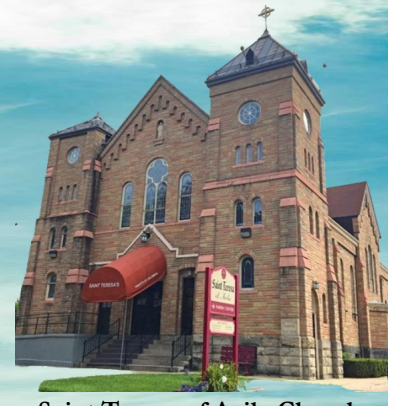




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

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

February 18, 2024



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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 Offices
203 W. Washington Street
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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

INTRODUCTORY RITE DURING LENT: We will be doing something slightly different during Lent at the beginning of Mass! We will begin by kneeling (if you can't kneel, please sit) and singing the opening song. The priest, deacon, and altar server will process in to the opening song and then kneel as well. We will do the greeting, the penitential rite and the opening prayer all while we are kneeling. After the opening prayer we will be seated for the First Reading. It is just a simple way to remind ourselves that we are beginning a special season in our Church year.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): Last weekend we kicked off our annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). If you have not already received a letter concerning this appeal at your home, one should be arriving this week. This letter explains the Appeal and includes a brochure and a pledge envelope. You may also have received the FAITH magazine which outlines in more detail the Appeal and the good work that it has and continues to do in our diocese. (If you do not receive FAITH magazine and did not receive a letter concerning this Appeal, then for some reason you are not registered in our parish. If this is the case, please contact the parish office, so we can correct this.)

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).

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.

UPCOMING ADULT CLASSES: As part of the Eucharistic Revival, I am offering a class at each parish. The content will be the same, so you are welcome to go to either class. The first class had 28 people signed up. The second class will be Monday, March 11, from 6:30 to 7:30pm at St. Teresa Parish Center. Signups for the second class will begin shortly.

There will also be two sessions preparing for the upcoming Synod in Rome. I understand that this was not offered in preparation for the most recent Synod, so I want to make sure it is offered this time. The evening will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Meeting dates will be Monday, March 4 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center and Tuesday, March 5 at St. Teresa Parish Center. You will be invited to discuss two questions.

- The diocese of Erie identified these four major themes in the participatory phase of the synod: welcome and inclusivity, communication, leadership, and mission/outreach. Do these resonate with you? Since then, what successes and distresses have you experienced around these themes?

**Sunday, February 18**

- 8:00a.m. † Deceased Members of the Cragg & Sullivan Families by the family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, February 19

- 8:00a.m. † Priscilla Kozik by Pat Kusiak (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, February 20

- 8:00a.m. † Mary Vinca by Michael & Aimee Vinca and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, February 21

- 8:00a.m. † Don Tinko by Ed & Irene Weaver (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

- 8:00a.m. † Paul Mongera by St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, February 24

- 4:30p.m. † Virginia Kozik by Gary & Cindy Clark (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, February 25

- 8:00a.m. † Margaret Karkoski by Gerrie Karkoski & family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Jesus, help me open my heart more fully to you.

- How does or how could the Church walk alongside you in the major concerns or needs in your life?

Pope Francis is looking for your input on these issues in preparation for the Worldwide Synod in Rome. Your answers to these questions will become part of a series of discussions that will eventually reach the Synod in Rome in October 2024.

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL: I had a couple of people ask me about attending Mass twice on Saturday with a funeral and the evening Vigil Mass and whether or not they could receive communion twice on the same day. The simple answer is YES. Every different Mass you attend and participate in, for the whole Mass, you are welcome to receive communion at each Mass. There was an old abuse of the Eucharist where people would go to a church around communion time and hop in line to get communion and then drive to the next church to get there around communion time and hop in line to get communion. Some people did this all day. That is NOT permitted. You might attend a daily Mass in the morning and then a funeral or a wedding later in the day – you can receive communion at both Masses. You might attend a funeral on a Saturday morning and then attend the evening Vigil Mass - you can receive communion at both. If you attend and participate in the whole Mass, then you can receive communion at that Mass.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: February 11, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (49)\$3,161.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 125)

Loose\$146.50

Online Giving (9)\$320.00

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


Total Offertory Income\$3,627.50

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,707.50)


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'.

Help Spread the Faith / Communication (23)\$514.00
 This second collection which was taken up in our diocese the weekend of January 27/28 supports the *Faith* Magazine and Catholic Communications throughout the Erie Diocese. Thank you for your donation.



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 February 18th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of faithful members of our parishes.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, February 18
 9:00am Coffee & Donuts at the former school building

Thursday, February 22
 6:00pm Catholic Daughters Meeting at St. Elizabeth Center

Friday, February 23
 4:30pm Fish Dinner at St. Elizabeth Parish Center until 6:30pm
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

A Family Perspective

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!


Meeting of Catholic Daughters THIS WEEK

Members of the local Catholic Daughters are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, February 22 at 6:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We hope you will join us.

Selling Delicious Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

Ladies of the Catholic Daughters will again be selling Easter Eggs during the Lenten season at the Fish Dinners and after the weekend Masses starting on Friday, February 23. Eggs are \$7 each and they have peanut butter and maple cream filled.

*A heart contrite and humbled,
 O God, you will not spurn. (Psalm 51)*



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts TODAY
 Sunday, Feb. 18th in the gym following the 8:00am Mass. Donations accepted to help cover the cost. All are welcome to join us. *Hope to see you there!*

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 02/12):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$26,175.00
 Total Paid to date = \$15,360.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 44
 Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.
Please make a pledge today.
Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

God's Kingdom is Near. Mark 1:14-15
Be more attentive to God's presence in your life today.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Chance Of A Lifetime

Tickets for *Chance of a Lifetime* will be sold at the St. Thomas Fish Dinners. Please look for their table. You may also contact Mike Gluvna (814-664-4416) to get your tickets. Donation of \$5 for the ticket, which goes towards State Council Charities, will give you a chance to win a prize. Winners will be drawn at the end of April. Thank you.

2024 COAL Fact Sheet
 16 Great Cash Prizes - \$ 65,000

\$15,000	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000
\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

"Question of the Week" - First Sunday of Lent

Question for Children: What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus?

Question for Youth: Lent gives us a chance to do things differently – to "go to the desert." How can you make Lent a time for growing in faith?

Question for Adults: What is the one area of your life which you most want to "reform" as you get ready to embrace the Gospel, what is it?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 10 & 11, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (55) \$1,726.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 102)
Loose \$247.00
Continuing the Vision (1) \$100.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,103.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 11, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (4) \$90.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,193.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,392.00)

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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!

Help Spread the Faith / Communication (26) \$453.00
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2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 02/12):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$16,365.00
 Total Paid to date = \$11,280.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 36
 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.



Pray For PRIESTS
 Rev. David Wilson, Rev. Christopher Beran, Very Rev. Marc Stockton, Rev. Thomas Brown, Rev. Thomas Brooks, and Rev. Matias Quimno, also please Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.

The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of February 18th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of George, Irene, and Don Tinko by Ed & Irene Weaver and family.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish
 Thursday, February 22
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church
 Friday, February 23
 4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024
 Sun.: Genesis 9:8-15 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10) ♦ 1 Peter 3:18-22 ♦ Mark 1:12-15
 Mon.: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 ♦ Matthew 25:31-46
 Tues.: Isaiah 55:10-11 ♦ Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 ♦ Matthew 6:7-15
 Wed.: Jonah 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 ♦ Luke 11:29-32
 Thur.: 1 Peter 5:1-4 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19
 Fri.: Ezekiel 18:21-28 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 ♦ Matthew 5:20-26
 Sat.: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 ♦ Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 5:43-48
 Next Sun.: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ♦ Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 ♦ Romans 8:31b-34 ♦ Mark 9:2-10

Calling All Bakers!
 We are in need of your delicious baked goods for St. Teresa's Lenten Fish Dinners. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Thursdays from 4:00pm—7:00pm and on Fridays starting at noon. Please use the KITCHEN door, all other doors will be locked up until dinner time on Fridays. Thank you!!



St. Teresa
--LENTEN FISH FRY--
Dine in or Take Out
February 16th and 23rd
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
4:30 to 7:00 P.M.
St. Teresa Parish Center
 Third Avenue • Union City, PA
Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)
 Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Homemade Dessert and Beverage
Price: Adults \$14.00
 Children Meal (12 and under) \$6.00
 Mac & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce.
 *Add \$2.00 for Fish Sticks
For Take-outs Call 814 - 438 - 2000





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

One Faith One Family

Have YOU made your pledge to the 2024 CSA yet?

Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal

God, loving Father,
in your every act of creation we see your love for us.
Strengthen us for our role in the work of proclaiming the Gospel.
Open our hearts to listen to the needs of our brothers and sisters.
Give us joyful spirits that invite others to be drawn into relationship with you.
Lead us in our support of the mission of your Church,
and remind us always that what we do for the least
of our sisters and brothers, we do for you.
May we serve you in all things,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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



PRAY FAST GIVE

And She Said Yes!

to the Ninth Annual

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:
8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church
COST: \$20 (\$25 at the door)
College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!
Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket raffle & Book /media sales
Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards
ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



LISA COTTER
Lisa is a Catholic speaker and author known for her practical insights on relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence.





LUKE 1:38
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

MORE INFO
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364
ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Families of students in our Religious Education Classes at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes are reminded of the following schedule for the remainder of February 2024:



Sunday, February 18— No Classes this week.

Sunday, February 25—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.

Basket Raffles to Benefit Religious Education Programs

Don't forget to take a chance on our raffle baskets at our parishes' Fish Dinners during Lent. There are some awesome prizes to be won. The themes are:
ST. THOMAS— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Easter
ST. TERESA— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Arts & Crafts
Thank you for your continued support of our students, families, and catechists in our Religious Education Programs. We especially wish to thank all the parents, students, and families who donated items to make our baskets! There are a lot of great items in all of them.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Please keep in your prayers our second grade students who will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation: **Ellie Halfast, Caroline Moon, Connor Swank, and Henry Weis.** May they continue to experience a loving friendship with the Lord.



22:32 MEN Strengthen Your Brothers!

2024 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd

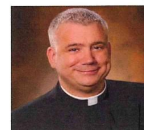
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event

At St. Jude Parish, Erie, and at

local parishes in NW Pa and NE Ohio

All Faiths are Welcome!

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER LARRY RICHARDS



DAMON OWENS



BISHOP LAWRENCE PERSICO



FATHER PATRICK SCHULTZ



"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL, AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."
LUKE 22:32

\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)
\$25 Adult Registration (after January 31st)
\$20 Group of 8 or more
\$15 Adult -first time attendee ONLY
High School and College Students - FREE
Please register beforehand.

Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.

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for more details and to register.