



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
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

August 4, 2024



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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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 Parish
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Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

Partnered 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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH: Now that we are no longer having Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Canadohta Lake, people are wondering what will happen to the property. Sometimes when a Church is no longer being used for worship, the pastor and parish council can petition the Bishop to “deconsecrate” the church or the more proper terminology in Canon (Church) Law is to relegate the church to profane but not sordid use. Basically, this means that the Bishop in effect deconsecrates the church and allows the building to be used for some other purpose, but not for something sordid.

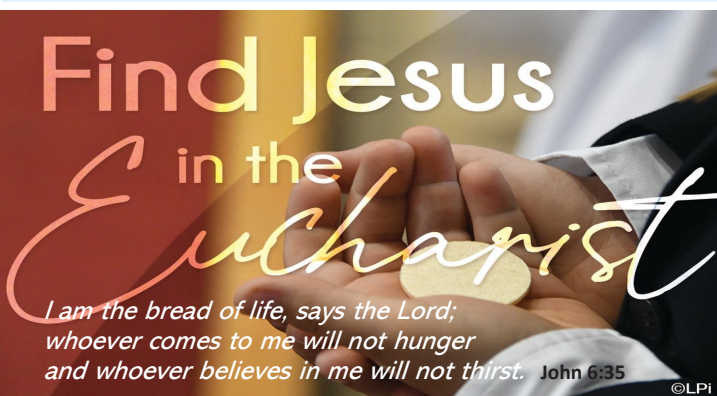
How does that process work? The pastor meets with both Parish Council and Finance Council and discusses the situation surrounding the Church building that is no longer in use. The discussion may include how the parish that once used the Church building has decreased or is unable to sustain the parish, or that it has been merged or consolidated for whatever reason. The discussion would include how the pastor and the parish that is responsible for this Church building might care for the souls of those who now have moved to a new Church building. At the end of this discussion, there may be a motion for the pastor to petition the Bishop to relegate the Church to profane but not sordid use. A vote would be taken on this motion at both Parish and Finance Council.

If both Councils vote to have the pastor petition the Bishop, then the pastor works to compose a letter making this request to relegate the Church to profane but not sordid use. The pastor will supply documentation and reasons for this request based on the discussions with Parish and Finance Councils and the financial situation of the Parish.

The Bishop will then consult with the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese and seek their advice on this situation. If the Bishop then decides to grant the request of the pastor and the parish, then the property can be put on the market for sale. The deed will include what is called a “covenant” stating that the property can be used for profane but not sordid use. All those who purchase the property will be required to follow that “covenant.”

The property will be put on the market by a realtor and those interested in purchasing the property will be able to make a bid according to the normal rules governing all realty transactions.

- Fr. Tom



Sunday, August 4

8:00a.m. †Deceased Members of the Jeffords and Palmer Families by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Ed Weaver by Jim & Joan Rhea (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa

Wednesday, August 7

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa

Thursday, August 8

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa

Friday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

8:00a.m. †Elizabeth Lynch Sokol by Tim & Sue Vinca (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Rosemary Sefchick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Become an Erie Gives Donor

Please consider supporting us (Sts. Thomas & Teresa) and our cemeteries (St. Thomas, St. Teresa, and St. Elizabeth) during this year's

Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 13, 2024



Please begin to pray about your gift.

View links to Erie Gives online at our websites (www.stthomastheapostle.church, www.st-teresa-unioncity.org or go to www.eriegives.org. Search for and select St. Thomas, St. Teresa and/or our cemeteries as a charity to receive your donation. Online gifts must be a minimum donation of \$25 and can be made with a credit card (American Express, Discover, Mastercard, or Visa). **Also, you may donate by check when completing the 'Check Contribution Form' (see insert in today's bulletin). ALL Checks should be made payable to 'The Erie Community Foundation' and must be accompanied by the form.** Check donations may be made now and returned to the parish office by August 9. Online donations can only be made on August 13.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

And remember, both the Corry & Union City Community Foundations will give an additional gift to local area non-profits who receive donations...so your gift will be even greater when a pro-rated portion is added to your donation.

Please ask your family and friends to consider a donation to our churches and cemeteries. Thank you!


St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 27 & 28, 2024


Amount in Envelopes: (65)	\$2,877.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 80)	
Loose	\$398.00
Online Giving (12)	\$445.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,720.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,335.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)	
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-1,615.00)

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 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 August 4th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our parish.

“Question of the Week” - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Why is Jesus compared to bread? How can his teachings be like food?

Question for Youth: Jesus is the bread that gives us life. How does believing in Jesus make your life different?

Question for Adults: How do you partake of the nourishment that Jesus provides? How often?

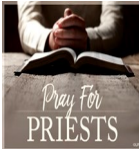


PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/28):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,715.00
 Total Paid to date = \$53,891.00
 # 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.




Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski, Very Rev. Chris Hamlett, V.F., Rev. Daniel Hoffman, Very Rev. Robert Horgas, V.F., Rev. Richard Allen, Rev. Glenn Whitman, Rev. Msgr. Robert Brugger, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Family Perspective


In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for.



Need a Summer Read?
 Don't forget to browse the lending book rack in the main vestibule of St. Thomas Church. Books can be borrowed and returned anytime. This rack is intended for religious-themed books. Enjoy!





Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair
 The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (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).



LifeCare Baby Bottle Campaign—Last Call for Baby Bottles

Thanks to all those that participated in LifeCare's fundraiser. Just a reminder, if you have not yet returned your baby bottle please do so ASAP. You may place them in the collection basket at Mass, bring them to the parish office, or take them directly to the LifeCare office on North Center Street in Corry.





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. Teresa Parish News


ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 28, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (47) \$1,638.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 110)
Loose \$197.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,865.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 28, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (7) \$250.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)


St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,115.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,470.00)

*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 parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity-org OR by scanning the QR code  here.

Thanks for your generosity to our parish!

 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of August 4th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.**

Upcoming Luncheon for St. Teresa Rosary Altar Members

The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will be having a luncheon meeting tomorrow—Monday, August 5th at 12:30pm at the Union City Country Club. Please make your reservation to Elaine Hasbrouck (814-450-2766). We hope you will join us.

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

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

Donated Bible?

Someone donated a bible to the Lawn Festival. If it was you, please contact the parish office or Fr. Tom. There were some personal things in the bible. Thank you.

St. Paul Italian Festival

Join in the fun at St. Paul’s Catholic Church (West 16th & Walnut St. Erie) on August 9-11. The event begins Friday at 5:00pm and ends on Sunday at 6:00pm when a \$15,000 grand prize award will be drawn. Special Dinners, Booths, Bake Sale, Basket Raffles, Bingo and more!



“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.”
 - St. John Vianney

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/28):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,735.00
 Total Paid to date = \$34,727.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 100
 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

Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sun.: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 ♦ Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b) ♦
 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 ♦ John 6:24-35
 Mon.: Jeremiah 28:1-17 ♦ Psalm 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 ♦
 Matthew 14:13-21
 Tues.: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ♦ Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 ♦ 2 Peter 1:16-19 ♦
 Mark 9:2-10
 Wed.: Jeremiah 31:1-7 ♦ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 ♦ Matthew 15:21-28
 Thur.: Jeremiah 31:31-34 ♦ Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 ♦ Matthew 16:13-23
 Fri.: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 ♦ Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 ♦
 Matthew 16:24-28
 Sat.: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 ♦ Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 ♦ John 12:24-26
 Next Sun.: 1 Kings 19:4-8 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a) ♦
 Ephesians 4:30—5:2 ♦ John 6:41-51

Winners of Loving Giving Local

Congratulations to St. Teresa Church who was selected to receive the Loving Giving Local award from WJET & Auto Express Retail Center. This award is given to local area non-profits by random drawing. Pictured are Fr. Tom receiving the check in the amount of \$250 from Lou Baxter of WJET and Joe Askins of Auto Express. The video segment was aired last week on WJET.



St. Teresa Cash Bingo

Bingo will be held on Saturday, September 7th at the Union City Fire Hall. Hope you will join us.





TRANSFIGURATION

OF THE LORD

Tuesday, August 6th

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is ONLY \$10 per Mass. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any 'extra' funds you wish to give towards Masses. Masses for the remainder of 2024 are filling up quickly. We will not be opening our Mass Intention Book for 2025 until later this Fall, around All Souls' Day.

Seek God and Find Peace

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

ZABAWA
Holy Trinity Parish
East 23rd and Reed Streets - Erie
A Celebration of our Polish Heritage

Volunteers Needed for Zabawa 2024

The annual Zabawa festival will be held August 23—25 at Holy Trinity Parish, Erie. Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish are looking for volunteers for various shifts over the course of the festival to serve food on the indoor food line. Available shifts include Friday from 4:30—9:00pm, Saturday from 11:30am—6:00pm or 5:30—9:00pm, and Sunday from 10:30am—2:30pm. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Beres at 814-722-0015.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

- Sunday, August 4 at St. George, Erie at 2:00pm.
- Sunday, August 18 at Beloved Disciple, Grove City at 2:00pm.

Couples may contact the parish office, complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for the Erie celebration and until August 4 for the Grove City celebration.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

New Look to Our Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education Program will combine this coming year. The number of students does not merit having two separate programs. 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.

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 Parishes, 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.

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.