perspective

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.



Knights Meeting This Week

Brother Knights of the Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425 will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We will pray The Rosary at 6:30pm and the business meeting will follow. Hope you join us.

Corry Knights 125th Anniversary Celebration

The Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425, cordially invites parishioners to a special evening Mass at St. Thomas Church on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00pm for the celebration of their 125th 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.

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!



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Looking for Voices to Join St. Thomas Choir

If you like to sing and wish to praise God with music, we invite you to join the St. Thomas Choir. We will hold choir practice on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Church—ALL are welcome. We will plan to meet on Wednesday evenings in order to prepare for weekend Masses and the upcoming holiday season. We hope you will join us.



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.



St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting on October 16th

Members of the Altar Rosary are reminded of their upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00pm in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas. We hope you plan to join us!



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts TODAY

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Parish will be served in the multipurpose room following the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, October 13th. 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.

"Question of the Week" - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

Question for Youth: What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

Question for Adults: How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

St. Thomas Church Organizations / Groups

•Altar—Rosary Society

Meets the third Wednesday of the month

•Knights of Columbus—Corry Council #425

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM

•Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM

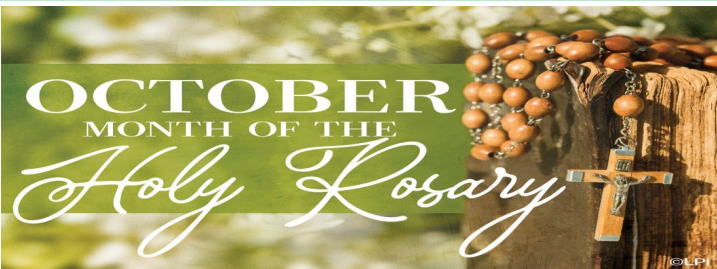
St. Teresa News

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/06):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00
 Total Paid to date = \$37,180.00
 # 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 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



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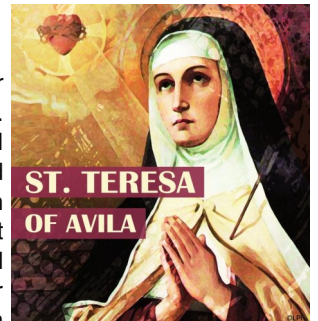
Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza, Rev. Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. Mark Mastrian, Rev. Msgr. Andrew Karg, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Readings for the week of October 13, 2024

Sun.: Wisdom 7:7-11 ♦ Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ Hebrews 4:12-13 ♦ Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
 Mon.: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 ♦ Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 ♦ Luke 11:29-32
 Tues.: Galatians 5:1-6 ♦ Psalm 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 ♦ Luke 11:37-41
 Wed.: Galatians 5:18-25 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3 and 6 ♦ Luke 11:42-46
 Thur.: Ephesians 1:1-10 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 ♦ Luke 11:47-54
 Fri.: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b ♦ Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 ♦ Luke 10:1-9
 Sat.: Ephesians 1:15-23 ♦ Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Luke 12:8-12
 Next 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

Celebrating St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day - October 15th

St. Teresa of Avila is one of the four female Doctors of the Church. Known for her many mystical experiences, she is often depicted with an arrow through her heart. In her autobiography, she wrote that she had a vision of an angel piercing her heart. When her incorrupt body was exhumed in 1582, her heart was removed from her body, and it was observed to have a hole in it. We honor her this weekend as she is a patron saints of our church. - St. Teresa of Avila—Pray for Us!



Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses us now. — St. Teresa of Avila

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 which will be held on **Saturday, November 9th**. Donations can be dropped off at St. Teresa Church at weekend Masses, weekdays Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, or in the locked mailbox beside the Rectory. For other arrangements call Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950. We hope you purchase a ticket and plan to join us for the bingo event!



Please be reminded that ALL CHECKS for offertory and CSA should be made payable to St. Thomas Church beginning October 1, 2024 due to the merger. Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: October 5 & 6, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (129) \$6,178.00

Loose\$465.00
 (Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)

Online Giving (18) \$1,111.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$0.00

Continuing the Vision.\$171.00


Total Offertory Income \$7,925.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$11,390.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

Weekly Average Shortfall..... \$(-3,465.00)

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 and click 'Donate Online'.

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

Special Second Collection Next Weekend—October 19/20
 We will be taking up a second collection in our parishes across the diocese for *World Mission Sunday*. We join 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 in the lives of many. Thank you for donating!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Is Your Child Street Smart? Being street smart means knowing how to keep yourself safe from strangers when you're alone or with other kids. When you're street smart you know your way around, you know how to handle yourself in tough situations and you can "read" people. Teach your child who are strangers - anyone they do not know or kind of know - and to never approach a stranger's vehicle. Teach your child to always tell you where they are. Teach your child to always go with a friend or two whether walking to school, bike riding or going to the store. Pick out safe spots where your child can go and get help. Places like police stations, stores, restaurants. Teach them how to spot safe places on their route and to avoid places that aren't safe. Finally, teach your child to trust their instincts and to make a lot of noise if they are scared. For more information visit www.kidshealth.org. For additional resources visit www.eriescd.org/childprotection.


Have you paid in full your pledge to the 2024 CSA?



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

One Faith One Family

Religious Education News


New Look to Our Religious Education Program 

Our Religious Education Program is combined this year. Combining our resources will help 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). **Classes started on Sunday, September 22 with all students (from both churches) meeting at St. Teresa Parish Center at 9:30am.** If you have school-aged students not yet registered, please contact Missy Silka at the parish office and/or come to class on Sunday morning with your student to get them registered.

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education


Sunday, October 13—NO Class
 Sunday, October 20—Class for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)
 Sunday, October 27—Social Event (TBD)

Parish Office Closed on Monday, October 14



Our parish office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 14. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will be open Tuesday—Thursday, October 15th—17th this week.

Blessed be the name of the Lord forever. Psalm 113

Election 2024 

A guide for Catholics in the Diocese of Erie

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

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.