



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

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



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

August 11, 2024



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Tuesday—August 13, 2024

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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
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814-663-3041

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

ERIE GIVES AUGUST 13, 2024 – MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT: St. Thomas and St. Teresa Parishes are again participating in Erie Gives. Our Parish Cemeteries of St. Elizabeth, St. Teresa and St. Thomas are also participating. This is a great way to give to our Parishes and Cemeteries and receive extra monies through the Bonus through the Erie Gives Bonus Bucks Pool that gives a certain percentage to each gift. Your online donations can be made at <https://www.eriegives.org/>

In previous years, the Erie Gives Bonus Bucks Pool was promoted as the Prorated Match Pool. Thanks to generous corporate partners and a commitment of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, we have a Bonus Bucks Pool, which is an extra incentive for donors to give. On Erie Gives, donors make gifts to their favorite nonprofits via checks, online donations, stock gifts, or a required minimum distribution from an IRA. A portion of the Erie Gives Bonus Bucks - the pooled corporate sponsorship dollars - is added to each gift. For example, last year, each gift received an extra 5.5% from the \$455K+ match pool.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH: Now that we are no longer having Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church at Canadohta Lake, people are wondering what will happen to the property. Sometimes when a Church is no longer being used for worship, the pastor and parish council can petition the Bishop to “deconsecrate” the church or the more proper terminology in Canon (Church) Law is to relegate the church to profane but not sordid use. Basically, this means that the Bishop in effect deconsecrates the church and allows the building to be used for some other purpose, but not for something sordid.

How does that process work? The pastor meets with both Parish Council and Finance Council and discusses the situation surrounding the Church building that is no longer in use. The discussion may include how the parish that once used the Church building has decreased or is unable to sustain the parish, or that it has been merged or consolidated for whatever reason. The discussion would include how the pastor and the parish that is responsible for this Church building might care for the souls of those who now have moved to a new Church building. At the end of this discussion, there may be a motion for the pastor to petition the Bishop to relegate the Church to profane but not sordid use. A vote would be taken on this motion at both Parish and Finance Council.

If both Councils vote to have the pastor petition the Bishop, then the pastor works to compose a letter making this request to relegate the Church to profane but not sordid use. The pastor will supply documentation and reasons for this request based on the discussions with Parish and Finance Councils and the financial situation of the Parish.

The Bishop will then consult with the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese and seek their advice on this situation. If the Bishop then decides to grant the request of the pastor and the parish, then the property can be put on the market for sale. The deed will include what is called a “covenant” stating that the property can be used for profane but not sordid use. All those who purchase the property will be required to follow that “covenant.”

The property will be put on the market by a realtor and those interested in purchasing the property will be able to make a bid according to the normal rules governing all realty transactions.

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Sunday, August 11

- 8:00a.m. ✠Elizabeth Lynch Sokol by Tim & Sue Vinca (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. ✠Rosemary Sefchick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, August 12

- 8:00a.m. ✠Ed Weaver by the Yaple family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 13

- 8:00a.m. In Honor of Tim Vinca by Michael & Aimee Vinca and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 14

- 8:00a.m. ✠Madalyn Jawdy by Joe & Janet Jawdy (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 7:00p.m. ✠Mary Vinca by Joe & Paula Lukac (St. Thomas, Corry)

Friday, August 16

- 8:00a.m. ✠Sadurnino & Eusebia Allanigue by Angelia Masangcay (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 17

- 4:30p.m. ✠Richard Landis by Cathryn Landis & Mary Harned (St. Therea, Union City)

Sunday, August 18

- 8:00a.m. ✠Janet Mitchell by Dave & Marie Mitchell (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

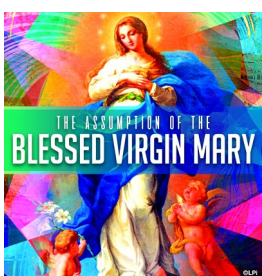
Psalm 34

Have you made your 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

One Faith One Family



Mass Times for the Holy Day

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Thursday, Aug. 15**. Mass Times are:

- 8:00am at **St. Teresa Church**
- 7:00pm at **St. Thomas Church**

Please join us as we honor Mary, who took upon herself the lifelong burden of selfless obedience to the will of God, and was rewarded for her fidelity to the demands of discipleship by being taken up, both body and soul, into heaven.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 4, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (69)\$3,195.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 76)

Loose\$116.00

Online Giving (16)\$1,000.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$0.00


Total Offertory Income\$4,311.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,024.00)


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'.

National Needs Collection\$558.00
 Thank you for giving to the National Needs Collection taken up in our diocese the weekend of July 20/21. Your generosity helps poorer dioceses within the United States. It is a combination of the collections for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal and the Black and Indian Home Missions.



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 August 11th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tom Dyne by Pat Keys.

"Question of the Week" - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time


Question for Children: Name one way that your faith nourishes you? How does it help your life?

Question for Youth: Bread nourishes us physically, and Jesus as the living bread nourishes spiritually. How can you be more open to Jesus and the ways that he can feed you?


Question for Adults: What nourishes your life? What does the phrase "living bread" mean for you?




Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair
 The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (September 2nd—7th). This annual fundraiser benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-397-7332) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK



Brother Knights are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, August 13th. We will meet at 6:30pm in Mead Park for our final outdoor picnic meeting this summer. Please bring a dish to share during a time of fellowship after the meeting. Hope to see you there!



Rev. Samuel Bungo, Rev. Matthew Kujawinski, Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. Mark Nowak, Rev. Joseph Kalinowski, Rev. James Gutting, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/04):


St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,715.00
 Total Paid to date = \$54,810.00
 # 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.

Nothing can separate you from God's love.

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

Family Perspective
 "Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.



Seeing Through the Lens of Faith

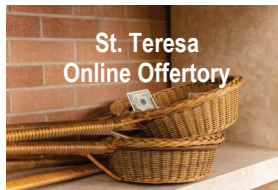
No matter how things are going, we fix our eyes on God and accept whatever challenges come our way. So whether we are successful or not, whether we have an easy time in life or a struggle, the basic rule still applies: God is our focus, God is our life.


St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 3 & 4, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (57) \$2,296.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 100)
Loose \$295.00
Continuing the Vision (7) \$140.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,761.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Aug. 4, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (4) \$255.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)
St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,016.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,569.00)

*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!

National Needs Collection \$562.00
 Thank you for giving to the National Needs Collection taken up in our diocese the weekend of July 20/21. Your generosity helps poorer dioceses within the United States. It is a combination of the collections for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal and the Black and Indian Home Missions.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/04):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,766.00
 Total Paid to date = \$35,008.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 101
 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.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 will be held on **Sunday, August 18 at Beloved Disciple, Grove City at 2:00pm.** Registration closed for this celebration on August 4. Couples may complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210 to still receive a mailed certificate honoring your anniversary. The registration for a mailed certificate will close on August 31, 2024.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of August 11th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our deceased loved ones.

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

September 7—St. Teresa's Cash Bingo
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party



Seeking Items for our Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo on Saturday September 7th. You may drop donations off at St. Teresa Church at weekend Masses, weekdays Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, or in the locked mailbox beside the Rectory. If other arrangements are necessary please contact Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950.



Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sun.: 1 Kings 19:4-8 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a) ♦
 Ephesians 4:30—5:2 ♦ John 6:41-51
 Mon.: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c ♦ Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 ♦
 Matthew 17:22-27
 Tues.: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4 ♦ Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 ♦
 Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wed.: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22 ♦ Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦
 Matthew 18:15-20
 Thur.: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 ♦ Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57 ♦ Luke 11:27-28
 Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab ♦ Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16 ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 ♦ Luke 1:39-56
 Fri.: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 ♦ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ♦
 Matthew 19:3-12
 Sat.: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 ♦ Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 ♦
 Matthew 19:13-15
 Next Sun.: Proverbs 9:1-6 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a) ♦
 Ephesians 5:15-20 ♦ John 6:51-58

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



July 29, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of August 17-18 our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. The Catholic Church in Latin America is currently facing barriers to practicing its faith. Shortages of resources and pastoral workers, as well as poor infrastructure, make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples.

This collection, scheduled for the weekend of August 17-18, is an essential resource for dioceses – such as our Sister Archdiocese of Yucatán in Mexico – parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in Latin America. Please give generously to this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish’s online giving platform. Evangelization programs are made possible in Central and South America in part through the generosity of the people of our diocese to the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Requirements for working with children: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to see what is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

Don't just squirrel all your 'nuts' away... please consider a donation to local non-profits.



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

New Look to Our Religious Education Program



Our Religious Education Program will combine this coming year. The number of students does not merit having two separate programs. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. This Fall 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).

Volunteers Needed for Religious Education

Members of our parish who have a desire to teach the faith and are interested in helping with Religious Education should contact Missy Silka at the parish office (phone: 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org). We are in need of catechists, volunteers to help with youth special events, and/or our EDGE and PURPOSE programs, as well as leaders for small groups. Parents are always encouraged to be a part of our Religious Education program.

Also, please be on the lookout in future bulletins for unique needs/donations which will be used to run our EDGE and PURPOSE programs for middle and high school students to help make it more effective and enjoyable. Thank you.

UPCOMING CHANGES: Now that the official merger of St. Teresa of Avila Parish into St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has taken place there are some changes that you might need to be aware of.

- Most importantly, the 10:00 Mass at St. Teresa will move to 11:00am starting in September.
- We will be merging the two parish websites into one. At some point, if you go to St. Teresa’s website, you will be automatically redirected to St. Thomas’ website. This will allow us to keep everything in one place.
- We will also be combining into one parish envelope system. As a result, your envelope number may change.
- We will also be combining our online giving into one program. Currently we have one program for St. Thomas, We Share, and one for St. Teresa, Vanco. Since there are very few people using Vanco, we will invite everyone to switch over to We Share.
- Many of these changes do not dramatically affect how things operate but help us at the office level to coordinate things better.

BAPTISM CLASS: As with every sacrament, we seek to prepare people for the sacrament they are receiving. Often our Religious Education, or Faith Formation, stops when we are confirmed, and there is a need to update adults in their faith. As a result, 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. Parents can call the parish office to set up a time to take this class.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS: You have noticed that various businesses advertise on the back of the bulletin. We are grateful to those businesses and individuals for their continued support of our parish. We invite you to support their businesses in gratitude for their support of our parish. We are always looking for additional sponsors to fill the empty spaces. These ads not only provide our parish bulletins, but also our parish website.

- Fr. Tom