

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA

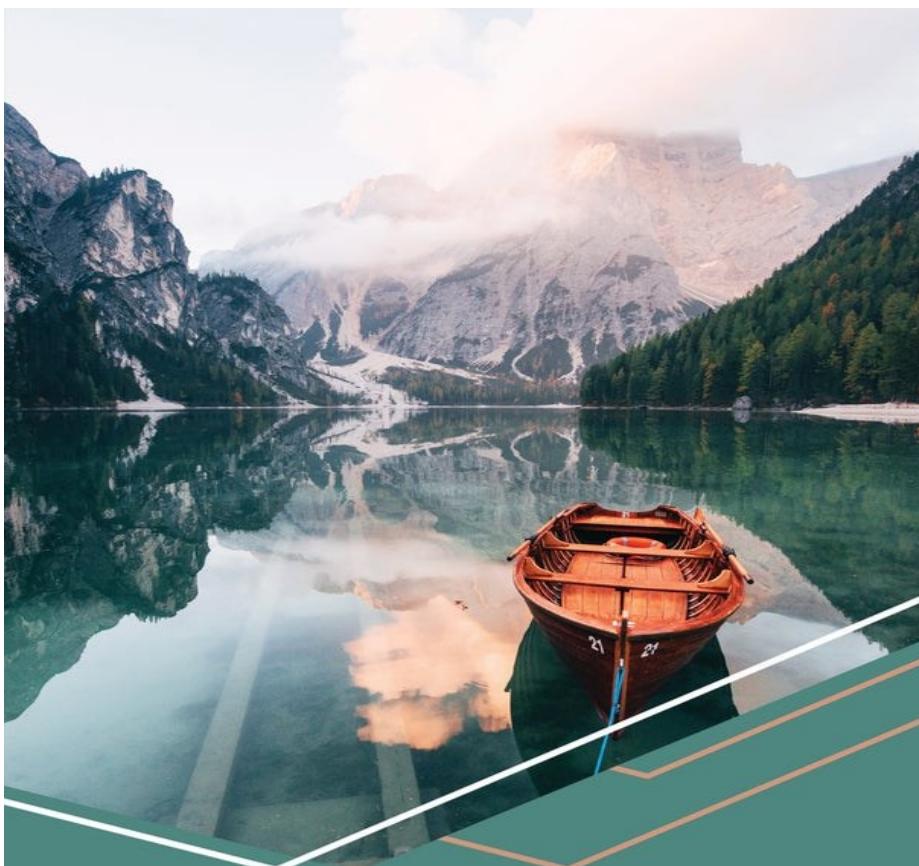


Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

January 25, 2026



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mt 4:19

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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
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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

Message from the Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY: Due to my surgery being pushed back a week, we will have a service of the Word with distribution of ashes at the following times on Ash Wednesday: 8:00am at St. Thomas, distribution of ashes at both churches at Noon, and 7:00pm at St. Teresa.

HEALTH UPDATE: Two years ago, I announced that I would be greeting people at the doors before and after Mass, but that I would NOT be shaking people's hands. I did this because I am immune suppressed and didn't want to take unnecessary risks and not pass those on to others. Most people have been very gracious in cooperating with my request to NOT shake hands (fist bump or anything else). I ask for your continued diligence with that as cold and flu season is in full swing.

As some of you may know, I have been experiencing some health issues since August. After months of tests and doctors appointments, I am having surgery to resolve my issues. My surgery will be early in February and will entail some "down time" on my part including not being able to drive for two weeks. I will be able to walk to Mass at St. Teresa but will not be able to drive to St. Thomas for those two weeks. Fr. Leo Gallina and Fr. Tom Suppa will cover the weekend Masses for me on those two weekends.

CONTACT INFORMATION: All business should be conducted through the office at St. Thomas in Corry. Please check the bulletin for office hours. The office is not open on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Recently, people have been showing up at St. Teresa to use the building without having contacted the parish office. The first point of contact for all parish related business is the office in Corry 814-663-3041.

When a parishioner is in the hospital, please call the parish office (814-663-3041) to let us know so someone can visit them and provide them with communion and/or the anointing of the sick. The same is true if someone is in the nursing home – particularly the Corry Manor. I visit the Manor each month to anoint the Catholic residents and one of our Eucharistic Ministers takes communion there each month as well.

In case of someone needing to be anointed you can call the parish office (814-663-3041) or the number at the rectory at St. Teresa is 814-438-6048. Remember that I live at St. Teresa but am in the office at St. Thomas part of the week. Don't be afraid to leave messages at both places for me. It is hard to be in two places at one time.

PARISH COUNCIL: We owe a debt of gratitude to our Parish Council for working through some difficult times over the past three years. They have worked through a parish partnership, the merging of three parishes into one parish and a mission church, as well as the sale of the property at Our Lady of Fatima. Those Council members were **Becky Boleratz, Ken Calfo, Nancy Ferro, Amy Helmer, Pat Keys, Paige Megat, Karen Puckly, Mike Roden, Jonathan Swank, Pat Valimont, and Bill Zimmer**. At our last meeting we discussed a new format for Council, and I thought it would be good to give this group a well-deserved break by ending their terms on Council. Please extend your thanks to them for all their hard work.

The new format for Council is still in the early stages of development. The heart of this new Council will be that they will brainstorm ideas to keep our parish moving forward and building community. They will not only be responsible for the idea phase but will also be responsible for making those ideas become reality. It will be a Council of planning and implementing those plans. Over the next few months, I will be interviewing people who may be interested in being a part of this Council. Depending on the number of interested people, we may have a Council and then a group of people who are interested in helping us implement the ideas Council proposes. If you are interested in interviewing for some part of this Council, please contact me at the parish office (814-663-3041) or by email (TJWhitman@eriercd.org) to schedule an appointment.

- Fr. Tom

**Sunday, January 25**

8:00a.m. †Judith Johnston by Gary, Sue and Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, January 26

8:00a.m. †Thomas Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, January 27

8:00a.m. †Wascak, Stolar, and Huffman Families by Darrell & Carol Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, January 28

8:00a.m. Special Intentions of Jim Brady by Charlie Buckshaw (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, January 29

No Mass or Services at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa today.

Friday, January 30

8:00a.m. †Priscilla Kozik by Shirley & Nancy Schultz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, January 31

4:30p.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, February 1

8:00a.m. †Sophie & Ed Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †MaryAnn Shinko by Pete & Carol Poninsky (St. Teresa, Union City)



JANUARY 25–31
2026 CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week
PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
 Thank you for the gift of
 Catholic education. Bless our
 students, families and educators.
 May our schools grow as
 communities of faith,
 united in love, service and truth.
 We ask this through
 Christ our Lord.
 Amen.





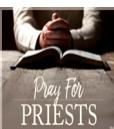
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PRAYER LINE... call: *Gerrie (814-665-6944), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-882-6806).*
Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at our churches for the week of January 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.



Rev. Thomas Fialkowski, Rev. Msgr. Gerald Koos, Rev. Michael Polinek, Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza, *Pray for Vocations*, Rev. Cory Pius, Rev. Henry Krebs, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese*.

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 10. Need not be present to win. Proceeds help benefit Knights Council #425 and the good works they do for our parish and community.



'May we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ.'

Bishop Lawrence T. Persico
(excerpt from this *Prayer for a New Bishop*)



give you a chance to win a prize. Winners will be drawn in May. Proceeds benefit the Knights State Council Charities. Thank you.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

Gravestone cleaning is offered on a limited scale for ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Rates range from \$50—\$150, but because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. We are taking orders for those who are interested. Cleaning will begin again in the spring.



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.

"Question of the Week" - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?



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✓ MAKE AN IMPACT

✓ GROW IN FAITH

✓ EXPERIENCE SOMETHING REAL

✓ TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS

✓ SERVE THOSE IN NEED



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True surrender goes beyond simply letting go; it's an intentional choice to place our fears, doubts, and dreams in God's care, allowing Him to guide us according to His will.

May we experience the joy that comes from letting go, trusting God wholeheartedly, and strengthening our relationship with Christ.

SURRENDER

LOCATION: Montague, Michigan

DATES: June 14 - 20, 2026

**TO SIGN UP CONTACT: Mary Shchouchkoff, 814-873-0492
MShchouchk@yahoo.com**

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

Sun.: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ♦
Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Mon.: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 (520) ♦ Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 ♦
Mark 3:22-30

Tues.: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 ♦ Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 ♦ Mark 3:31-35

Wed.: 2 Samuel 7:4-17 ♦ Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 ♦ Mark 4:1-20

Thur.: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 ♦ Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 ♦
Mark 4:21-25

Fri.: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 ♦
Mark 4:26-34

Sat.: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 ♦ Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ Mark 4:35-41

Next Sun.: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 ♦ Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 ♦
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ♦ Matthew 5:1-12a

The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of members of our church.

Events in our Area

Discover the Roots of our Catholic Faith

Learn about the major people, places and events of the first 500 years of Church history in this 10-week seminar. Seminars with morning (at 9:15am) and evening (at 7:00pm) options in the St. George Parish meeting room, 5145 Peach St., Erie. Cost is \$22 and includes workbook and Early Church chart. For more information, contact: Anthony Ferralli to register: 814-864-2548 or tony@ferralli.com.

St. Gregory Cash Bash

St. Gregory Parish and School are holding a Cash Bash on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the St Gregory School gym, 140 W. Main St., North East. There are two ticket options, Option 1— the Party Pass is \$25 per ticket and includes entry into all 30 cash and door prize drawings including the last one for \$500, admission to the party for food, beverages, games of chance and fun. Doors open at 6:00pm. Option 2 is virtual and are \$15 per ticket and includes entry into all 15 cash prize drawings including the last one for \$500 and an opportunity to watch the drawings live at: <https://www.facebook.com/StGregoryThaumaturgus/>. Proceeds to benefit St. Gregory Church and School.

HELP SPREAD THE FAITH COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION JANUARY 25, 2026



STRENGTHENING FAITH THROUGH THOUGHTFUL CATHOLIC MEDIA

Supporting *Faith* magazine & Catholic Communications in sharing the Gospel, uplifting voices and engaging the faithful.

Our Mission

Evangelization Tools

Across 13 counties, we share meaningful stories, clear teaching and welcoming outreach.

Faith magazine: Mailed to every parishioner sharing stories of hope and Catholic life in our region.

Catholic Communications: All diocesan news, online content, videos and digital evangelization.

Two Ways to Give

Use your offertory envelope or your parish's online giving platform **OR** make a gift online using the website or QR code below.

My Story

"Having the opportunity to share my story, with the support of the Diocese of Erie's Communications Office, has enabled me to help spread the Gospel and guide others toward Christ."



National Catholic Youth Conference
Indianapolis, IN - November 2025

192K
Diocesan Catholics
8,500+ Social media
followers

40K
Magazines mailed quarterly



Diocese of Erie
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Together, we can ensure the Good News continues to reach every corner of our diocese.

MORE INFO ErieRCD.org/News/Communications.html

Thank You from St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society

The members of the St. Teresa's Rosary Altar Society would like to thank the ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society for weathering the storm on January 11 and coming to our Epiphany Party. We would also like to thank them for bringing donations for the Union City Food Pantry. A great time was had by all. We look forward to getting together again soon.

Family Perspective

When Jesus called his disciples, they responded 'immediately.' Parents often wish their children would do the same, but that's not how it works. Children grow into responsibility gradually. It's a process, much like learning to walk, achieved in small steps rather than all at once. Parenting requires patient encouragement.

Join us
OUR LADY OF
MERCY CHURCH
837 BARTLETT RD HARBORCREEK, PA
SIT DOWN & TAKE OUT

**FEBRUARY 1
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

Spaghetti Dinner

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:
MEATBALLS -OR- CHICKEN PARMESAN (PRE-SALE ONLY)
REFRESHMENTS, SIDE SALAD, ITALIAN BREAD & COOKIES

**BASKET RAFFLE TO SUPPORT THE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

PRE-SALE PRICING
\$14 FOR FULL PLATE
\$8 FOR HALF PLATE

DOOR SALE PRICING
\$15 FOR FULL PLATE
\$9 FOR HALF PLATE

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 17 & 18, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$5,546.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage \$(-2,154.00)

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!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: QUARTERLY UPDATE

Total Offertory Income (10/1 through 12/31).....	\$99,379.00
Total Miscellaneous Income.....	\$49,285.84
(includes rentals, fundraisers, miscellaneous income)	
Total Income.....	\$148,664.84
 Total Expenses.....	\$147,252.09
(Includes normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs)	
 Total Income after Expenses.....	\$1,412.75

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SAVE-THE-DATES

Men's Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2026
 Women's Conference on Saturday, April 18, 2026

Year End Giving Statements

To request your 2025 giving statement from the church
 please contact Sue Johnston in the church office by
 Calling: 814-663-3041 or E-mailing: secretary@stparish.org

Thank you for supporting our parish of St. Thomas the Apostle and its mission, St. Teresa of Avila.

Religious Education NewsReligious Education Program

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 Sunday mornings.



We are grateful for the opportunity to teach our faith to future generations.

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Sunday, Jan. 25—Classes for ALL students at St. Thomas
 Sunday, Feb. 1—Classes for ALL students at St. Thomas
 Sunday, Feb. 8—Classes for ALL students at St. Thomas
 Sunday, Feb. 15—No Classes
 Sunday, Feb. 22—Classes for ALL students at St. Thomas
 Sunday, Mar. 1—Classes for students & Youth Mass at St. Thomas



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Be sure to check out and follow our updated, combined Facebook page: **St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa**
 It's a great way to stay connected with parish news, events, and announcements!

Liturgical Overview:

In today's second reading, Saint Paul, for his part, calls on everyone to forget the little stuff and focus only on the central truth, that all who are baptized belong to Jesus alone. This simple message can often be a hard one to learn, even in our parish life, where we might be tempted to try and claim some special allegiance because of what group we belong to or what ministry we perform. In the end, we are all Christ's and Christ is God's.

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.