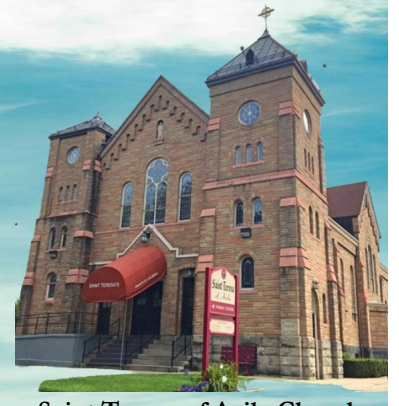




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407



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

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

## July 31, 2022



### 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:21

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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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**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish**  
[www.stthomastheapostle.church](http://www.stthomastheapostle.church)

**Saint Teresa of Avila Parish**  
[www.st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://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



We are so very blessed this weekend to welcome Fr. John Kyere from the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong to our Parishes for our annual Missionary Appeal weekend. We haven't been able to do these for a few years due to Covid, but are blessed to be able to resume them once again. This is always a good opportunity for all

of us to hear from a more global perspective of the Church—so let us make sure we welcome Father John with the hospitality that is our nature. And should you not be prepared to make a financial contribution to his Mission work this weekend, no worries—you can always bring it in next weekend using the envelope in your packet, or just in an envelope marked “Missionary.” Thank you, in advance, for your generosity to the cause of Evangelization. And thanks in a particular way to Father John for saying all the Masses this weekend so I can escape.

A most heartfelt THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came out to help work and support the Lawn Festival at St. Teresa's last week. It was a gorgeous night, and was just great to see everyone having a good time....we are allowed to have fun and enjoy being a Catholic you know. I also must say that the food was stupendous!!! I had a phenomenal Greek dog, and my go-to funnel cake full of fried sugary goodness—but I must say, the blue ribbon definitely went to the homemade pie booth!!!! God bless those that made those pies!!!! I had a slice of blueberry and some multi-berry thing that both helped to reinforce my belief in God. A phenomenal night! If you missed it, keep an eye out for it next year! (although I did mention we should do it at least 4 times a year...for which I was met with an angry gaze....ok fine—maybe let's just have Greek dogs, funnel cakes and homemade pie 4 times a year....is that better?)

And on the subject of exploring the good things all of our Churches have to offer, have you done any traveling to our other Churches yet this summer? I know that many have never even set foot in one of our three Churches, but maybe the summer is a nice time to do that. Swing down to Canadohta Lake for 11AM Mass some Sunday—or over to St. Thomas some Saturday afternoon at 4PM or 8AM Sunday for a quiet Mass—or come to St. Teresa for a nice and cool 9:30AM Mass Sunday morning— as one St. Thomas Parishioner put it last weekend, 'Father, I'll be coming back to St. Teresa's for the rest of the summer—it's so nice and cool.'

On the St. Thomas front, a HUGE THANK YOU to the Vinca family for scrubbing the Pieta statue beside the Church and trimming the bushes! It was in dire need of some attention and cleanup. God bless everyone who selflessly works, usually behind the scenes, to take care of our Churches!

I know no one (well, except parents) are anxious for the impending return to school, but in the not-too-distant future we will again be starting another year of Faith Formation at our Parishes. We are in need to people willing to help in our classrooms as teachers, assistants, or whatever. If you are willing and able to help, WE NEED YOU!!! Please reach out to Missy Silka, our Director of Faith Formation, or contact the Parish Office for more information or if you are willing to help. We can't do this most necessary effort without you—so please, pray and see if God might be calling you to be a missionary to our own children!

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And now that we have come full circle, enjoy the week! And as I write this, the MegaMillions Jackpot is up to 1.02 Billion Dollars. Please, Lord, Please...Father needs a log cabin....and I'd share some too.....I promise. Good Luck! God help us all! - Fr. Matt



#### Monday, August 1

8:00a.m. †Sophie Combs by Dan & Casey Pfeiffer  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

#### Tuesday, August 2

5:15p.m. †John Lutz by Corry Knights of Columbus  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

#### Wednesday, August 3

8:00a.m. †Dorothy Baressi by Tom & Angela Mitchell and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

#### Thursday, August 4

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

#### Friday, August 5

8:00a.m. †Steven Matvey by Dorothy Mongera  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

#### Saturday, August 6

4:00p.m. For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

#### Sunday, August 7

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased Members of the Jeffords and Palmer Families by Richard & Jean Farver  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 9:30a.m. †Saturnino & Eusebia Allangue by Angelina Masangcay (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. †Virginia & Mike Poninsky by Pete & Carol Poninsky (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

#### 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

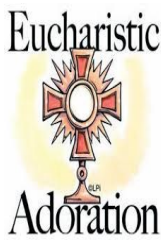
## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 23/24, 2022

<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (59) .....	\$2,062.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 128)	
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$210.00
<b>Online Giving</b> (9) .....	\$290.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$2,562.00
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> .....	\$4,038.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$(-1,476.00)
<b>Actual Average Weekly Offertory</b> .....	\$3,767.00
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$6,019.00
<b>Actual Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$5,982.00

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



**24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK**  
 Our parish will hold its monthly 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration this week, beginning on Thursday, August 4 until Friday, August 5 at St. Thomas Church. **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.

### A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 7/24):

**Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00**  
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$45,444.00  
 Total Paid to date = \$40,279.00  
 # of Families who made a pledge = 128  
 # of Families who did not pledge = 217

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.

### Knights of Columbus Meeting Next Week

The Corry Knights of Columbus will hold their meeting for August on Monday, August 8 at 6:30pm meeting at the home of Jerry Rushin. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend. Please plan to bring a dish to share as we will enjoy a time of fellowship after our meeting. Hope to see you there.



### 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 (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup>). 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).

### "Question of the Week" - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Question for Children:** What is the most important thing in your life?
- Question for Youth:** It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?
- Question for Adults:** What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?



### Support our Parish & Cemeteries through ERIE GIVES ([www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org))

This year's Erie Gives 2022 is **Tuesday, August 9**, between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm. During the 12 hour period of online giving, The Erie & Corry 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](http://www.ErieGives.org) and search for **St Thomas the Apostle Church, 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 website ([www.stthomastheapostle.church](http://www.stthomastheapostle.church)).** If you prefer to give using a check, you must include an "Erie Gives Check Contribution Form" which is available in the church office and on our parish website. Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6<sup>th</sup> 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 parish and its cemeteries through Erie Gives will help with the many expenses incurred with running and maintaining our properties. Thank you in advance for considering a donation to the parish on this unique giving day. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.

# St. Teresa Parish News

**ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 24, 2022**

<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (48) .....	\$1,315.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 109)	
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$40.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$1,355.00
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> .....	\$1,415.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$(-60.00)

<b>Actual Average Weekly Offertory</b> .....	\$2,193.00
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$2,274.00
<b>Actual Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$4,074.00

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

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

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 24, 2022**

<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (9) .....	\$230.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 21)	
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$357.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$587.00

**Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa THIS WEEK**

Our parish will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, August 5. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:00am Mass and continues until 12:00pm noon.** All are welcome to join us anytime during Adoration. We are always looking for more people to participate during Adoration, so if you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.

**St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society Dinner Meeting**

Members are reminded of a dinner meeting next Monday, August 8. The dinner reservations are for 4:00pm, so please plan to meet at St. Teresa's parking lot by 3:00pm to travel as a group (carpool) to dinner. Thank you.

**Seeking Flowers to Beautify God's House**

"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land." (Songs of Songs 2:12)  
If you have beautiful flowers growing in your yard, and do not mind cutting some to put in a vase, please consider bringing them to God's house as an offering to Him. Amy Smith will change the water, and when they are finished blooming, your vase will be put at the back of the church to take home.



**THANK YOU!!!!**  
For Supporting & Helping Make the **St. Teresa Parish's Lawn Festival** a Success again this Year.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked booths at the St. Teresa's Lawn Festival on Thursday, July 21. The committee would also like to thank the Maria House Project and all the men and women who helped set up and tear down! The Lawn Festival is not a small event and all the help was greatly appreciated! We're looking forward to next year already! Here is a list of the winners from this year's raffle:

Gift Card Winners: Kim Uber - \$300 Walmart Gift Card; Janet Love - \$100 Country Fair Gift Card; Morgan Burgess - \$100 Country Fair Gift Card. And the Cash Winners: Noel Mooney - \$25; Karen Muscia - \$25; Sarah Adams - \$25; Shawn Sabol - \$25; Shirley Coatam - \$100; Paige Megat - \$500. Thank you again for making this our parish's largest fundraiser!!!



**Free Pro-Life Yard Signs Available**

Anyone can receive a free "Vote Pro-Life" yard sign by filling out a brief online form. The Go to [peopleforlife.org/yardsign](http://peopleforlife.org/yardsign). The signs normally retail for \$15 plus tax and shipping charges. Signs can be picked up at the People for Life, 1625 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. This is a limited-time offer. The online form must be completed by August 18. The signs will arrive at People for Life soon after that deadline. If you have any questions, please contact People for Life at 814-882-1333.

**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

**Mass Readings for the Week of July 31**

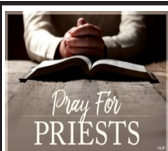
Sun.: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 ♦ Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 ♦ Luke 12:13-21  
 Mon.: Jeremiah 28:1-17 ♦ Matthew 14:13-21  
 Tues.: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 ♦ Matthew 14:22-36  
 Wed.: Jeremiah 31:1-7 ♦ Matthew 15:21-28  
 Thurs.: Jeremiah 31:31-34 ♦ Matthew 16:13-23  
 Fri.: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 ♦ Matthew 16:24-28  
 Sat.: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ♦ Luke 9:28b-36  
 Next Sun.: Wisdom 18:6-9 ♦ Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 ♦ Luke 12:32-48

**2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 7/25):**

**Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00**  
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,005.00  
 Total Paid to date = \$30,720.00  
 # 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.**



Rev. Msgr. Robert Brugger, Rev. William Laska, Rev. John Hindman, Rev. David Whiteford, Rev. Kevin Holland, Rev. John Fischer, Very Rev. Thomas Whitman, VF

**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).....	\$3,745.00
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 at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 2:00pm at St. Mary in St. Marys and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00pm at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecnd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the parish office or 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 and neighbors, and visitors to the area, of the availability of liturgy and the change of the time of Mass. It is wonderful to come together and praise God.

**Memorial Flowers at Our Lady of Fatima**

The floral arrangement at the altar is dedicated to the cherished memory of Earl Love presented by his wife Janet. May Earl rest in peace with the angels and saints in the presence of the Risen Christ.

**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.

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**

**Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**



Faith Formation Grant check delivery to Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish: Lisa Louis, Foundation Executive Director, Melissa Silka, Director of Faith Formation, and Fr. Matt Strickenberger, Pastor

Melissa Silka, Director of Faith Formation at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, identified several needed technology updates at these partnered parishes that, if funded, would increase the effectiveness of their catechists. Improving the available technology would give the catechists access to current Catholic resources that would enhance their lesson plans. Melissa applied for and was awarded Faith Formation Grants for both parishes totaling \$6,065. With these funds, these parishes will be able to upgrade their technology to not only support their faith formation program but to enhance family activities and parish events.

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