



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 7, 2022



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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

Partnered Parish Offices

203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
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

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.



A special THANK YOU to Deacon Randy for hosting and shuffling our Missionary around last weekend. The service of a Deacon never ends! And thanks to everyone who contributed for the good of his Missionary work. God bless you for your generosity!

We are working at revising our list of homebound Parishioners at our Parishes. If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to get to Mass on the weekends, please contact the Parish office and let us know. One of the things I believe we should be doing is ensuring that our Parishioners who are unable to get to Mass are included in our celebration—both by our prayers and remembrance of them as we gather for Mass, and by our distribution of Holy Communion to them every single week. But in order to do this well, we need 1) to know who those Parishioners are and 2) to have Parishioners who are willing to take them Holy Communion each week. So, if you are willing to help with this, please let the Office know. And if you are not already commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, no worries! We will soon be conducting a formation class for this Ministry, and would love to include you in it!!! It's a simply process, truly, but makes a profound spiritual and human impact on those we visit with. Take it to prayer and see if you would like to be a part of this most important Ministry of bringing Jesus to those in need—at either Parish, or, Lord forbid, BOTH (that's allowed, I promise you!)

Another ministry that is beginning to take flight once again is Faith Formation (religious ed, CCD, whatever you like to call it). The education and formation of all of us in the life of faith is a life-long endeavor. God willing, keep an eye out for some Adult-Education opportunities this Fall. However, the more immediate concern is for the start of our program for our young people in the next few months. We are in need of those willing to help teach the faith. Don't worry, you don't need to be a Theologian or a Saint (yet), you just need to be willing to help walk with our kids on the journey of faith. If you would be willing and able to help teach a class, or in any other way whatsoever, please contact the Parish Office, or Missy Silka, our Director of Faith Formation.

Welp, I didn't win the Mega Millions, so I guess you have to see me again this weekend. Sorry about that. I tried. But on a positive note, I did see that the Crawford County Fair has Pig Races, so that's just about as exciting as winning a billion dollars. Enjoy the week! God help us all! - Fr. Matt

*Blessed the people
the Lord has chosen to be His own.* Psalm 33



Monday, August 8

8:00a.m. ✠Rosemary Sefchick by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 9

5:15p.m. ✠Helen Armitage by John P. Matus
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 10

8:00a.m. ✠Anne Crawford by Daniel Crawford
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 11

NO Mass or Service at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa today.

Friday, August 12

8:00a.m. ✠George & Ann Lenart by Sandy, Debbie and
Chris (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 13

4:00p.m. ✠Rod, Marilynn & Mike Knowlton and Marty
Roehrig by Punk, Lana and Jenna Messina
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, August 14

8:00a.m. ✠The James Ross Family by Shirley Skiff
(St. Thomas, Corry)
9:30a.m. ✠Paula Sadowski by Virginia Kozik
(St. Teresa, Union City)
11:00a.m. For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of these sponsors that we can publish the bulletin. Please see their ads on the back page and thank them for their support! If you wish to advertise in our bulletin, please contact the parish office or Tim Weir at LPi at 800-477-4574 x6568 or email: tweir@4LPi.com.

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 six 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:
3:00pm—3:30pm on Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry
Sunday mornings prior to the Masses at St. Teresa, Union City
and Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake; and anytime by
request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 30/31, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (60)	\$3,340.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 127)	
Loose	\$149.00
Online Giving (9)	\$290.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,779.00
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	\$4,038.00
Difference	\$(-259.00)

Actual Average Weekly Offertory	\$3,767.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,982.00

National Needs Collection: (20)	\$295.00
Diocesan Special Collection taken up on July 17, 2022	

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'.

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

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways that he speaks to us?

Question for Youth: If Jesus were to knock on your door today and give you a report card on your life as His disciple, what grade would you get? Where would be your areas for improvement?

Question for Adults: On a daily basis, what are some ways to keep yourself "ready for God to act?" How do you pay attention to God's often-less-than-obvious actions?

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/01):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$45,494.00

Total Paid to date = \$40,439.00

of Families who made a pledge = 129

of Families who did not pledge = 216

We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. 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.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).

Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.

Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week (Sept. 5th—10th). This is annual fundraiser that 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 (814-664-8077).

Knights of Columbus Meeting Monday Night

The Corry Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on **Monday, August 8 at 6:30pm meeting at Mead Park—Green Top Pavilion**. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. Please plan to bring a dish to share (hotdogs will be provided) to enjoy a time of fellowship after our meeting. *Hope to see you there.*



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

To schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, or Our Lady of Fatima, please contact the combined parish office at 814-663-3041. We will now be scheduling all intentions in one book. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. Thank you.



Support our Parish & Cemeteries through ERIE GIVES (www.eriegives.org)

This year's Erie Gives 2022 will take place on **Tuesday, August 9, between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm**. During the 12 hour period of online giving, The Erie, Corry and Union City Community Foundations and other generous donors will match a percentage of your donation. All you have to do is go online at www.ErieGives.org and search for **St Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, St Teresa Cemetery, St Thomas Cemetery and/or St Elizabeth Cemetery** as a charity to receive your donation. Donations may be made online by Visa, Master Card or Discover; the minimum gift amount is \$25 per nonprofit. **You will also find a link to Erie Gives on our parish websites (www.stthomastheapostle.church or www.st-teresa-unioncity.org).** Check donations must include an "Erie Gives Check Contribution Form" which is available online or in the church. Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th St. Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 8. Please pass on this invitation to your family or friends who have been members of our parish and ask them to please consider participating. The donations made to our parishes and its cemeteries through Erie Gives will help with the many expenses incurred with running and maintaining our properties. Thank you for considering a donation to our parishes on this unique giving day. We appreciate your support.

**VIBRANT, DYNAMIC
CHURCH NEEDS
YOU!**

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 31, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (51) \$2,256.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 106)
Loose \$35.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,291.00
Weekly Budget (Offertory) \$1,415.00
Difference \$876.00

Actual Average Weekly Offertory \$2,193.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses \$2,274.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses \$4,074.00

National Needs Collection: (25) \$385.00
 Diocesan Special Collection taken up on July 17, 2022

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 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
 Our Lady of Fatima Church.*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 31, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$245.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)
Loose \$128.00
Total Offertory Income \$373.00

Donations Still Accepted for Missionary Co-Op

Just a friendly reminder, you may still donate to this year's Missionary Co-Op Appeal. Simply place your donation in a envelope marked 'Missionary', or use the designated envelope from your offertory packet. We are grateful for the donations already received at both parishes. We thank Fr. John for sharing his message with us last weekend and we pray for continued blessings on his missionary work and those who he serves.

A Family Perspective

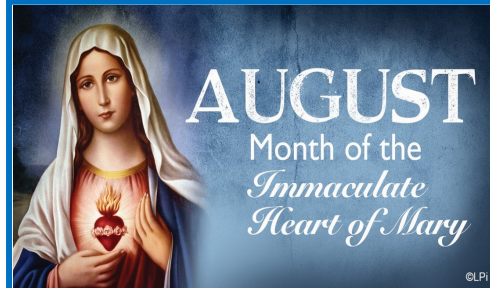
In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
 - Lk 12:39-40

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The heart of Mary is venerated, not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is. The Holy Mother's heart is united to her person and is the seat of her love, virtue, and inner life. Our Blessed Mother Mary can intercede for us from Heaven where her Immaculate Heart bathes us, her earthly children, in her pure love.

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
- Scripture Discussion Group**
1:00pm Wednesdays (Sept.—May)
- Parish Center Rental**
Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



Rev. Casimir Wozniak, Rev. Thomas Fialkowski, Rev. Guillermo Diaz, Rev. John Walsh, Rev. John Beal, Rev. Thomas Brown, and Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico

Mass Readings for the Week of August 7, 2022

Sun.: Wisdom 18:6-9 ♦ Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 ♦ Luke 12:32-48
 Mon.: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c ♦ Matthew 17:22-27
 Tues.: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4 ♦ Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wed.: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 ♦ John 12:24-26
 Thur.: Ezekiel 12:1-12 ♦ Matthew 18:21—19:1
 Fri.: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 ♦ Matthew 19:3-12
 Sat.: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 ♦ Matthew 19:13-15
 Next Sun.: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 ♦ Hebrews 12:1-4 ♦ Luke 12:49

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/01):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,055.00
 Total Paid to date = \$30,885.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 93
 # of Families who did not pledge = 201
 We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. 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.



Our NEW MASS SCHEDULE**May 28 through September 4, 2022:****Saturday****4:00PM at St. Thomas Church, Corry****Sunday****8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry****9:30AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City****11:00AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church,
Canadohta Lake****Confession Schedule:****Saturday****3:00pm—3:30pm at St. Thomas Church****Sunday morning before Mass at
St. Teresa Church and Our Lady of Fatima****New Partnered Parish Office Hours****203 W. Washington St., Corry, PA
814-663-3041****Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm****Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm****Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm****Friday: Closed****Air Conditioner Funds**

Please contribute to the Air Conditioner Fund to help us 'keep cool' this summer. If you wish to make a donation, please mark the outside of your envelope with "Air Conditioner Fund" and the name of the church to receive your donation. Thanks.

St. Thomas Church Goal\$25,000.00
Amount Raised (to date).....\$3,870.00

St. Teresa Church Goal\$15,000.00
Amount Raised (to date).....\$15,100.00

Our Lady of Fatima Goal\$12,000.00
Amount Raised (to date).....\$100.00

Diocesan Anniversary Celebration

The 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00pm at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Family Life Office at 814- 824-1210.

**Our Lady of Fatima News**

Our Lady of Fatima Church
36198 Lake Road
Union City, PA 16438

**Liturgy at Our Lady of Fatima**

Our Lady of Fatima at Canadohta Lake is open for the celebration of Mass at 11:00am every Sunday throughout the summer. Please inform your friends, neighbors, and visitors to the area, of the celebration of Mass at the lake in August and Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4th). It is wonderful to come together and praise God.

Distribution of the Eucharist

If you, or someone in your family attending Mass has mobility difficulty coming to the altar to receive the Body of Christ, please inform John or Rita Mineo. Holy Communion will gladly be distributed to that person in their pew.

Use of Hand Sanitizer

Cases of COVID-19 are surging again throughout the country, due in large part to the rise of virus variant Omicron BA.5. Please be aware of the hand sanitizing stations in Our Lady of Fatima's lobby, by the pews in the back of the worship space, and also by the pews closest to the altar. Father Matt, Deacon Randy, and any Eucharistic Minister assisting at Holy Communion applies hand sanitizer, and all in the assembly are encouraged to use them. This is for the safety of all present during worship.

Points to Ponder

We walk in faith and wait in hope. Readiness for the Lord takes responsible and faithful preparation. Our Christian life is a pursuit that we must practice daily, not only when it is convenient. We must ask ourselves where our heart is, and what do we treasure? Do we act in a good and faithful way with the things which God has delegated to us? How are we preparing to meet God at the end of time? When we meet God in His Word and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, Christ is with us already. By welcoming Him into our mind, heart, and soul and putting into action our faith through Christian works, we are preparing ourselves for the hour when the Son of Man will come.

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE
FOR JULY 2022**

	St. Thomas (Seats 350)	St. Teresa (Seats 225)	Our Lady of Fatima (Seats 180)
Total Attendance July 2022:	968	427	486
Average Attendance per Mass:	97	85	97
Average Empty Seats per Mass:	253	140	83

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**