



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

## November 10, 2024



### 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43

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

**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**

**ALL SOULS SERVICE:** Thanks to the Altar Rosary and Rosary Altar societies for helping with the All Souls Service and reception. It was a prayerful evening of support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Your kindness made it a very special and comforting evening.

**OCTOBER COUNT:** Every year during the month of October, we count the number of people who attend Mass on the weekend. Last year, 2023, we averaged 304 people combined at the three Masses. This year, 2024, we averaged 300 people combined at the three Masses. It seems our numbers are holding steady, but we also have around 500 families listed as parishioners. Like most parishes, we have lots of people on the books, but fewer people actually attending Mass.

**THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HOMEBOUND:** One of the first things I did when I arrived was to ask family members to call the office with the names of those who were ill or homebound. Some people have done this, and we have taken them communion and I have given them the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. I make that plea again. Lately, there have been people who I am hearing about who are homebound and no one has called the office in order for us to minister to them. Some of them have passed away and people wonder why no one came to visit them. The only way we know if someone is ill or homebound is if a family member calls to inform us. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** will be at St. Teresa at 9:00am.

**I GIVE CATHOLIC:** The annual online appeal, *#i Give Catholic*, will be on Tuesday, December 6. We will have only one site under the name of St. Thomas, but there will be sub-sections for each of the following: St. Thomas, St. Teresa, St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Teresa Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Religious Education, as well as the St. Thomas Cemetery Endowment Fund. Click on the St. Thomas in Corry site and then scroll through to the section where you wish to make your contribution. Thank You for considering these areas of need for our parish.

There will also be envelopes available in the coming weeks where you can make your contribution to the *#i Give Catholic* campaign without having to go online.

- Fr. Tom

**Have you paid in full your pledge to the 2024 CSA?  
If not, please try to do so by the end of the year.**



**Sunday, November 10**  
8:00a.m. †Janet Mitchell by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik (St. Thomas, Corry)  
11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, November 11**  
8:00a.m. †Barbara Redlecki by Sean & Bernadette Carroll (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, November 12**  
8:00a.m. †Deceased and Living Members of St. Edwards School by the St. Edwards Alumni Association (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, November 13**  
8:00a.m. †Veronica Whitman (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, November 14**  
No Mass or Services at either Sts. Thomas or Teresa today.

**Friday, November 15**  
8:00a.m. †Bill Flynn by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, November 16**  
4:30p.m. †Sophie Girovsky by David & Barb Sekerak (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, November 17**  
8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)  
11:00a.m. †Don Thomas by Mary Thomas and family (St. Teresa, Union City)



**#iGIVECATHOLIC**

Your gift could help our parish WIN a CASH PRIZE.

Advanced Giving Days Nov. 18—Dec. 2

**#GivingTuesday December 3, 2024**

**What is CCHD?**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Church. It was founded in 1969 and established in 1970 to respond to both systemic poverty and racial injustice occurring throughout the country. Since beginning its work in 1970, CCHD has awarded over \$462 million in grants supporting more than 12,000 community-based, grassroots-led organizations. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development provides grants to more than 200 low-income, community-led organizations each year, which is made possible thanks to the generous contributions of Catholics to the annual collection every November on the World Day of the Poor. **We will be taking up this second collection next weekend, November 16/17, at all Masses throughout our diocese in support of the CCHD.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Diocese of Erie  
2024 Catholic Services Appeal

*"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 News

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/03):

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

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,846.00

Total Paid to date = \$57,816.00

# 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.**



**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 November 10<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.**

### Winterizing Our Cemeteries

Parishioners are reminded to remove all potted urns/plants from graves for the winter as of November 10 at both St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. We will be cleaning up the cemeteries for fall during a work bee on either Saturday, November 16 or Sunday, November 17 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). If you wish to help with the clean-up, please contact Rhonda Pierce at the parish office (814-663-3041). After these dates, holiday wreaths/decorations may be placed on graves. Thank you.



## PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

### Looking for Voices to Join St. Thomas Choir

If you like to sing and wish to praise God with music, we invite you to join the St. Thomas Choir. **Choir practice is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Church—ALL are welcome.** We will meet to prepare for weekend Masses and the upcoming holiday season. We hope you will join us.



### Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society are selling pastries the weekends of Nov. 16/17 and Nov. 23/24, before and after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. **Cost is \$16 for Kolachi (Walnut or Apricot) and \$13 for Baklava.** As a reminder, all monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases made to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.



### You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts TODAY

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas will be served in the multipurpose room following the 8:00am Mass TODAY—Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and food.



### Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brother Knights of Council #425 are reminded for their monthly meeting this week on Tuesday, November 12 in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We will begin with the Rosary at 6:30pm and the business meeting will follow at approximately 7:00pm. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. We hope you will join us.



### Corry Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

The Corry Knights are holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the week prior to Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to please donate non-perishable food items. Place donations in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Thanks!



### Knights and Friends Cleanup Along Route 6

On Saturday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, members of the Corry Knights and some student helpers cleaned up their portion of Route 6 in Corry. Pictured below is the 'crew' before the start of the cleanup. *Thanks for your help in beautifying our community!*



### "Question of the Week" - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** What part of your own possessions are you called on to share?

**Question for Youth:** When you think of your own life, do you consider yourself to be rich or poor? How do you spend your money? Is there anything you should be doing differently?

**Question for Adults:** When do you know that you have given away enough?

### Family Perspective

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize these moments.



### 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 6:00 PM

## St. Teresa News

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/03):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00

Total Paid to date = \$37,650.00

# 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. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.**

Please be reminded that **ALL CHECKS for offertory and CSA are to be made payable to 'St. Thomas Church'** as of October 1, 2024. Thanks.

### St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

#### •Rosary—Altar Society

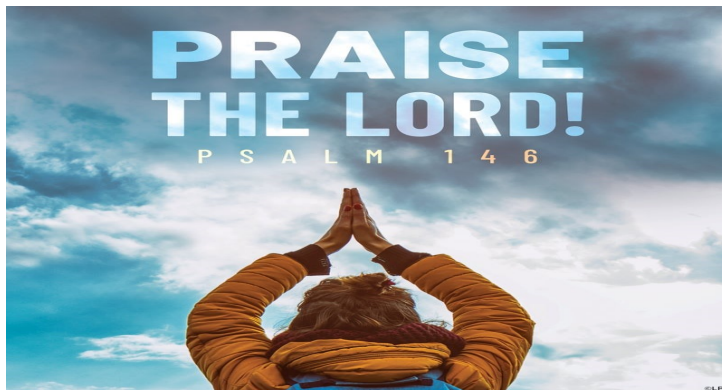
Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM

#### •Knights of Columbus

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

#### •Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term



**This is how all will know that you are my disciples;  
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.**

John 13:35

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

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

### Be Cautious with Information / Requests

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. Here are some useful reminders:

- Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly.
- Don't use phone numbers in fraudulent email.
- Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in our Sunday bulletin.

Personal data can be used by scam artists in fraudulent ways. Please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Financial fraud like the gift card scam can be reported to the FTC here: <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>. To learn more, read this FTC article: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams>.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 10<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Don Tinko by Irene Weaver and family.



Rev. Cesar Segovia, Rev. Paul Siebert, Rev. Raymond Gramata, Rev. John Fischer, Rev. Thomas Curry, OSB, Pray for Vocations, Rev. Vincent Cieslewicz, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

### Readings for the week of November 10, 2024

Sun.: 1 Kings 17:10-16 ♦ Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) ♦ Hebrews 9:24-28 ♦ Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Mon.: Titus 1:1-9 ♦ Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ♦ Luke 17:1-6

Tues.: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 ♦ Psalm 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 ♦ Luke 17:7-10

Wed.: Titus 3:1-7 ♦ Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 ♦ Luke 17:11-19

Thur.: Philemon 7-20 ♦ Psalm 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 ♦ Luke 17:20-25

Fri.: 2 John 4-9 ♦ Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 ♦ Luke 17:26-37

Sat.: 3 John 5-8 ♦ Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Luke 18:1-8

Next Sun.: Daniel 12:1-3 ♦ Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) ♦ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving for those in need. We are seeking non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave your donations at the back of Saint Teresa Church by November 17. Thank you in advance for your donations.



**Shine like lights in the world,  
as you hold on to the Word of Life.** Phil. 2:15d, 16a

## Women's Retreat

Bring them to Me

Retreat Leader  
Susan Yurkewicz

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**  
Hope House Retreat Center

**6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM**


Includes a light dinner

61 EAST HIGH STREET, UNION CITY, PA 16438

To Register: email [Mtrabold@thereasonforourhope.org](mailto:Mtrabold@thereasonforourhope.org) or call 814-455-7364  
FREE WILL OFFERING taken at the event / space is limited  
call our office if you want to carpool

Let us join each other in bringing those we hold dear in our hearts to our gentle yet mighty Lord. Come experience hope and relief in an evening focused on intercession and trust in God.




<b>FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:</b> November 2 & 3, 2024	
<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (152)	\$7,084.00
<b>Loose</b>	\$349.25
(Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)	
<b>Online Giving</b> (17)	\$1,030.00
<b>Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.</b>	\$0.00
<b>Continuing the Vision</b>	\$60.00
<b>Holy Day / All Saints</b>	\$1,331.00
<b>All Souls Day</b>	\$631.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b>	\$10,485.25
<b>Average Weekly Expenses</b>	\$11,390.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)	
<b>Weekly Average Shortfall</b>	\$(-904.75)
<i>Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.</i>	
<b><u>Please write checks to St. Thomas Church.</u></b>	
<b><i>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.</i></b>	
	<i>Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at <a href="http://www.StThomastheApostle.Church">www.StThomastheApostle.Church</a> and click 'Donate Online'.</i>
<b>Mission Sunday Collection</b>	\$1,293.00
Thank you for your generosity to this special collection taken up the weekend of October 19/20. Your contributions will help sustain the Church's missionary work and bring the light of Christ to those who need it most. Let us continue to pray for our missionaries and the people they serve. Thank you on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—Diocese of Erie.	



**VETERANS DAY**  
**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**  
 PAST & PRESENT  
 November 11<sup>th</sup>


**UNITED IN PRAYER  
 THIS VETERAN'S DAY  
 WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE  
 FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE  
 DEFENDED PEACE, VIRTUE,  
 AND JUSTICE WITH HONOR.  
 WE PRAY ESPECIALLY  
 FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
 SUFFERED IN MIND AND BODY  
 FROM THE RAVAGES OF WAR.  
 GOD'S BLESSINGS AND HEALINGS  
 UPON OUR VETERANS  
 TODAY AND ALWAYS.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
 2025 Book for Mass Intentions is Now Open  
 Come in or call the parish office (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. Also consider sponsoring the Sanctuary Candle for the week. Thank you.

## Religious Education News

**2024-2025 Religious Education Program**



Our Religious Education Program combined this year. Combining our resources makes our program stronger. 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). **Classes in the first half will meet at St. Teresa Parish Center at 9:30am.**

**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

Sunday, Nov. 10—Classes and Youth Mass at St. Teresa  
 Sunday, Nov. 17—Classes for ALL students at St. Teresa  
 Sunday, Nov. 24—Classes and Advent Group Activity at St. Teresa

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit [www.stopbullying.org](http://www.stopbullying.org). For additional resources visit [www.erieecd.org/childprotection](http://www.erieecd.org/childprotection).

**Parish Office Closed on Monday, November 11**—Sorry for any inconvenience. We will be open Tuesday—Thursday this week.

### 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.*