



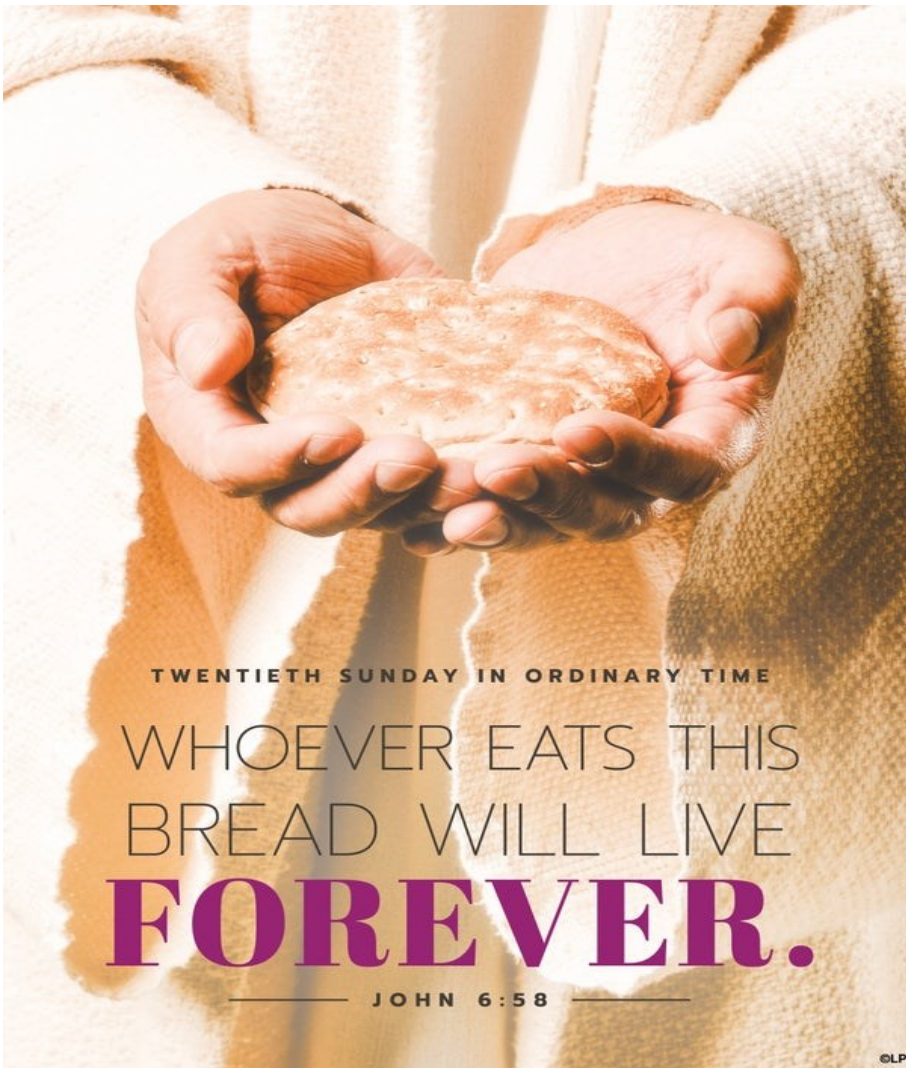
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407

# 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 18, 2024



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER EATS THIS  
BREAD WILL LIVE  
**FOREVER.**

JOHN 6:58

### 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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*Pastor*

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*Deacon*  
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business@stparish.org

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814-462-6375

**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish**  
[www.stthomastheapostle.church](http://www.stthomastheapostle.church)

**Saint Teresa of Avila Parish**  
[www.st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity.org)

**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**

ERIE GIVES AUGUST 13, 2024 – Thanks to all those who donated to our parishes or our cemeteries during the Erie Gives Campaign. We are grateful for your support through the year and in a special way in this campaign as there are additional funds that benefit us from this program. Once an official total is given to us, we will forward that on to you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH: As I announced at all the Masses last weekend, Bishop Persico has granted our request to relegate Our Lady of Fatima Church to profane but not sordid use. In effect, he has deconsecrated the church building. This allows us to seek out alternative use for this building and possibly even sell of the building. The church building is deconsecrated because a consecrated church or sacred objects are not sold to individuals. Their consecrated or sacred purpose is for worship and sacraments.

I want to thank Parish and Finance Councils, our parish staff, and all who have enabled us to reach this point in the process. I know there are some who are upset that the church is no longer being used. Some of you were faithful members there for many, many years. I empathize with your sadness and your loss. Many of you knew this was coming as the shortage of priests and dwindling numbers of parishioners has put us all in very serious and difficult situations. The hope is that by combining parishes and staff, we can foster more vibrant parishes, but that will depend on each one of us doing his or her part to make that happen. It can be the hard work and sacrifice of each person that will make our future one that is vibrant and spirit filled. May our time of prayer together each week be focused on asking God for the grace to make this happen.

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, WeShare, and one for St. Teresa, Vanco. Since there are very few people using Vanco, we will invite everyone to switch over to WeShare.
- Many of these changes do not dramatically affect how things operate but help us at the office level to coordinate things better.

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**Sunday, August 18**

8:00a.m. †Janet Mitchell by Dave & Marie Mitchell  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, August 19**

8:00a.m. †Priscilla Kozik by Dan & Dawn Schaff  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, August 20**

8:00a.m. †Mary Vinca by Reva Lowry  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, August 21**

8:00a.m. †Dick Lowry by Reva, Kim, and Kris  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, August 22**

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

**Friday, August 23**

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

**Saturday, August 24**

4:30p.m. †Bill Flynn by Marty Brown  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, August 25**

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

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

***With the Lord there is mercy;  
in Him is plentiful redemption.***

BAPTISM CLASS: As with every sacrament, we seek to prepare people for the sacrament they are receiving. Often our Religious Education, or Faith Formation, stops when we are confirmed, and there is a need to update adults in their faith. As a result, 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. Parents can call the parish office to set up a time to take this class.

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 11, 2024**

<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (64) .....	\$2,757.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 81)	
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$262.00
<b>Online Giving</b> (10) .....	\$325.00
<b>Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.</b> .....	\$0.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$3,344.00

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

**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(-1,991.00)

*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](http://www.StThomastheApostle.Church) and click 'Donate Online'.*

**Missionary Cooperative Plan** .....\$1,629.50

Thank you for giving to the Missionary Cooperative Plan taken up in our parish the weekend of July 27/28. Your generosity will help missionaries throughout the church, specifically the **Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy** (Sister Edna & Sister Edith) who came to talk about their work with the sick, poor, and elderly. Please pray for them and all missionaries throughout the world spreading the good news of the Gospel.

## PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

**2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/12):**

**St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,791.00

Total Paid to date = \$54,281.00

# 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.**

**Correction:** We apologize for the typo in last weekend's bulletin which incorrectly listed the CSA total paid at \$54,810 as of 8/4. It should have read CSA total paid = \$54,110. Sorry for the error.

**Catholic Daughters' Meeting THIS WEEK**

Members of the local Catholic Daughters are reminded of their upcoming meeting on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Saint Elizabeth Parish Center. We hope to see you there—and bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Brown at 814-665-5840.



**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 18<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Betty Jean Suchar.**

**"Question of the Week" - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** How does receiving communion help you grow in your faith? How does it help you love others?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus promises us eternal life if we follow him and believe. What makes it hard for you to believe? What is easy about faith?

**Question for Adults:** How does your faith in Jesus nourish your own life? How does the Eucharist nourish you?



Rev. Thomas Brown, Rev. James Piszker, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, Rev. Obinna Paschal Ezeihuoma, Rev. Justin Pino, Rev. Joseph Petrone, Rev. Thomas Brooks, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

Feast Day—August 23

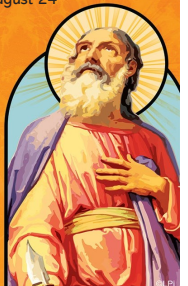
**APART FROM THE CROSS, THERE IS NO OTHER LADDER BY WHICH WE MAY GET TO HEAVEN.**



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

Feast Day—August 24

**ONCE YOU BEGIN TO BELIEVE THERE IS HELP 'OUT THERE,' YOU WILL KNOW IT TO BE TRUE.**



**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.

*"The power of the Rosary is beyond description." - Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

# St. Teresa Parish News

**ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Aug. 10 & 11, 2024  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (54) ..... \$1,945.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 103)  
**Loose** ..... \$484.00  
**Continuing the Vision** (4) ..... \$175.00  
**Online Giving** (1) ..... \$30.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$2,634.00

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP:** Aug. 11, 2024  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (8) ..... \$255.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)  
**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income** ..... \$2,889.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses** ..... \$4,585.00  
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(1,696.00)

*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](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity-org) OR by scanning the QR code here.*



*Thanks for your generosity to our parish!*

**Missionary Cooperative Plan** ..... \$837.00  
 Thank you for giving to the Missionary Cooperative Plan taken up in our parish the weekend of July 27/28. Your generosity will help missionaries throughout the church, specifically the **Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy** who visited and spoke to us during Mass.

**2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/12):**

**St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00**  
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,796.00  
 Total Paid to date = \$35,288.00  
 # 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.**

**Have HOPE in the Lord.**

**Readings for the week of August 18, 2024**

Sun.: Proverbs 9:1-6 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a) ♦ Ephesians 5:15-20 ♦ John 6:51-58  
 Mon.: Ezekiel 24:15-23 ♦ Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 ♦ Matthew 19:16-22  
 Tues.: Ezekiel 28:1-10 ♦ Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab ♦ Matthew 19:23-30  
 Wed.: Ezekiel 34:1-11 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 ♦ Matthew 20:1-16  
 Thur.: Ezekiel 36:23-28 ♦ Psalm 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 ♦ Matthew 22:1-14  
 Fri.: Ezekiel 37:1-14 ♦ Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Matthew 22:34-40  
 Sat.: Revelation 21:9b-14 ♦ Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 ♦ John 1:45-51  
 Next Sun.: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a) ♦ Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 ♦ John 6:60-69



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of **Matilda (Tillie) Makohus**.

**Upcoming Events for St. Teresa**

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

**Thanks for Supporting St. Teresa’s Lawn Festival**

The lawn festival brought in a profit of approximately \$7,000 this year. We wish to thank Beth and Matt Moon, for organizing this year’s festival. **THANK YOU** to all who helped and supported the festival, making this event successful.

**Mass Time Change Starting Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please be reminded that the 10:00am Mass on Sunday mornings at St. Teresa Church will be moving to **11:00am** starting in two weeks. This will be the ‘new/permanent’ Mass time going forward.

**Family Perspective**

In today’s Gospel Jesus speaks of his flesh and blood as life-giving. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel the physical demands of family life; yet children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. Also, we will be selling advanced tickets to attend the Cash Bingo Fundraiser following weekend Masses at St. Teresa on August 24/25 and Aug. 31/Sept. 1. We hope you purchase a ticket and plan to join us for the bingo event!





Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Betty Jean Suchar** who passed away and was buried from St. Thomas Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Matilda (Tillie) Makohus** who passed away and was buried from St. Teresa Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Have you made/paid 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

**Thanks for Your Support During Erie Gives Day!**

We wish to thank everyone who supported our churches of Sts. Thomas & Teresa, and our Catholic cemeteries (St. Thomas, St. Teresa, and St. Elizabeth) during Erie Gives Day last Tuesday, August 13. We are grateful for your generosity in helping our churches and cemeteries. We will have totals available in a future bulletin. Thanks again!



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

## 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.

**Diocesan Second Collection this Weekend**

Thank you for your generosity to the second collection—the Church in Latin America— which is an essential resource for dioceses – such as our Sister Archdiocese of Yucatán in Mexico – parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in Latin America. Donations will still be accepted next weekend, if needed.

**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.*

**Holy Trinity Parish**  
East 23rd and Reed Streets - Erie

*A Celebration of our Polish Heritage*

**31st ANNUAL - FREE ADMISSION**  
**August 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2024**  
**Fri. 5-10 pm + Sat. 12-10 pm + Sun. 11 am- 4 pm**

**Friday:** Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push  
*with Special Guests: Ryan Joseph & Dee Dee Ogrodny formerly with Henny & the Versa J's*  
**Saturday:** KOSMIX + Mar-Vels  
Dennis Polisky & the Maestro's Men  
**Sunday:** Frankie Liszka & Blue Magic  
MC: DJ Ken Olowin  
Polka Mass: Sat. 5:00 pm  
Liturgical music by KOSMIX with Ryan Joseph  
Polish Heritage Mass: Sun. 10:30 am with Bishop Persico,  
Polish hymns and the Holy Trinity Choir

*Authentic Polish foods, bakery items and beverages available daily.*  
*Plus Grand Prizes, Theme Baskets and More*

The church and festival grounds are accessible to persons with disabilities.  
Info: 814-456-0671 or [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org)

**Additional parking and free shuttle service from lot at East 34th and Ash Streets**