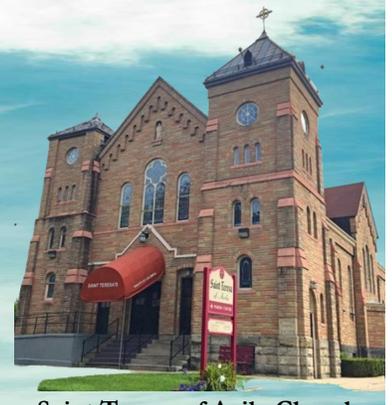




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203 W. Washington Street
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Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
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THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

March 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” - Mk 11:9

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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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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

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 87 pledges for \$34,249 towards our parish goal of \$54,000 at St. Teresa, and 105 pledges for \$50,084 towards our goal of \$50,000 at St. Thomas. Our stretch goal at St. Thomas is \$85,000 to address some of the needs of resurfacing the parking lot.

We have included two projects for each parish in addition to the diocesan assessments. These are lofty goals, but we are aiming high to address some important issues at each parish. At St. Teresa we hope to collect enough over our assessment amount to pay back our loan of \$30,000 to the diocese for the reconfigured roof on the Parish Center At St. Thomas, we are hoping to collect enough to upgrade the electrical wiring to the lights in the church.

In the past we have had a generous response from a good number of parishioners. I am asking that every family make a pledge or a gift to this Appeal. This Appeal benefits everyone in the parish and we should all be making some effort to achieve the goals that benefit everyone. Pledge envelopes are in the pews today and at the exits. Please take an envelope and consider your pledge or gift this week.

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK: We might remember there are two parts to our liturgy this weekend: (1.) Blessing of Palms and carrying them in procession as the people did as Jesus entered into Jerusalem to begin his Passion. (2.) The reading of the Passion—we participate as the crowd in the drama of the Passion even to the point of shouting “Crucify Him!” We are invited to PARTICIPATE in the dramatic events of this Holy Week. The church invites us to enter fully into the events of this week: having our feet washed on Thursday, Venerating the Cross on Good Friday, renewing our baptismal promises, and blessing ourselves with the new Easter water. As the church invites you to participate in this Holy Week, so too do we invite you to participate.

FISH DINNERS: I just want to take a moment to thank all those who have been working the fish dinners at both parishes. I have been impressed with the number of people who have volunteered to work and how hard people have worked. Not everyone realizes how much work goes into these dinners. It has been a privilege for me to work alongside you in these events. It has helped me to learn more people’s names and to engage more closely with you in the work of our parish. I hope it has been an opportunity to build community among yourselves as well.

Let us engage one another in prayer in this Holy Week and continue to build this community we call the Body of Christ. Thank you so much!

- Fr. Tom

Seeking Individual to Fill Bookkeeper Position

Our Partnered Parish Office is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This position will be approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Business Manager, Missy Silka, at the parish office by phone 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.



Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Lois O’Connor by Cheryl & Steve Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, March 25

- 8:00a.m. †Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter, Becky Boteratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, March 26

- 8:00a.m. †Peg Elchynski by Shirley Skiff (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, March 27

- 8:00a.m. †Mary Dankul by Patricia Glenn (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, March 28—Mass of the Lord’s Supper / Holy Thursday

- 7:00p.m. †Clyde Ross by Rick, Debbie and Richelle (St. Thomas, Corry)

Friday, March 29—Good Friday / No Mass Today

- 3:00p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 7:00p.m. Service of the Lord’s Passion (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, March 30—The Great Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday

- 8:30p.m. †Deceased and Living Parishioners and those listed on the Easter Flower Memorials (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, March 31—The Resurrection of the Lord / 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)



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name with is above every other name.

The most ancient and always the central event of the liturgical year is the Easter Triduum (Latin, three days) celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. These sacred three days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) are a liturgical season in themselves and not strictly part of Lent.



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

**One Faith
One Family**

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 16 & 17, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (74)\$3,362.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 71)

Loose\$325.50

Online Giving (9)\$330.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()\$0.00

Total Offertory Income\$4,017.50

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,317.50)

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 (814-663-3753).
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 March 24th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Five Firemen by Nancy Brigham and family.

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

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, March 24—**PALM SUNDAY**
 9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building

Monday, March 25
 6:00pm Choir Practice at St. Thomas Church

Wednesday, March 27
 6:30pm Confirmation/PURPOSE Class at St. Thomas

Thursday, March 28—**HOLY THURSDAY**
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas Church

Friday, March 29—**GOOD FRIDAY**
 3:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

Saturday, March 30—**HOLY SATURDAY**
 10:00am Liturgical Practice for Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas
 12:00pm Blessing of Easter Foods/Baskets at St. Thomas
 8:30pm The Great Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Church

Choir Practice on Monday Night

Our final Choir Practice will be at St. Thomas Church on Monday, March 25th at 6:00pm in preparation for the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome to join us.

Attention Cursillistas

There will be Palanca Party at St. Thomas Parish in the multipurpose room at 6:30pm on Monday, April 1 in preparation for the upcoming Women's Cursillo #261 (April 5-7) at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek. Several ladies from our parish plan to attend the Cursillo weekend.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/17):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$50,084.00
 Total Paid to date = \$32,039.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 105

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.

Catholic Daughters Meeting Cancelled in March

Our March meeting is cancelled due to the fourth Thursday of this month falling on March 28, which is also Holy Thursday.

Cemetery Pots and Wreath Stands

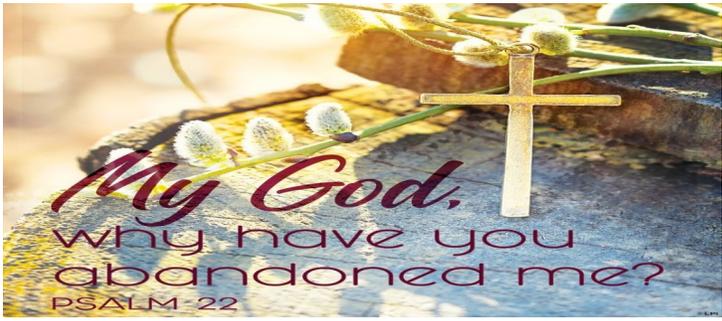
During the fall cleanup last year at both Sts. Thomas & Elizabeth Cemeteries, several urns/pots and wreath stands were picked up and stored in the cemetery garages over the winter. If you are interested in obtain pots or stands which may have been on loved ones graves, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Update on our Fish Dinner held March 8

We are grateful to all who support our Fish Dinners. Here are the totals from the March 8th dinner: Dine-in dinners were 90, Take-out was 109, and Delivery was 11, for a total of 210 dinners. We deposited \$3,373 for St. Thomas. The winner of the 50/50 at the dinner was Mike Gluvna for \$41. A more detailed reporting of our Fish Dinners will be in a future bulletin. Thanks again to everyone for another successful season.

Landscaping at St. Thomas Parish

Thank you to ALL who helped with sprucing up the landscaping around St. Thomas Church. Several bushes/trees were removed/trimmed. We appreciate those who helped with this project: Lois, members of our Knights of Columbus, and families.



St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 17, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (49) \$2,227.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 108)
Loose \$130.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (3) \$80.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,437.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: March 17, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (7) \$230.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,667.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,918.00)

*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!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/17):
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$34,249.00
 Total Paid to date = \$24,925.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 87
 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.

Modern Day Simon of Cyrene
 Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Prayerfully consider how to help in our communities.

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



Rev. James Power, Rev. Msgr. Henry Kriegel, Rev. Jerry Priscaro, Rev. Lawrence Richards, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish
 Sunday, March 24—**PALM SUNDAY**
 11:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the parish center
 Friday, March 29—**GOOD FRIDAY**
 7:00pm Service of the Passion of the Lord at St. Teresa Church
 Saturday, March 30—**HOLY SATURDAY**
 12:00pm Blessing of the Easter foods/baskets at St. Teresa

A Family Perspective
 The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

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. Mark your calendars! **Volunteers are always needed to run an event like this.** Kim Yaple has graciously taken on the leadership of this event. If you can help, please call Kim at 814-397-1268.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

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 St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.

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



HOLY WEEK READINGS

Palm Sunday.: Mark 11:1-10 ♦ Isaiah 50:4-7 ♦ Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) ♦ Philippians 2:6-11 ♦ Mark 14:1-15:47 (or Mark 15:1-39)

Mon.: Isaiah 42:1-7 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 ♦ John 12:1-11

Tues.: Isaiah 49:1-6 ♦ Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 ♦ John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed.: Isaiah 50:4-9a ♦ Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 ♦ Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday.: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Corinthians 10:16) ♦ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ♦ John 13:1-15

Good Friday.: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 ♦ Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46) ♦ Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 ♦ John 18:1—19:42

Sat.: *Easter Vigil*: Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a ♦ Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b) ♦ Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ♦ Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) ♦ Exodus 14:15—15:1 ♦ Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b) ♦ Isaiah 54:5-14 ♦ Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a) ♦ Isaiah 55:1-11 ♦ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3) ♦ Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (John 6:68c) ♦ Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 ♦ Psalm 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4 (42:2) ♦ Romans 6:3-11 ♦ Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 ♦ Mark 16:1-7

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

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 the remainder of March and April 2024:



Sunday, March 24—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, March 31—EASTER SUNDAY / No Classes this week

Sunday, April 7—No Classes this week / 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.

"Question of the Week" - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Question for Children: Name one thing that you will do each day this week to remind you that Jesus died and rose to new life for you.

Question for Youth: We hear the story of Jesus' death each year. What did you hear differently this year? How has your faith changed in the past year?

Question for Adults: Identify and share one way that you personally "die in Christ."

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024
at Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes



Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas Church
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

Good Friday, March 29th

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church
7:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion at St. Teresa Church

Holy Saturday, March 30th

10:00am Practice for those ministering/involved with the Easter Vigil, St. Thomas

12:00pm Blessing of Easter Foods
at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Churches

8:30pm The Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Church

Easter Sunday, April 9th

8:00am Mass at St. Thomas Church

10:00am Mass at St. Teresa Church

