



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church  
9 Third Avenue  
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*April 17, 2022*



## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!

I hope this Easter finds you full of joy and new life, and if it doesn't, we'll make that our prayer for you this whole Easter Season!

If you are joining us for the first time this weekend, or if you are here for your Easter Duty, or if you're here every week and just angry that someone sat in your pew, welcome! We are truly blessed to have you with us! Welcome home!

It is my hope that you will find in our Parishes a welcoming embrace into the Body of Christ. We don't do that perfectly, as we are all weak and flawed people, but I can assure you of this—we do it far, far better when you are here with us! So I hope you take that as a welcome invitation to join us again—we're here every week. Come and experience the joy and the challenge of our life in Jesus—it ain't always easy, for sure, but we always get through it better together, just as Jesus wants it.

Please take some time to peruse the bulletin this weekend—it's a new experience for us, as this is the first weekend we now have a combined bulletin for our Partnered Parishes! It's a huge step in our ongoing efforts to work together in a more concerted way as we build up the Kingdom of God here in our midst. And you can also subscribe to the bulletin on our Parish websites and get it emailed to you every week! Hopefully this will all also help us facilitate new and dynamic ways to live out our faith, and maybe even have fun and enjoy ourselves while we are doing it! (Jesus did laugh, you know, it's ok to do that.)

As we finally are ebbing towards the Summer, it's a wonderful time to conjure up a spirit of rejuvenation and find some new activities to engage in with our Parish communities. Wouldn't it be great to have a Parish trip to a Pirate game (no, we won't go to Cleveland....we are better than that), maybe start to have a Parish Picnic, Vacation Bible School, form a Council of Families to help our Parishes to better minister to our younger families, perhaps a Parish Day at Waldameer Park in Erie, we can revitalize our Faith Formation Program and work to provide better opportunities for the youngest to the oldest of us to grow in the faith (thanks to everyone who made their recent trip to the trampoline park a HUGE success!!!!) ...the list goes on and on! All we need is you and your willingness to respond to that beautiful question "Lord, what do you want to do through me to accomplish Your Will in my Parish?" Pray that question, and let's see where it takes us!

A most special thanks as well to everyone in Music Ministry - our choir, our cantors, our organists and instrumentalists, our directors - who have worked so tirelessly these past weeks, and this past week in particular, to enhance our Liturgical celebrations this Triduum. Thanks also to our liturgical ministers, our environment helpers, and to everyone who helped us pray better in our Holy Week celebrations.

A special shout out to the young families of our Parishes!!! They truly are a gift to all of us here, and we are so happy to have you with us as often as you are able to be here. Please know that we are keeping all of you in our prayers as well—cause we know how much you need 'em!

However you may be spending this Easter weekend, I hope it is a truly blessed one for you. I will be headed to Oil City for Sunday and Monday to spend some time decompressing from Holy Week and perhaps to have a piece of cheesecake. Or 7. May God bless you, your families, and all those you love, this Easter and always. God help us all! -Fr. Matt



#### Monday, April 18

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

#### Tuesday, April 19 - Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

5:15p.m. †Rose Morton req by John P. Matus

#### Wednesday, April 20 - Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

8:00a.m. †Helen Grucza req by Ken & Elle Weis

#### Thursday, April 21

NO MASS

#### Friday, April 22 - Mass at St. Teresa, Union City

8:00a.m. †Elenore Henry req by Bill & Sherry Davis

#### Saturday, April 23 - Mass at St. Teresa, Union City

4:30p.m. †Wilbert & Patricia Arlet req by Family

#### Sunday, April 24—Divine Mercy Sunday

8:45a.m. †Henry & Philomena Groner req by George & Carol Groner (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. †Jerry Adams req by Diana and family (St. Teresa)



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bettie Jo Waltier.



The EASTER (Paschal) CANDLE at St. Thomas Church this year has been gifted by an anonymous donor, in memory of a special intention.



#### Easter Flower Memorials

Thank you to all who donated to this year's Easter Flower Memorials. The beautiful flowers enhanced our liturgies for the Easter season and reminds us of our Risen Christ's splendor. Please see our website for a listing of the memorials.





## Saint Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 10, 2022

The Financial Stewardship Report for April 10<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) will be published in April 24 bulletin. Today's bulletin had to be submitted to our publisher prior to the weekend Mass due to Holy Week and the Easter holiday. Thank you to all who regularly use your church offertory envelopes and/or give to the parish collection. We appreciate and are grateful for your support.



*Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at*

[www.StThomasTheApostle.Church](http://www.StThomasTheApostle.Church) and click 'Donate Online'.

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 4/3):

**Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,719.00

Total Paid to date = \$24,544.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 100

# of Families who did not pledge = 245

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 (665-6944),

Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (664-7459), or Diane (663-3753).

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

### Eucharistic



### Adoration

#### 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish offers a monthly 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration on the Thursday prior to the First Friday of each month. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00am on Thursday and ends at 8:00am Friday morning.** All are welcome to join us anytime during Adoration. We are always looking for more 'scheduled adorers', so if you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.

### "Question of the Week" - Easter Sunday

**Question for Children:** What is good and new in your life?

**Question for Youth:** Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

**Question for Adults:** In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

### St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting THIS WEEK

Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society are reminded of their monthly meeting which will be held this week on Wednesday, April 20. Members are asked to meet in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas at 6:00pm. Ladies of the parish who are interested in joining are invited to attend.

### Cemetery Help Needed

Our Parish is looking for someone that would be interested in doing occasional maintenance at St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Responsibilities would include emptying garbage containers, digging graves for cremains, digging and pouring foundations for grave stones and other minor maintenance items. This is a paid position and the hours will vary. Please contact the Parish office if interested.

### A Family Perspective

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

**GO OUT  
AND  
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#### *An Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Good and gracious heavenly Father,  
we come before You on this Easter Sunday  
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of  
the Paschal Mystery that You showed us  
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,  
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.  
Bless us and all those who profess belief  
in Your saving love.  
Bless also those who have yet to profess  
belief in You.  
You are God for all.  
We ask all this in Christ's name.  
*Amen.*



We want to wish everyone a blessed Easter from the Parish offices of Sts. Thomas & Teresa. Both offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18. Our offices will return to their normal business hours on Tuesday, April 19.

St. Thomas Office Hours: Mon—Thurs. / 8:30AM—3:00PM

St. Teresa Office Hours: Mon. & Thurs. / 8:00AM—3:00PM  
Wed. 8:00AM—12:00PM

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### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 4/4):

**Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$23,890.00

Total Paid to date = \$16,515.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 56

# of Families who did not pledge = 238

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**

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### *Liturgical Ministers' Schedule at St. Teresa Church for April 23 & 24*

**4:30PM**

**LECTOR**

Pat Brown

**10:45AM**

Cheryl Mongera

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Mary Ann Shinko

Tom Kunzen

Choir: Kelly Young

**ALTAR SERVER**

Colton Boyd

Morgan Beer

### St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

#### •Rosary—Altar Society

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 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

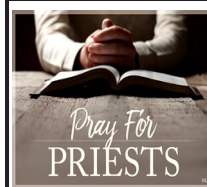
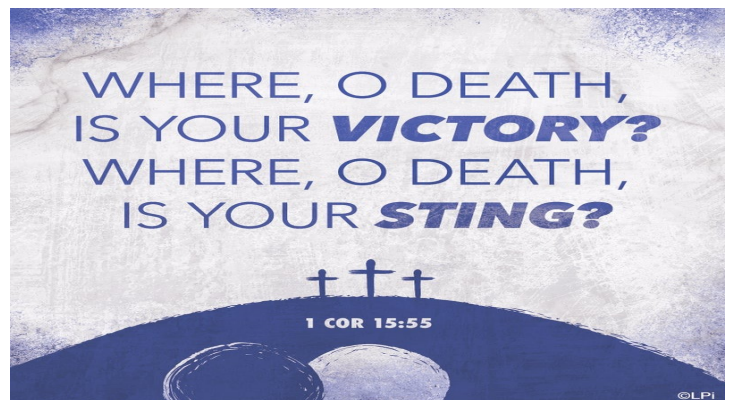
Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

### Knights of Columbus CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TICKETS

The Union City Knights of Columbus is again, this year, selling the COAL SWEEPSTAKES tickets. Donation is \$5. This gives you 16 chances to win cash prizes from \$15,000 to \$1,000. To purchase your ticket, you may contact Bill Flynn at 438-3493 or any Knight. They are also available at the parish office.

### St. Teresa Indoor Garage Sale

We will have an indoor garage sale this year! It will take place sometime in June or July. We will start collecting items as soon as Religious Education classes have ended for the year (after April 24<sup>th</sup>). Just a reminder we are NOT accepting clothing, shoes, computers, televisions or exercise equipment. Please save your spring cleaning items.



Rev. Msgr. James E. Sanner, Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Malene, Rev. Robert P. Susa, Rev. John A. Walsh, Rev. Jason A. Glover, Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney, and Rev. Andrew Boyd.

### The Special Intentions of Pope Francis

Dear Lord, During this Easter season, we pray for faith-filled young people! We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in your mother Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. AMEN.



### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon . Acts 2:14, 22-234 ♦ Matthew 28:8-15

Tue. Acts 2:36-41 ♦ John 20:11-18

Wed. Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Luke 24:13-35

Thurs. Acts 3:11-26 ♦ Luke 24:35-48

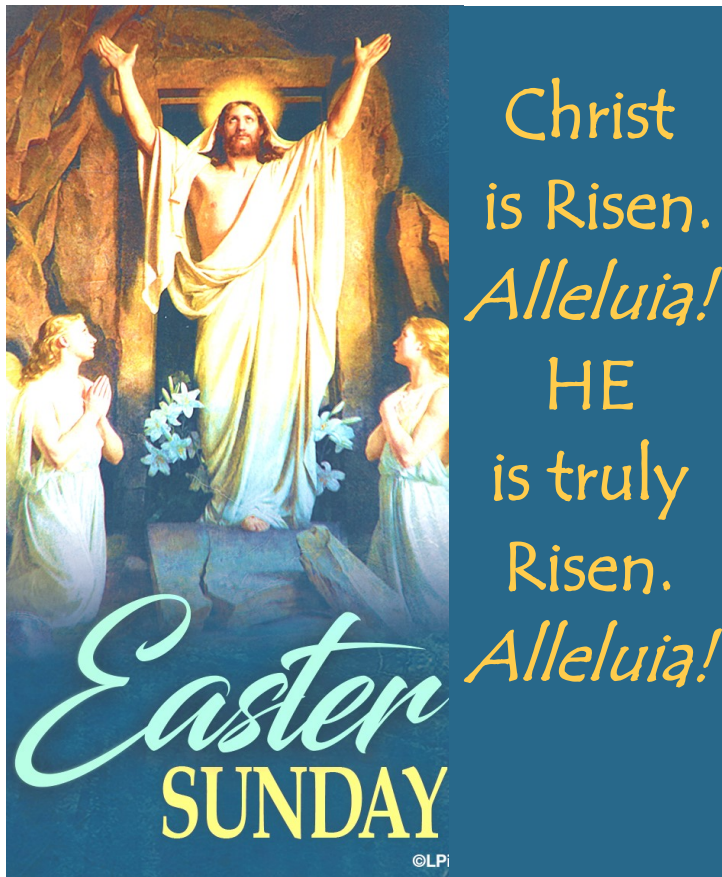
Fri. Acts 4:1-12 ♦ John 21:1-14

Sat. Acts 4:13-21 ♦ Mark 16:9-15

Sun. Acts 5:12-16 ♦ Revelation 1:9-11a-13, 17-19

♦ John 20:19-31



**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**

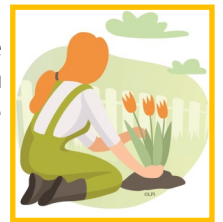
Please contact the Parish office at least six months in advance to schedule a Wedding.

**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.

**Spring Cleanup**

We are in need of some help doing some Spring Cleanup around our Churches. If you would be willing and able to help with some yardwork, gardening, painting, or the like, please contact the Parish Office! Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!



## **Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**

**Religious Education Students Enjoy a Spring Social Event**

Students from the Religious Education Programs at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa enjoyed a fun afternoon at The Flying Squirrel Jump Park in Erie on Sunday, April 3. They enjoyed time of fellowship, fun and a pizza lunch.

**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

We only have one class remaining for this year: Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes TODAY Easter Sunday, so that students may enjoy the holiday with their families.

Please continue to keep those students preparing to receive sacraments in your prayers. The following dates are scheduled for sacraments:



Thursday, April 28—7:00pm Confirmation Mass  
for both Corry & Union City students  
at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean



Saturday, April 30—First Communion Retreat in Corry  
Sunday, May 1—10:45am First Holy Communion Mass  
at St. Teresa  
Saturday, May 7—4:30pm First Holy Communion  
at St. Thomas

An end of the year picnic is being planned for sometime in May for the students and families involved with our Religious Education Programs. Date & time to be announced in a future bulletin.



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