



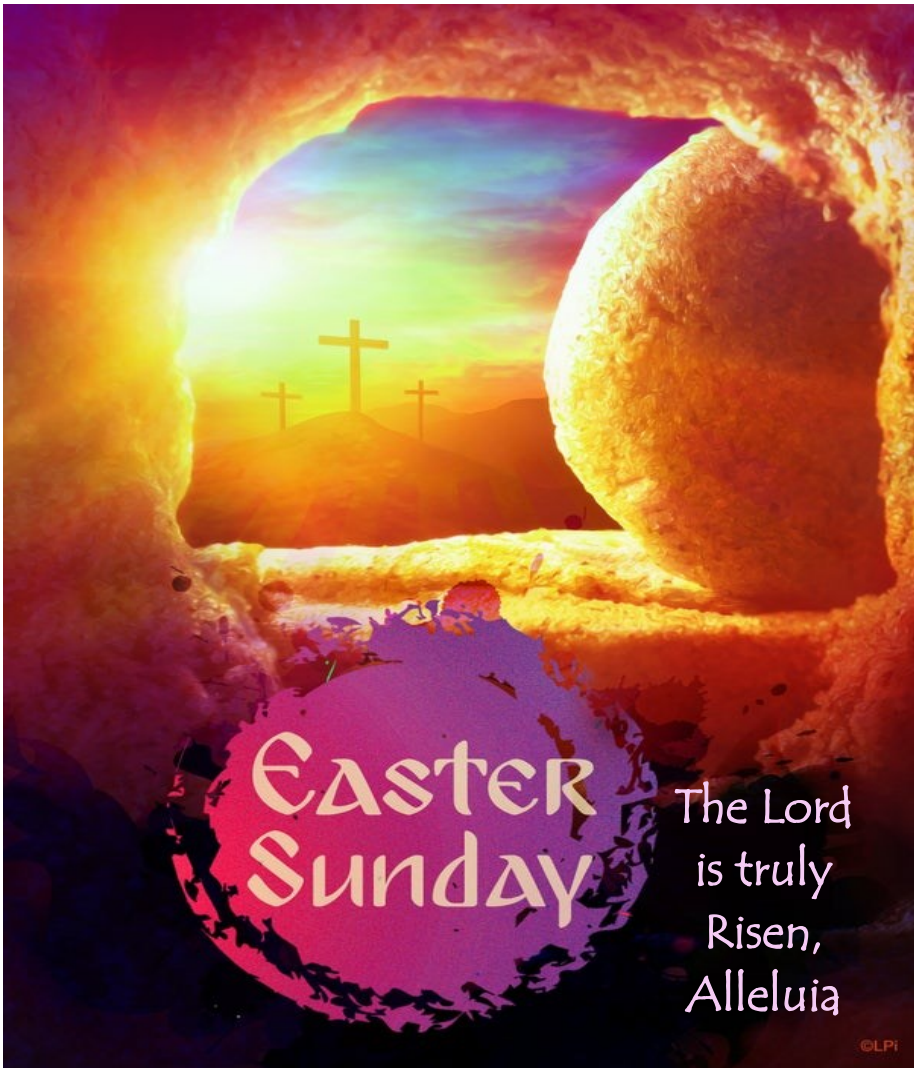
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
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# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church  
9 Third Avenue  
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## March 31, 2024



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**Partnered Parish Office Hours**  
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)  
Friday: Closed

### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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St. Thomas the Apostle     St. Teresa of Avila

Please drop this information into Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.

*Easter Message from the Pastor*

On behalf of the parish staff, I would like to extend our best wishes for you and your family to experience a joy-filled and life-renewing Easter. The Lent and Easter seasons are ones of extended length because our joys and sorrows are not instantaneous, but often have lasting and lingering effects.

Lent is a time to reflect on the experiences in our lives that are painful and difficult, even at times just hard to understand. We reflect on why things have happened in a particular way and not in some other way, maybe to our disadvantage rather than to our advantage. We reflect on the sacrifices we are making for others. Sometimes rather difficult sacrifices, at other times they are quite rewarding; but always at some cost to us. We weigh the value of that cost and its benefit. There are also relationships we struggle with in life. Relationships that have caused us pain and suffering and now need to be healed. We also reflect on whether our relationships are fulfilling to us, whether they are meeting our needs or whether they are too shallow to involve anything but ourselves. We also spend time recognizing that we have hurt others by our words and actions that somehow we need to bring healing to the brokenness of relationships and peace to our lives.

But the promise of Easter, the promise of Resurrection, is that the dying we have experienced is not the end, is not the final word. It is a pledge that our grieving, mourning, suffering, and struggling will in time be turned into new life. Not the same life as before, but actually a better life than we previously knew.

The Easter season involves us meeting the risen Christ in all the situations of our Lenten struggle. We see how Jesus experienced a situation in which things didn't work out exactly as he planned, but how he triumphed over the hurt and harm that others inflicted on him, by taking the higher ground. Life is always filled with "ups and downs" and yet we need to hold on to our faith and our values in order to ride out the rough times. That is the promise of resurrection.

We find the risen Christ in the sacrifices we make for others, by realizing that others have made those same kinds of sacrifices for us. Our lives have been enriched by the sacrifices of others, and we too are enriching the lives of those around us by our commitments to them.

We also experience the risen Christ in our relationships. Particularly those relationships where there have been past hurts, relationships that have not really addressed our loneliness, and those where we have caused hurt and pain to others. The risen Christ is found in our experiences of forgiveness, of love, and of healing. It is when we address those issues in our relationships that we come to find the new life that God offers us.

The Easter season is one that lasts for six weeks because we will need that time to transform the struggles and pains of our lives into the new life that is just now opening up for us. It is a time to let go of the old and let it bless us and take hold of a new spirit that will turn the possibilities for new life into reality.

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**Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday**

8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased and Living Parishioners and those listed on the Easter Flower Memorials (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠ Deceased and Living Parishioners and those listed on the Easter Flower Memorials (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, April 1**

8:00a.m. ✠ Ann Spelling by Cherly & Steve Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, April 2**

8:00a.m. ✠ Chip Spiesman by Gerrie Karkoski and Peg Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, April 3**

8:00a.m. In Honor of Tim & Sue Vinca by Michael & Aimee Vinca and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, April 4**

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

**Friday, April 5**

8:00a.m. ✠ Ed Weaver by Larry & Rowena Watts (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, April 6**

4:30p.m. ✠ Larry Kozik by Gary & Cindy Clark (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, April 7—Divine Mercy Sunday / 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠ Harold O'Connor by Cheryl & Steve Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Alleluia



May the promise of Easter, the promise of Resurrection, be a promise that finds real life fulfillment for you and your family, for our church and civic communities, for our nation and our world. May the mystery of dying and rising that happens in the person of Jesus, be also the mystery that brings new meaning and new depth to each of our lives.

- Fr. Tom

## St. Thomas Easter Flower Memorials 2024

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
Jack, Tommy and Rick Brigham	Nancy Brigham and Family
Edward Paver, Sr.	His family
Deceased Members of the Karkoski and Anderson Families	Gerrie Karkoski and Peg Anderson
William VanCise	Mary and children: Theresa, Jacqueline, Janet, Michelle, and Mark
The Sypniewski Family, Matthew, Kazimiera, Andrew and Halina	Irena and grandsons: Aaron & Adam Lamber
Peter & Dorothy Brunecz	Loretta Messinger
Madalyn & Joseph Jawdy, Sr.	Joe & Janet Jawdy
August & Mary D'Amicone, Steve J. & Evelyn Mennen, Tom & Therese Robejsek, Carol Vanchieri, and Bill Barney	Steven & Pam Mennen
Deacon Bill Sproveri	Pat Sproveri and Family
The Rushin and Hennings Families	Gerard & Alice Rushin
Andy & Micky Tomcho and George & Julia Sekarek	David & Barb Sekerak
Lila Sander	Peter Sander
Lila Sander and Richard Ayers, Sr.	Debbie, Rick and Richelle Ayers
Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz and Joseph & Patricia Walsh	John & Colleen Zaczekiewicz
Paul & Barbara Anderson, Louis & Charlotte Sproveri, and Mary L. Sproveri	Denny & Chris Anderson
The Weis and Hermanto Families	Steve & Millie Weis
Helene Grucza, Madalyn & Joseph Jawdy, and Cheyenne Mazza	Jeff & Lisa Weis and family
Dad / Poppa	Jeff, Kristi, Alicia and Alex
Rose & Ed Gluvna and Rose & Joe Amoroso	Ron & Teresa Gluvna
The Wascak and Stoddard Families	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wascak
Pauline Trisket and Leona Raymond	Janice & Larry Buell
The Knowlton and Messina Families	Punk & Lana Messina
The Ahl Family	Martha Morton
The Chundrlek and Tujetsch Families	Alice Maryott
The Baressi and Stull Families	Vickie & Dave Stull
John & Ruth Lawson and Fred & Mary Walsh	Kris & Clancy Walsh
George, Frances, and Michael Butchko	Patricia Stolz
The Henderson and Kuszajewski Families	Shirley Kuszajewski
Bob Bailey, The Motuz and Bailey Families	Veronica Bailey
Ed & Sophie Girovsky	Diane Hall and Jean Cressley
The Gluvna and Mitchell Families	Dave & Marie Mitchell
My Parents	Judy Christensen
The Wascak and Stolar Families	Carol and Darrell Huffman
Don Ginn	Margaret Ginn and family
George & Helen Groner	George & Carol Groner
The Paul Roche and Paul Roark Families	Hoop & Marne Roche
Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz, Judith Johnston, and Members of the Zaczekiewicz, Johnston, and Motuz Families	Gary, Sue, and Joseph Johnston
Fred & Mary Walsh and Skye Elizabeth	Sheila Walsh
William & Mary Lou and Frank & Catherine	Frank & Lori Lackovic
Janet Mitchell, Deceased members of the John & Mary Mitchell and Merle & Dora Triscuit Families	Don Mitchell
Fred & Ruth Ahl and Dan Ahl	Janet Ahl
Loved Ones	Steve & Shirley Heitzenrater

Donations also received from: Sue Watrous.

*Thank you for donating to this year's Easter Flower Fund.*

*The beautiful flowers enhanced our liturgies and remind us of the Risen Christ's splendor.*

We apologize if any names were misspelled or any donations/memorials were inadvertently omitted from this list.



## St. Teresa Easter Flower Memorials 2024

In Memory of	Donated by
Tony & Stella Stec and Neal & Dorothy Hasbrouck	Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck
Charlie & Betty Tyson, Jenine Mineo, Earl Love, Madeline Ambrose, and Members of the Hess Family	Janet Love
Robert & Louise Brown and Ernest & Ann Ferro	Ernie & Nancy Ferro
Sandy King, Russell & Julia King, Andrew & Elizabeth Beezub, Laurie Kay Beezub, and Marvin King	Larry & Kim and family
Deceased Members of the Kozuchowsky, Piazza, and Mineo Families	Sam & Carol Piazza
Bob Adams, Joseph V. Kirik, Matthew Kirik, Russell & Sarah Adams, and Monica Kirik	Melody Adams and family
Lewis, Ann, and James Klus and Hopson loved ones	Ed & Paula Klus
Naomi Meneely, Glenn Meneely, Edith Calfo, and Ben Calfo	Ken & Jean Calfo
Joseph Polach, Sr.	Brad & Sally Berkey
The Weidow and Radock Families	Marty & Linda Radock
The Prichard, Rose, Groves, and Dernar Families	David & Diana Rose
Stanley & Marg Klus, James Wood, Tim Perry, and Jan & Joe Ledford	Patty, Helen, and Stan
Charles & Marguerite Bengel	Laura Bengel
Little Angels	Pete & Jeannette Boyd
Ed Weaver, George, Irene & Don Tinko, Orzechowski Families, Richard, Don, E. John Weaver, and Glenn & Geraldine Crosby	Irene Weaver
The Namisnak Family, Agne Sterbenac, and the Niggel Family	Karen Muscia
The Matulevich, Wienczkowski, Miller, and Coatoam Families	Edward & Cynthia Miller
Thomas Zakovitch, Fred & Ann Zakovitch, Walter & Dorothy Hornick, Rosie Sefchick, and Ann Tudorache,	Ilene Zakovitch
Jim & Joann Baltes and George & Julia Sekerak	Jim & Mary Jo Sekerak
Don Thomas, Mike Kirik, Ann Ranyak, Sue Bishop, and John & Anna Kirik	Mary Thomas
Don Thomas, Ann Ranyak and family, Kirik families, Al & Margaret Wethli, and Steve Eakin	David & Linda Wethli
Al & Mae Latshaw and James Murphy	Katherine Young
Edward Weaver, Sr., Margaret LaFevse, and Max & Theresa Racop	Mark & Theresa Racop
Steven Paul Mongera, Harold O'Connor, Lois O'Connor, Steve Mongera, Sr., Dorothy Mongera, and Debbie Lyons	Steven & Cheryl Mongera
Our Loved Ones	Doug & Pam O'Connor
Connie Megat	Kimberly Vogel
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sabol, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Shune, and All deceased priests and sisters	Joe & Diann Sabol, Jr.
The Beezub and Gilger Families	Robert & Patricia Beezub
Joseph S. Kusiak	Patricia Kusiak
Majorie & Kenneth Hanlin, Ken Hanlin, Jr., Gordon Hanlin, and Lee Chew	Noreen Hurlburt
Jenine Mineo, John Mineo, Janet & Jim Frontino, Charlie & Betty Tyson, Chuck Tyson, Earl Love, and Dick & Barb McKeta	John & Rita Mineo
Anna & John Tomcho	Family
John J. Daggett and Fred, Genevieve, Rick Pusch	Christine Daggett

Donations also received from: Todd & Michelle Burgess, Bill & Judy Flynn, Marie Redlecki, Margaret Wienczkowski, Milton & Gayle Whitmeyer, John Biebel, Seth & Natalie Moss, and Mary Ann Shade.

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**Did YOU make 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

**Financial Stewardship Report from Palm Sunday (March 23/24)**

The Financial Stewardship Report for the weekend of March 23 & 24 for both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes will be published in an upcoming bulletin. Today's bulletin had to be submitted to our publisher prior to the weekend Masses due to the holiday season. Thank you to all who regularly use your church offertory envelopes and/or give to the parish collection. We appreciate it and are grateful for your support.



BLESSED  
Easter  
TO ALL!

If then you are raised with Christ, seek what is above.

Colossians 3:2

Jesus, I rejoice in your Resurrection. Easter joy comes through faith and service...so set your heart on "what is above" today. Then hear Jesus say, "Come and share in my joy!"

**Readings for the week of March 31, 2024**

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 ♦ Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24) ♦ Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 ♦ John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

Mon.: Acts 2:14, 22-33 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 ♦ Matthew 28:8-15

Tues.: Acts 2:36-41 ♦ Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 ♦ John 20:11-18

Wed.: Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Luke 24:13-35

Thur.: Acts 3:11-26 ♦ Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Luke 24:35-48

Fri.: Acts 4:1-12 ♦ Psalm 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a ♦ John 21:1-14

Sat.: Acts 4:13-21 ♦ Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 ♦ Mark 16:9-15

Divine Mercy Sunday: Acts 4:32-35 ♦ Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) ♦ 1 John 5:1-6 ♦ John 20:19-31

**Family Perspective**

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

**"Question of the Week" - Easter Sunday**

**Question for Children:** What sacrifices do you make for those whom you love?

**Question for Youth:** Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection – it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

**Question for Adults:** In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?


## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

Families of students at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes are reminded of the following schedule for April 2024:

- Sunday, March 31—EASTER SUNDAY / No Classes
- Sunday, April 7—No Classes / Easter break
- Sunday, April 14—Classes for All Religious Education students.
- Sunday, April 21—Classes for All Religious Education students.
- Sunday, April 28—Classes for All Religious Education students.

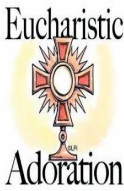
**CLASS TIME:** Classes meet in Corry on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am and in Union City from 11:00am until 12:30pm; the **PURPOSE/Confirmation Class** in Corry meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.



**Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK**

*I have Risen, and I am with you still, Alleluia...*

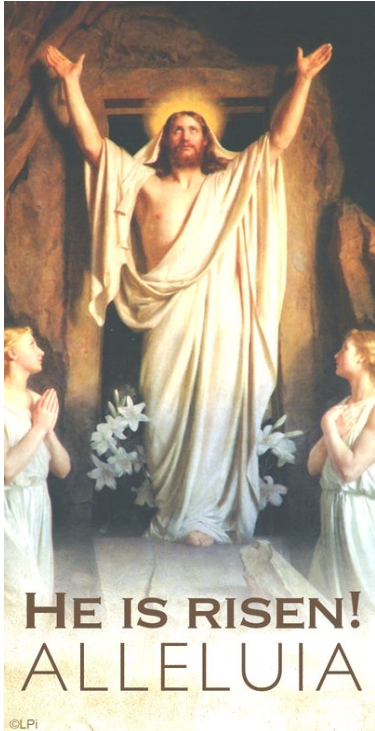
Eucharistic Adoration is **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) through Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (8:00am – 12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome.



**The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of March 31<sup>st</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Wascak, Stolar, and Froman Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman.**

**St. Teresa Reverse Raffle**

Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024 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 each, which includes dinner and drinks, plus a chance at the \$5,000 prize. **Volunteers needed to run this event.** If you can help, please call Kim Yaple at 814-397-1268.



GO OUT AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN!  
ALLELUIA

