



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

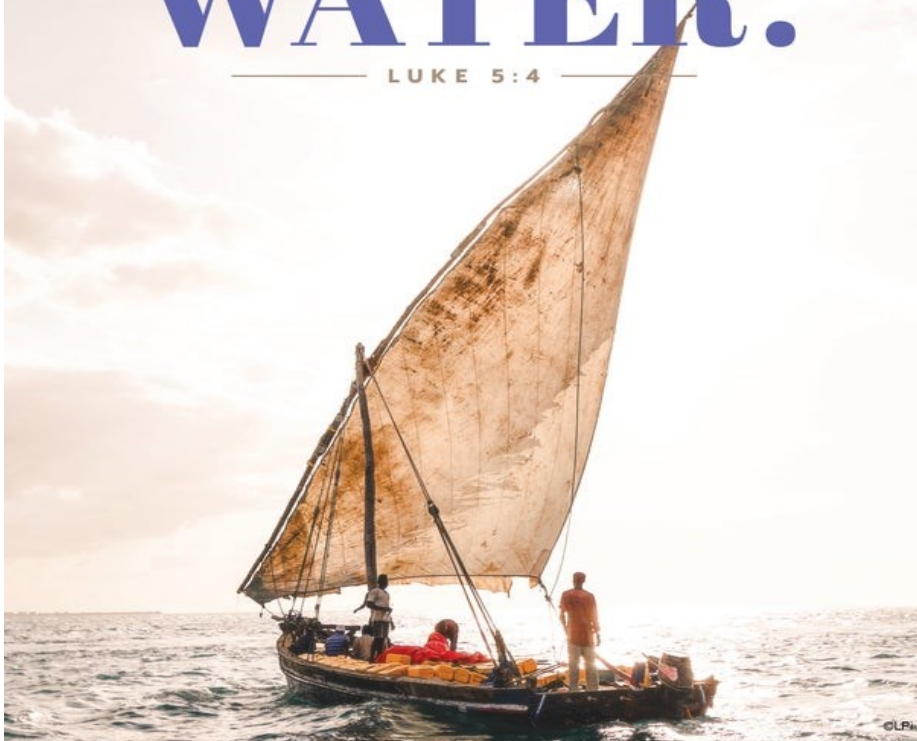


Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

February 9, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PUT OUT
INTO DEEP
WATER.

LUKE 5:4



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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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

NEW OFFERTORY STATEMENT: Please note the new offertory summary statement now in the bulletin . This will show what we collected in the offertory, what we budgeted for offertory for the week, and the difference between the two. Remember that the offertory is only one line item in our income (fund raisers, rentals, etc...) and does not cover our total expenses for the week.

THE SOWER OF BLACK FIELD: is a novel by Katherine Koch. It is 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 the story of a local hero. I have provided a copy of the book at each church for people to borrow. The signup sheet and the book are in the St. Elizabeth room at St. Thomas, and in the back of Church at St. Teresa. It is also available on Amazon for Kindle users (free) and as an audio book. I recommend books from time to time. I have recommended this book before, but it has recently won a number of awards and hope it finds its way into the eyes and hearts of people who enjoy a good story based on a real person.

FISH DINNERS: Fish Dinners are coming soon to both Churches. We are grateful to all those who have worked so hard on these dinners in the past and hope others will come out to join them. Keep a close watch in the bulletin for upcoming meetings.

St. Teresa Fish Dinner meeting is Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: This reflection by Romano Guardini is one that I love to come back to time and time again. The gestures we make have some real meaning. If we make them in reverent ways, they remind us of their power.

When we cross ourselves, let it be with a real sign of the cross. Instead of a small, cramped gesture that gives no notion of its meaning, let us make a large unhurried sign, from forehead to breast, from shoulder to shoulder, consciously feeling how it includes the whole of us, our thoughts, our attitudes, our body and soul, every part of us at once. How it consecrates and sanctifies us.

It does so because it is the Sign of the universe and the sign of our redemption. On the cross Christ redeemed humankind. By the cross he sanctifies each of us to the last shred and fiber of our being.

We make the sign of the cross before we pray to collect and compose ourselves and to fix our minds and hearts and wills upon God. We make it when we finish praying in order that we may hold fast to the gift we have received from God. In temptations we sign ourselves to be strengthened; in dangers, to be protected. The cross is signed upon us in blessings in order that the fullness of God's life may flow into the soul and fructify and sanctify us.

Think of these things when you make the sign of the cross. It is the holiest of all signs. Make a large cross, taking time, thinking

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Sunday, February 9

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter, Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, February 10

- 8:00a.m. †Steve & Dorothy Mongera by David & Debbie Gregor (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, February 11

- 8:00a.m. †Cragg and Sullivan Families by the Craggs (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, February 12

- 8:00a.m. †Amoroso and Lutz Families by Family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

- 8:00a.m. †Ronald Tomcho by Hanh Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 16

- 8:00a.m. †Wascak and Blair Families by Gil & Barbara Wascak (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Matilda Makohus by Pat Kusiak (St. Teresa, Union City)

what you do. Let it take in your whole being,--body, soul, mind, will, thoughts, feelings, your doing and not-doing,-- and by signing it with the cross strengthen and consecrate the whole in the strength of Christ, in the name of the triune God.

- Fr. Tom

Diocese of Erie
2025 Catholic Services Appeal

**One Faith
One Family**

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

**Commitment Weekend
March 1 & 2**

We invite you to prayerfully consider your gift to the CSA which helps build the Kingdom of God through your support of our parish.

St. Thomas News

Custodian Position Available at St. Thomas

We are seeking an individual who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish. The job would be approximately 15 hours per week. Duties include cleaning St. Thomas Church, the parish office, St. Elizabeth Parish Center, and the former St. Thomas school building. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of February 9th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Frank Wawrejko and Mildred Gadsby by Darlene Wawrejko.

“Question of the Week” - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

Question for Adults: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK
Brother Knights of Corry Council #425 are reminded for their monthly meeting this week on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please plan to join us.

Snowman Raffle Tickets for Sale
If interested, tickets are for sale at the parish office (see Sue) or contact a Corry Knight. Drawing will be at the Knight's February meeting on Tuesday, February 11. Need not be present to win. Proceeds help benefit Knights Council #425 and the good works they do for our parish and community.

CORRY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #425
SNOWMAN RAFFLE
1st PRIZE - \$100.00 CASH
2nd PRIZE - \$50.00 CASH
3rd PRIZE - \$25.00 CASH
Drawing at Knights of Columbus "February Meeting"
Donation: \$1.00



A Stewardship Moment - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we get a glimpse of a model for Christian stewards to follow. Within the temple, God's voice shakes the foundations and causes the natural world to shake and tremble. The Lord asks: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah replies to the call of God for service with immediacy and enthusiasm: "Here I am, send me!" There is no hesitation. There are no excuses, contingencies, or "what-ifs." Good stewards know that responding to the Lord's call to serve is never easy, never simple to grasp, never designed for ready comfort and success. But the call needs a response. What about us? What does it take to shake us into an enthusiastic response? To say to God: "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

International Catholic Stewardship Council
ICSC@catholicstewardship.org

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.

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

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.

February 9th

World Marriage Day

Prayer for Couples
God of everlasting love, help us find NEW JOY in the face of routine, to share our needs with an OPEN HEART, to ACKNOWLEDGE when we have been wrong, to FORGIVE as we have been forgiven, to LOVE as your son, Jesus, taught us to love.
Amen.

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

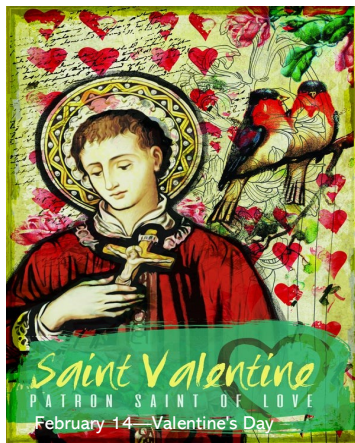
Soup-er Bowl Sunday THIS WEEKEND

Thank you to those who signed up to join us for the Soup Fest at St. Teresa Parish Center today. We look forward to trying the delicious soups you so generously agreed to donate for the event. This will be a good afternoon of sharing, socializing, and getting to know each other a little better.



Fish Dinner Meeting at St. Teresa

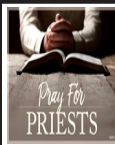
Fish Dinners are rapidly approaching! We will hold a meeting for all those who would like to be involved on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30pm in the meeting room at St. Teresa Parish Center. As always, we need help with advertising, set up, clean up, serving, making desserts, and cooking. There are things to do the day before, and the day of the dinners. We can find a place for you to help. If you can't make the meeting, let Becky Boleratz or Father Tom know and we will keep you informed as to where we need your help or where you have helped in the past.



Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Psalm 1)

Free Day Retreat—Sanctus— at Our Lady of Mercy Church

A free Sanctus retreat will take place on Saturday March 1 beginning with a breakfast at 8:30am and concluding with 4:30pm Vigil Mass. This will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd, Harborcreek. Meals are included. For any questions or to register, please contact Irene at 814.899.6132 or by email at: ilucas@ourladyofmercychurch.org Please register for this event by February 16.



Rev. Mark Nowak, Very Rev. Justin Pino, *Pray for Consecrated Life*, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Mark Mastrian, Rev. John Santor, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

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 February 9th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of family and friends who have passed.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus asked Simon to begin by 'going a short distance.' Later, he encouraged Simon to 'go into deeper water.' Similarly, the first step toward reconciliation is often a small one, which gives us the courage to venture further 'into deeper water.' Reconciliation begins with that initial short step!

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Sun.: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 ♦ Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c) ♦
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 ♦ Luke 5:1-11
Mon.: Genesis 1:1-19 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c ♦
Mark 6:53-56
Tues.: Genesis 1:20—2:4a ♦ Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Mark 7:1-13
Wed.: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 ♦
Mark 7:14-23
Thur.: Genesis 2:18-25 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 ♦ Mark 7:24-30
Fri.: Genesis 3:1-8 ♦ Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 ♦ Mark 7:31-37
Sat.: Genesis 3:9-24 ♦ Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 ♦ Mark 8:1-10
Next Sun.: Jeremiah 17:5-8 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a) ♦
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 ♦ Luke 6:17, 20-26



Journey with the Diocese of Erie
ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html

Thank You for supporting the Rosary Altar Bake Sale last weekend at St. Teresa Church! We appreciate it.

World Day of the Sick

FEBRUARY 11

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Diocese of Erie
Prayer for the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal

God, loving Father,

With the One Faith you have bestowed upon us through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the flame of charity ignited in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, draw us together into One Family.

Through our proclamation of the Gospel and attentive listening to the needs of our sisters and brothers, may we be beacons of hope.

Through our dedication to the mission of your Church let the light of hope keep us mindful that the greatest and the least are members of your One Family.


For you live and reign forever and ever.
Amen



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: February 1 & 2, 2025
Total Offertory Income \$8,598.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Overage.....\$898.00


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'.**

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

Have you paid in full your pledge to the 2024 CSA? If not, please try to do so this week. The 2025 CSA will begin soon. Also, if you have automatic giving set up for CSA, please be sure to select 'CSA 2025' as the campaign for your funds to receive proper credit. Thank you.

 *Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.*
 Matthew 4:19

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
 February 9—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 February 16—No Classes today
 February 23—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 March 2—Classes for all students at St. Thomas (Youth Mass)
 March 9—Classes for all students at St. Thomas (Lenten activity)
 March 16—No Classes today
 March 23—Classes for all students at St. Thomas with confessions
 March 30—Classes for all students at St. Thomas

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as “a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet.” One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they’d been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don’t like what’s going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/

22:32 MEN *Strengthen Your Brothers!*
2025 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event
 At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio

All Faiths are Welcome!
 Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:

 **FATHER LARRY RICHARDS**
BE RENEWED IN CHRIST!

 **DAN DEMATTE**

 **JEFF JOAQUIN**

22:32 MEN
 "BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL. AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS." LUKE 22:32

Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.

www.2232Men.com
info@2232Men.com
 for more details and to register.

\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)
\$25 Adult Registration (after January 31st)
\$20 Group of 8 or more
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY
High School and College Students - FREE
 Please register beforehand.

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 or **814-455-7364**
ALL FAITHS WELCOME!

