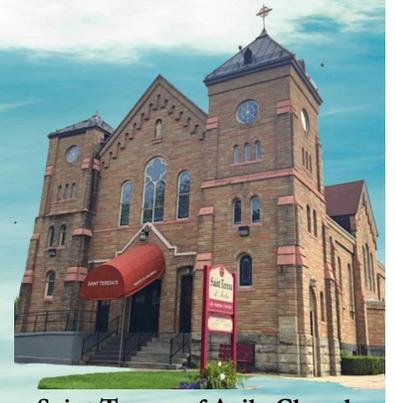




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THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

April 7, 2024



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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NAME _____
STREET _____
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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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: A huge thank you goes out to our liturgy committee for planning such a prayerful holy week. Their efforts were supported by the tremendous work of our musicians and choir members, our liturgical ministers (lectors, ushers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, confirmation students, deacon), those who volunteered to set up and take down after each service, and our parish staff who helped to coordinate the various aspects of this week. As with everything we do here, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that most people do not know about. I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who played a part in making this week such a great one!

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER: We will be using a sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass during the Easter season. When I sprinkled people on Easter, I was surprised that many people did not know what to do when they were sprinkled with holy water. The proper response to being blessed with holy water is to make the sign of the cross. The only time we genuflect is to the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle or the monstrance.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 89 pledges for \$34,450 towards our parish goal of \$54,000 at St. Teresa, and 109 pledges for \$52,030 towards our goal of \$50,000 at St. Thomas.

I am grateful to all those who have participated in this appeal. In the coming weeks we will be making a second appeal to those who have not yet given. Since we have already surpassed our diocesan goals, all the money collected after this will go towards our parish projects. With the help of everyone, we can make those projects a reality.

Just a reminder of those projects. Our parish assessments for the CSA are St. Teresa: \$24,359 and St. Thomas \$37,254. 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 and in addition to that we are hoping to raise enough to pave the section of the parking lot between the church and the garage (\$35,000). At St. Thomas, we are hoping to collect enough to upgrade the electrical wiring to the lights in the church and then start a fund for the future paving of the parking lot (\$85,000).

SUBSCRIBE TO THE DIOCESE OF ERIE-NEWS FREE OF CHARGE: The Diocese of Erie-News is a quick and engaging way to stay informed about local/regional, national and international news of interest to Catholics. All are encouraged to subscribe to the weekly Diocese of Erie-News free of charge. Delivered by email each Wednesday morning, it is designed so that readers can scroll quickly through headlines and photos, opting to click on links for more in-depth stories. Major holy days and holidays are noted, parish and school events are covered and sections ranging from “Picture of the week” and “Just for fun” to “In case you missed it on social media” provide opportunities for lively

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Sunday, April 7

- 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)

Monday, April 8

- 8:00a.m. †Ed Weaver, Sr. by an altar server (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, April 9

- 8:00a.m. †Dick Lowry by Reva Lowry (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, April 10

- 8:00a.m. †Wanda Baker by a friend (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

- 8:00a.m. †Kirsten May by Cheryl & Steve Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14

- 8:00a.m. †Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Denny & Chris Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Walter Hornick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)



*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
His love is everlasting (Psalm 118)*

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.

Have YOU made a pledge to the 2024 CSA?

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*

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- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 23 & 24, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (80)	\$3,521.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 65)	
Loose	\$362.00
Online Giving (9)	\$330.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,943.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,335.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)	
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-1,392.00)

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 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'.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 30 & 31, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (98)	\$4,757.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 47)	
Loose	\$904.00
Online Giving (12)	\$620.00
Total Offertory Income	\$6,281.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,335.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)	
Weekly Average Overage	\$946.00
Easter Flower Fund (43)	\$860.00
Holy Thursday/Rice Bowl	\$551.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$225.00

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/31):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$52,030.00

Total Paid to date = \$35,890.00

of Families who made a pledge = 109

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.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!



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 April 7th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Dick Lowry by Reva Lowry and family.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Tuesday, April 9

6:30pm Knights Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center



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

Altar Rosary Meeting—April 17

Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Hope to see you there.

St. Thomas Fish Dinner—Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that contributed to our parish's Lenten Fish Dinners this year. Many came out to serve and work hard at making the dinners possible and a success; our prep crew that prepared everything and 'squished the fish'; the take-out crew and delivery people that kept it all together during busy times; those that served in the dining room, taking good care of our patrons, especially the students that worked so hard; those that sold the dinner tickets and kept things moving while dealing with the cold; those that cooked the delicious dinners through the confusion and heat; those that donated to and sold raffle tickets for the Religious Education Program; and the hard workers that washed dishes and cleaned up after. Many contributed with donating desserts and dollars, many came and had dinner to support our efforts and many kept us in their prayers. It all adds up to a family that comes together and works together for the good of our parish. We would also like to thank Fr. Whitman and the staff for all that they contributed. The success depends on all of you!! When we come together as a family, it works!! The final tally will be posted in an upcoming bulletin. God Bless You All!!! Thanks again.

Sue Vinca & Judy Green—Fish Dinner Chairpersons

Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brothers are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Rosary will begin at 6:30pm followed by our regular business meeting.



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 obtaining pots or stands which may have been on loved ones graves, please call the parish office. Thank you.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 24, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (63) \$2,216.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 94)
Loose \$231.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,557.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: March 24, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$270.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,827.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,758.00)

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 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!

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 31, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (72) \$2,490.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 85)
Loose \$449.05
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,969.05

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: March 31, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (9) \$234.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 21)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,203.05
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,381.95)

Easter Flower Fund (42) \$950.00
Good Friday/Holy Land \$463.00

Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

The Annunciation of the Lord—Monday, April 8
Here I am Lord; I come to do your will. (Psalm 40)

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/31):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$34,450.00
 Total Paid to date = \$25,136.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 89
 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.

"Question of the Week" - 2nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy

Question for Children: How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?

Question for Youth: Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

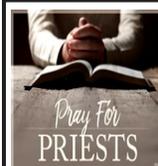
Question for Adults: What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?

Please support the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society by purchasing some delicious items from their Bake Sale following both Masses THIS weekend—April 6 & 7. Thank you!



St. Teresa Reverse Raffle

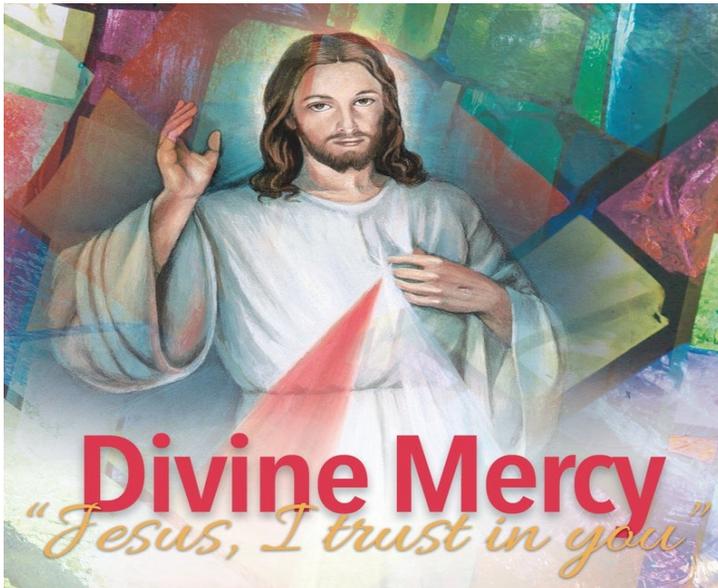
Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in the Parish Center for our Reverse Raffle with a top prize of \$5,000. Doors open at 5:00pm. Prime Rib Dinner is at 7:00pm, and side boards begin selling at 5:30pm. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$55 each, which includes dinner and drinks, plus a chance at the \$5,000 prize. **Volunteers are always needed to run this event. We also need desserts for the dinner, which can be dropped off on Friday evening, April 19 (6pm—8pm) and Saturday morning, April 20 (10am-12pm or after 3:30pm).** If you can help, please call Kim at 814-397-1268. Thank you.



Rev. T. Shane Mathew, Rev. David Wilson, Rev. Christopher Beran, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Msgr. John Herbein, Rev. Kyle Seyler, and Rev. Walter Packard, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sun.: Acts 4:32-35 ♦ Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) ♦ 1 John 5:1-6 ♦ John 20:19-31
 Mon.: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 ♦ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 ♦ Hebrews 10:4-10 ♦ Luke 1:26-38
 Tues.: Acts 4:32-37 ♦ Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 ♦ John 3:7b-15
 Wed.: Acts 5:17-26 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ John 3:16-21
 Thur.: Acts 5:27-33 ♦ Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 ♦ John 3:31-36
 Fri.: Acts 5:34-42 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ John 6:1-15
 Sat.: Acts 6:1-7 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 ♦ John 6:16-21
 Next Sun.: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 ♦ Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a) ♦ 1 John 2:1-5a ♦ Luke 24:35-48



Deacon Randy will hold the Divine Mercy Chaplet Today (Sunday, April 7th) at 3:00pm at St. Thomas Church
All are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

The Origins of the Feast of Divine Mercy
In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”
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The Liturgies of the Triduum and Easter
The parishes of Sts. Thomas and Teresa wish to convey our gratitude to those who made these liturgies so special. A special ‘Thank You’ to Fr. Tom Whitman and Deacon Randy for leading us in our liturgies. We appreciate you, your dedication to ministry and the sacrifice you give to serve the peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes. Thanks also to all in ministry and our musicians who helped with these liturgies, and to you (our parishioners) who came to worship.

And She Said Yes!
to the Ninth Annual
1:38 WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

PLACE: **St. Jude Parish, 2801 W. 6th Street, Erie**
TIME: **8:00AM—12:30PM**
COST: \$20 (\$25 at the door) / College & High School students—FREE
Registration and Refreshments from 8:00am—8:45am in the Church.

All Faiths Welcome!
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364

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, 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.

Thank You and Congratulations to the Raffle Basket Winners

We wish to thank all those who supported our Religious Education fundraiser held during our Lenten Fish Dinners by purchasing chances on our raffle baskets. The winners of the raffle baskets at St. Thomas were: **Eric Sproveri, Camille, Pam Mennen, Anne Kondrlik, Phyllis Weldon, Mike Gluvna, and Jim Zaczekiewicz.** The winners of the raffle baskets at St. Teresa were: **Paige Megat, Leon Wilcox, Julie Zajac, Doug P., Mike Wienczkowski, Jim, Bonnie Megat, and John & Sue Tomcho.** Congratulations to the winners! We are also grateful to the students, families, and parishioners who donated all the items for the raffles. We could not have done it without you. Thanks again.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month—Reporting Child Abuse: It is every adult’s moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2022 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 4,992 substantiated reports of child abuse and 440 more cases in the court system. 2,056 or 38.2% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,501 were physical abuse. 62.2% of the victims were female. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

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Training for PURPOSE or Small Group Leaders and Team Members

Are you interested in becoming one in your parish? The Diocese of Erie is hosting a training just for you. It is free and open to parish volunteers working or considering working with middle and high school youth. Join the people from Life Teen and the diocesan Office of Faith Formation on April 27 at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren for a day full of information, fun, and fellowship with others doing the same ministry. Check with your faith formation leader to let her/him know you are interested in going. Register on the website at: <https://forms.office.com/r/P1LaWWMMn5>. Call Mary Hickin at 814-824-1222 for more information. We hope to see you there!