



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

## March 30, 2025



### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“This son of mine was dead, and has  
come to life again.” - Lk 15:24a

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#### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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St. Thomas the Apostle     St. Teresa of Avila

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**Parish Office**  
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Corry, PA 16407  
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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

Notes from the Pastor

**HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING:** There are sign up sheets at both churches for people who are willing to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, which will be at St. Thomas in Corry at 7:00pm on April 17.

**DECORATING FOR EASTER:** We will be decorating for Easter at the following times: Good Friday (April 18) at St. Teresa after the 7:00pm service (around 8:00pm) and at St. Thomas at 9:00am on Holy Saturday (April 19). We can always use help moving flowers and setting things up.

**FISH DINNERS:** Our fish dinners are off to a roaring start. Thanks to all those who are volunteering their time to help with these dinners. There are some very hard workers in both parishes. Thanks to all those who are baking desserts – People head to the dessert table first, even before they get their dinner!

• Desserts: A huge part of the success of our dinners is that people get homemade desserts. We are asking the great bakers in our Churches to keep those ovens going and making those great desserts for this year's Fish Dinners. At **St. Teresa** desserts can be dropped off on Thursday from 4 to 7pm, or Friday any time after Noon. At **St. Thomas** desserts can be dropped off Thursday from Noon to 3pm or Friday any time after Noon.

• We are always in need of help serving dinners each night. This is a great way for young people to be involved, but is not limited to them, anyone can help.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA):** So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 173 pledges for \$85,550 towards our goal of \$62,000. Every registered family should have received a pledge envelope, a flyer and a personal invitation in the mail. If not, there are pledge envelopes in the pews. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects of sealing or paving of parking lots. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on Thursdays of Lent at St. Teresa at 7:00pm and on Fridays of Lent at St. Thomas at 7:30pm.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: THE SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

1. **Life and Dignity of the Human Person:** a person in every stage of life – from conception to natural death – is precious and worthy of protection and respect. Unless human life is treated as sacred and respected, there is no way for a society to be just.

2. **Call to Family, Community, and Participation:** In a global community driven by excessive individualism, our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but social. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all.

3. **Rights and Responsibilities:** Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. The right to life is the fundamental right but with it comes the right to religion, family, food, shelter, education, a job and health care. These rights also have corresponding responsibilities to family, friends, neighbors, and the larger society.

4. **Options for the Poor and Vulnerable:** The principle of the common good and an authentic response to our Christian vocation requires that the poor must be protected, or society will fragment and all will suffer.

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**Sunday, March 30**

8:00a.m. †Jim Teed by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Conception #35 (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †Lois O'Connor by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, March 31**

8:00a.m. †Ed Weaver, Sr. by Marty Brown (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, April 1**

8:00a.m. †Deceased & Living Alumni and Faculty of St. Edwards School by the Alumni Association (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, April 2**

8:00a.m. †Gene & Mary Vinca by a friend (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, April 3**

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas & Adoration

**Friday, April 4—First Friday**

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

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

**Saturday, April 5**

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

**Sunday, April 6**

8:00a.m. †Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Chris & Denny Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †Thomas Bengel by the Family (St. Teresa, Union City)



5. **The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers:** The dignity of work is safeguarded when workers' rights are respected. These rights include having productive work, decent and fair wages, union participation, private property, and economic initiative.

6. **Solidarity:** All people are members of the same human family. The principle of solidarity helps to remind you and everyone else that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. Loving our neighbor has a global dimension in an independent world. This principle asks all people to work for peace and justice in a world marked by violence and war.

7. **Care for God's Creation: (Stewardship):** refers to the proper use of the gifts God has given to humankind, the care of creation that will allow the earth and its resources to flourish and be long lasting.

\*Two others principles in Catholic Social Teaching that we need to keep in mind:

1. **Equal Dignity:** although people have different talents, all have the same fundamental dignity as God's children, made in his image and likeness. Discrimination and prejudice are two barriers to equal dignity.

2. **Subsidiarity:** The idea that individuals or groups that are closer to the problem should be given the first opportunity to solve them without higher levers (e.g., the government) intruding.

- Fr. Tom

# St. Thomas News

**“Question of the Week” - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Question for Children:** Who is the one person you most need to say, “I’m sorry” to in your family?


**Question for Youth:** Is it difficult for you to say “I’m sorry” when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

**Question for Adults:** How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?


**PERSEVERE IN PRAYER**

**This Week’s Events at St. Thomas**

- Sunday, March 30**  
9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building
- Thursday, April 3**  
24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration (8:00am through Friday at 8:00am)
- Friday, April 4**  
8:00am Benediction and Communion Service at St. Thomas  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church
- Saturday, April 5**  
9:00am The Rosary prayed publicly at St. Thomas Church



Rev. Chris Hamlett, Rev. John Santor, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski, Rev. Walter Packard, Rev. Msgr. Robert Brugger, Rev. John Santor, Rev. Msgr. Gerald Koos, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



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

**Say Yes!**  
*to the tenth annual*

**1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**

**PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie**  
**TIME: 8:00 AM -1:00 PM**  
**REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church**  
**COST: \$25**  
College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!  
Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle, Book/Media Sales, and 1:38 Women attire for sale.  
**ATTENDANCE:** Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



**Danielle Bean**  
Danielle is a Catholic writer and speaker. She helps women to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in faith and family living.




**Sister Mary Gabriel, SV**  
Sister Mary Gabriel is a member of the Sisters of Life, a religious community dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of human life.

**MORE INFO**  
[www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or 814-455-7364  
**ALL FAITHS WELCOME!**




The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of **March 30<sup>th</sup>** burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of **The Five Firemen** by Nancy Brigham and family.



**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.*



**Choir Rehearsals at St. Thomas**  
Choir Rehearsals for Lent and Easter are on **Mondays from 6:00pm—7:30pm** (March 10—April 14) at St. Thomas Church. *We hope to see you at practice.*





*Taste and see*  
**of His goodness.**  
PSALM 34

Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

**Catholic Daughters Selling Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs**  
Filled Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs are available for purchase from the Catholic Daughters after Mass in the back of the church or at our Fish Dinners. Please stop by there table for a sweet treat! Thank you for your support.

**Food Drive Collection by Corry Knights of Columbus**  
The Corry Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive during Lent to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. Please donate non-perishable food items in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Donations will be accepted until mid-April so they can be distributed in time for Easter. We hope to collect 500 pounds of food, if possible. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support!*

**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 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 5:00 PM

# St. Teresa News

### This Week's Events at St. Teresa

**Thursday, April 3**

4:00pm Parish Center open to accept desserts until 7:00pm  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church

**Friday, April 4**

8:00am Mass with Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00pm  
12:00pm Parish Center open to accept desserts  
4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm

**Saturday, April 5**

3:30pm Confessions at St. Teresa Church until 4:00pm  
4:30pm Mass of anticipation at St. Teresa Church

### Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sun.: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a) ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
♦ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Scrutiny: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) ♦  
Ephesians 5:8-14 ♦ John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
Mon.: Isaiah 65:17-21 ♦ Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b ♦ John 4:43-54  
Tues.: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 ♦ Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 ♦ John 5:1-16  
Wed.: Isaiah 49:8-15 ♦ Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 ♦ John 5:17-30  
Thur.: Exodus 32:7-14 ♦ Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 ♦ John 5:31-47  
Fri.: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 ♦ Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 ♦  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Sat.: Jeremiah 11:18-20 ♦ Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 ♦ John 7:40-53  
Next Sun.: Isaiah 43:16-21 ♦ Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3) ♦  
Philippians 3:8-14 ♦ John 8:1-11  
Scrutiny: Ezekiel 37:12-14 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) ♦  
Romans 8:8-11 ♦ John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### Family Perspective

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

### Reminder—Mass of Anticipation on Saturdays

The 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays will move over to St. Teresa Church in Union City for the month of April. Also, confessions will be from 3:30pm—4:00pm on Saturdays at St. Teresa prior to the start of Mass.



### Requests for 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. You may also sponsor the Sanctuary Candle for a loved one at either of our churches for just \$10 for one week.



### Prayer—For Everyday and Everybody

God who wills good things for your children,  
Help me to trust that You will be faithful.  
God who will not leave me,  
Help me to seek You, too.  
God who is ever-waiting for me,  
Help me to run straight towards You.  
Amen. ©LPI



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of March 30<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our church.

### Calling All Bakers!

We are in need of your delicious baked goods for St. Teresa's Lenten Fish Dinners. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Thursdays from 4:00pm—7:00pm and on Fridays starting at noon. Please use the KITCHEN door, all other doors will be locked up until dinner time on Fridays. Thank you!!





# St. Teresa

## --LENTEN FISH FRY--

### Dine in or Take Out

**March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**  
**April 4th and 11th**  
4:30 to 7:00 P.M.

### St. Teresa Parish Center

Third Avenue • Union City, PA

**Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)**  
Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Homemade Dessert and Beverage

**Price: Adults \$14.00**  
Children Meal (12 and under) \$6.00  
Mac & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce.  
\*Add \$2.00 for Fish Sticks



**For Take-outs Call**  
**814 - 438 - 2000**



2025

### Rosary Altar Bake Sale Next Weekend at St. Teresa

Ladies of the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will hold a Bake Sale at both the 4:30pm Mass on April 5 and the 11:00am Mass on April 6 at St. Teresa Church. Thank you for your support.

### St. Teresa Reverse Raffle

Join us on **Saturday, April 26, 2025** in the Parish Center for our Reverse Raffle with a top prize of \$5,000. Doors open at 5:00pm. Prime Rib Dinner is at 7:00pm, and side boards begin selling at 5:30pm. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$55. **Deadline to return Reserved Tickets to the parish office is APRIL 1, 2025.** Volunteers are always needed to run this event and desserts are needed for the dinner. If you can help, please call Kim Yaple at 814-397-1268. Thank you.

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 24**  
**@ 6:00 pm**



**SAINT MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY**  
**ANNUAL CARD PARTY**

@ St. Mark Center Gymnasium  
429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie  
Doors open @ 5:00 pm  
\$10.00/person & light meal  
Grand prizes, gift auction & more!

**RESERVATIONS**  
Text or call Erin  
@ 814-440-5885  
**BY APRIL 11**

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** March 22 & 23, 2025

Total Offertory Income ..... \$5,436.00


Average Budgeted Offertory Income ..... \$7,700.00

**Offertory Shortfall.....\$(-2,264.00)**

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

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

**2025 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals:**

Diocesan Goal for our parish is \$61,792

St. Thomas portion is \$37,000 / St. Teresa portion is \$25,000

Amount Pledged at **St. Thomas** to date = \$55,740  
Paid to date = \$35,995


Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$29,810  
Paid to date = \$22,180

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 173

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.**

*No gift is too small, but give as generously as you can.*




**PRAY FAST GIVE**



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*(please note the link is case sensitive)*



**Religious Education News**

**2024-2025 Religious Education Program**



Our Religious Education Program combined this year. Now that we are in the second half of the Religious Education year (January—May) — ALL Classes will meet at St. Thomas school building from 9:00am—10:30am on Sundays.

**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

March 30—Classes for all students at St. Thomas  
April 6—Classes for all students at St. Thomas  
April 13—Classes for all students at St. Thomas  
April 20—No Classes today / Happy Easter  
April 27—Classes for all students at St. Thomas  
May 4—Final Classes for all students at St. Thomas

**Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK**

*Turn to the Lord and his strength...*



Our parishes will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:00am) through Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (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.

**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

**Seminary Discernment Weekend**

*Considering the Priesthood?* Young men in high school, college or beyond who are open to exploring the call to priesthood are invited to a Seminary Discernment Retreat over Palm Sunday weekend, April 12-13, at St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of seminary life, discernment and the priesthood in a supportive and prayerful environment. There is no cost to attend, but **registration is required.** To participate, contact Fr. Scott Jabo, Vocation Director, at 814-824-1198 or [SWJabo@eriercd.org](mailto:SWJabo@eriercd.org). Learn more at [www.erievocations.org](http://www.erievocations.org).

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**HE DIED THAT WE MAY LIVE**



**Submission Deadline for Bulletin Items**

Generally, items for publication in our bulletin must be sent to the parish office by Monday afternoon the week prior to when you wish your item to appear. Please email written content to [secretary@stparish.org](mailto:secretary@stparish.org). Please note that during holiday seasons, bulletin deadlines are moved up as much as 1-2 weeks earlier, so the **earlier you provide the office with your bulletin items the better.** All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.