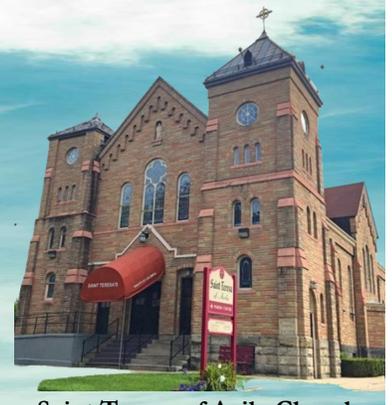




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THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

February 11, 2024

 *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



Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal
February 10th/11th

The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout our diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects.

Thank you for your generosity to this year's Catholic Services Appeal.

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 PastorWEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT:

Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Thomas and 7:00pm at St. Teresa, ashes will be distributed at those Masses. At 12:10pm at St. Thomas and St. Teresa there will be a short liturgy of the word service with the distribution of ashes. Ashes will only be given at those times. The insert in the bulletin today gives the details about Lenten fasting and abstinence, Stations of the Cross and Holy Week. This might be something to keep handy in your home for the Lenten season.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): This weekend we will kickoff 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.

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 will be at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Monday, February 12, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. You can sign up at the exits of the church to give us an idea of how many to prepare for. 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 after the first class is over.

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

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**Sunday, February 11**

- 8:00a.m. †Dan Ahl by George Taylor
(St. Thomas, Corry)
10:00a.m. †John E. Greishaw, III ("JJ") by Jamie & Shelley
Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

- 8:00a.m. †Michael Timmerman by Richard & Jean Farver
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday / Lent begins

- 8:00a.m. †Veronica Whitman
(St. Thomas, Corry)
7:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Thursday, February 15

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

Friday, February 16

- 8:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Virginia Kozik
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, February 17

- 4:30p.m. †Leah Lipchik by Tim & Pam Ashoff-Roberts
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, February 18

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

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.

FISH DINNERS: Lent starts early this year, February 14! And with Lent, comes our fish dinners at both parishes. These are an enormous undertaking and can always use more volunteers. If you can help with cooking or serving, please contact Sue Vinca or Judy Green at St. Thomas or Becky Boleratz at St. Teresa.

We are always in need of homemade desserts for these dinners. These desserts can be dropped off at St. Teresa on Thursdays between 4 and 7pm, and on Friday any time after Noon at both parishes.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK: We have been trying to compile a list of the people our Eucharistic Ministers are taking communion to at home. If you are taking communion to someone from the parish who is homebound or in a nursing home could you please let the parish office know, or place note in the collection basket with your name, the names of those you are taking communion to, the nursing home or senior living apartment, and how often you are taking communion to them. This will help us to coordinate efforts to take communion to those who are sick or shut in. Thank You.

Continued (see Pastor's Notes) ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: February 4, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (79)\$4,116.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 95)
Loose\$208.00
Online Giving (15)\$980.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()\$0.00
Total Offertory Income\$5,304.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-31.00)

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'.



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 11th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of priests/sisters who served our parish.



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts

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!*

"Question of the Week" - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What do you want to ask Jesus to do for you?

Question for Youth: How has Jesus touched your life? How are you changed because of that touch?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you experienced Jesus' healing touch.

Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting in February

Brother Knights are reminded of our next meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Don't forget to turn in your *Snowman Raffle* tickets - we will be drawing the winners at this meeting. If anyone from the parish wishes to purchase a ticket for a chance to win cash prizes of \$100, \$50, or \$25, please see a Knight member or stop into the parish office by Monday, February 12.



Donations of Dessert & Beer Needed

Fish Dinners are here! (See ad to the left). It truly takes a team effort to make our dinners successful. We are seeking donations of desserts (preferably pies) and Yuengling beer (3 cases—for the batter, not the cooks!) With your help (and God's!!!) this will be a financially and spiritually beneficial event, and it will be a wonderful chance to come together as a parish family to serve God, our parish and our community. Dessert donations may be dropped off the day of the dinners beginning at 12:30pm. Please contact Sue Vinca (814-964-0290) or Judy Green (814-964-1646). Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Chance Of A Lifetime

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

Tickets for **Chance of a Lifetime** will be sold during 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.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Fridays, February 23, March 8 & 22

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Parish Center



Beer Battered or Crumb-Topped Baked Alaskan Cod, Baked Potato or Fresh Cut Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage
 Kids Meal: Fish Sticks or Beer Battered Fish, choice of sides, dessert & beverage

Adults - \$15 Child (6-12) - \$7
Dine-in, Takeout or Delivery
For Delivery Call 664-9187

Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 3 & 4, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (66) \$2,671.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 91)
Loose \$232.00
Continuing the Vision (9) \$150.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$3,163.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 4, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$145.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,308.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(1,277.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write checks payable to St. Teresa Church.*

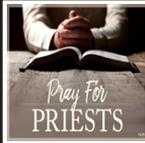


Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity-org OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity to our parish!

The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of February 11th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed Weaver.



Rev. Justin Pino, Rev. Joseph Petrone, Rev. Richard Allen, Rev. William Barron, Rev. Msgr. Robert Smith, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*

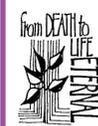
A Family Perspective

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness. (Psalm 51)

Readings for the week of February 11, 2024

Sun.: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 ♦ Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7) ♦
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 ♦ Mark 1:40-45
 Mon.: James 1:1-11 ♦ Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 ♦ Mark 8:11-13
 Tues.: James 1:12-18 ♦ Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 ♦ Mark 8:14-21
 Wed.: Joel 2:12-18 ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 ♦ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thur.: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ♦ Luke 9:22-25
 Fri.: Isaiah 58:1-9a ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 ♦ Matthew 9:14-15
 Sat.: Isaiah 58:9b-14 ♦ Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Luke 5:27-32
 Next Sun.: Genesis 9:8-15 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10) ♦
 1 Peter 3:18-22 ♦ Mark 1:12-15



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Ed Weaver who passed away from St. Teresa Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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



I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble. Psalm 32

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!!



Paster's Notes (continued from inside cover):

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL: Just a simple, yet important reminder about receiving communion. If you receive communion in the hand, you should step aside, stop, and consume the host immediately. The host should not be carried back to your seat or anywhere else. It should be consumed immediately.

In that same context, the host should be consumed before one approaches the minister to receive the precious blood. It is not permissible to dip the host in the precious blood. We eat the bread and drink from the cup.

- Fr. Tom

LENT Begins on Ash Wednesday—February 14

Please mark your calendars with the following service times for Ash Wednesday:

- 8:00am—MASS with distribution of ashes at St. Thomas, Corry
- 12:10pm—Distribution of ashes ONLY at both St. Thomas, Corry & St. Teresa, Union City
- 7:00pm—MASS with distribution of ashes at St. Teresa, Union City

All are invited to join us as we begin the Lenten journey.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes
Contact the parish office at 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. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any 'extra' funds you wish to give towards Masses.

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.

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 11—Classes for All Religious Education students.

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

We again will be having raffle baskets at our parishes' Fish Dinners during Lent. Items for the raffle baskets are due TODAY! The themes are:

ST. THOMAS— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Easter

ST. TERESA— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Arts & Crafts

If you did not bring in something to class today, please be sure to reach out to Missy Silka before Wednesday, Feb. 14 this week, as this is the night of the first fish dinner. Thank you.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Beware of Grooming Behavior. Children and young people can be groomed online or in the real world, by a stranger or by someone they know. This could be a family member, a friend or someone who has targeted them – like a teacher, faith leader or sports coach. Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit, or abuse them. Grooming can take place over a short or long period of time. Some common tactics are pretending to be younger, giving advice or showing understanding, buying gifts, giving attention, taking them on trips, outings, or holidays. To prevent your child from grooming behavior, teach them about healthy relationships, how to stay safe online, and who are the trusted adults they can go to for help. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/.

Adult Enrichment Classes with Fr. Tom

The bishops of the United States invited Catholics into a three-year (2022—2025) Eucharistic Revival to grow in their understanding of the church's teaching on the Eucharist. In this same effort, Fr. Tom will hold a **Class on the Eucharist**. He is offering two sessions, one at each parish (both sessions will be the same so you only need to attend one; sign up sheets can be found in the church):

- Mon., Feb. 12—6:30pm—St. Elizabeth Parish Center (Corry)
- Mon., March 11—6:30pm—St. Teresa Parish Center (UC)



Meeting sessions to discuss questions posed to Catholics in preparation for the **Worldwide Synod** in Rome later this year will be held at our parishes on the following dates/times:

- Mon., March 4—6:30pm—St. Elizabeth Parish Center (Corry)
- Mon., March 5—6:30pm—St. Teresa Parish Center (Union City)

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!