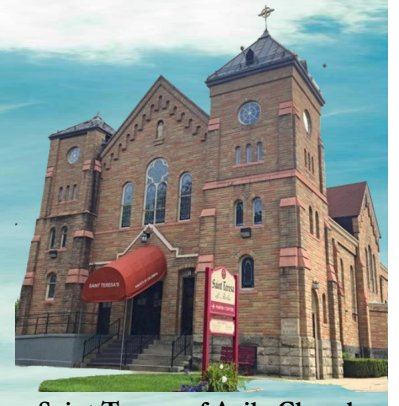




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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9 Third Avenue  
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# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

## September 25, 2022



26<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

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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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[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



Gospel Meditation: Encouraging Deeper Understanding of Scripture  
September 25, 2022—26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become “all about me,” preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are “useful” to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as “the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.” In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel “entitled” to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life’s challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. “The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas).” Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there.

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**Monday, September 26**

8:00a.m. †Paula Sadowski by Virginia Kozik  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, September 27**

5:15p.m. †Judy Bitters by Diane Hall (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, September 28**

8:00a.m. †George & Helen Groner by George & Carol  
Groner (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, September 29**

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

**Friday, September 30**

8:00a.m. †Geraldine Kopnitsky by Hilda Szabo  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, October 1**

4:00p.m. †Emmett Layden by his estate  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, October 2**

8:00a.m. For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes  
(St. Thomas, Corry)  
10:00a.m. †Paula Sadowski by Virginia Kozik  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

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**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:** September 17/18, 2022


<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (61) .....	\$2,555.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 126)	
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$149.25
<b>Online Giving</b> (9) .....	\$290.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$2,994.25
<b>Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$7,656.00
<b>Weekly Average Shortfall</b> .....	..\$(-4,661.75)

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'.




**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.

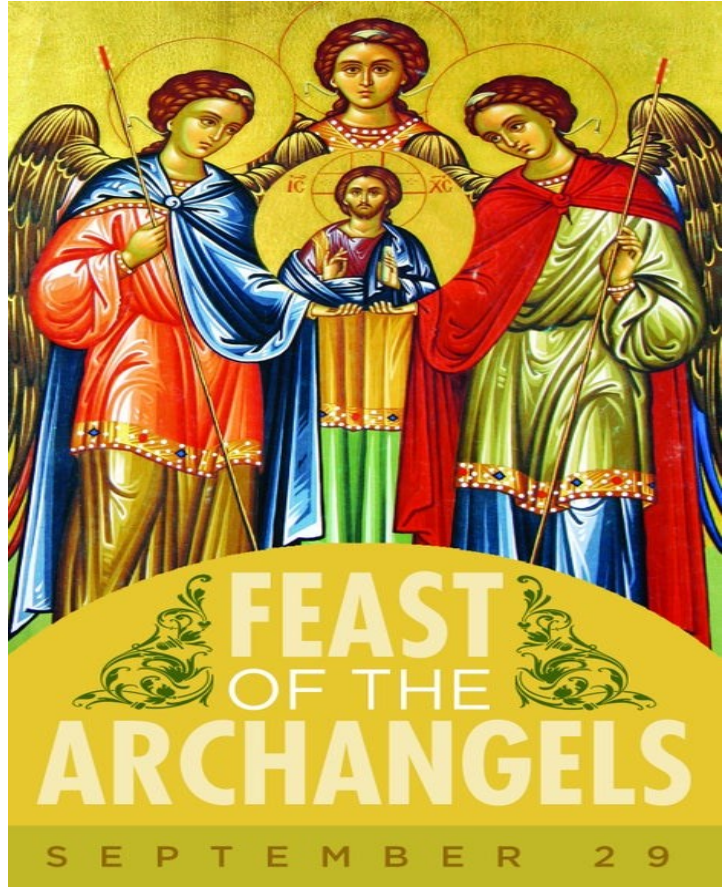
**His Helping Hands Used Clothing Store Seeking Donations**  
 His Helping Hands, LifeCare Pregnancy Center's used clothing store, has a great selection of fall & winter clothing for all ages but are in need of girls clothing, sizes Newborn to 4T. They accept all clothing donations during store hours: Wednesday through Friday 10:00am—4:00pm and Saturday 9:00am—12:00pm or by contacting the LifeCare office 814-664-9318. Thanks for prayers and support.

**A Family Perspective**  
 In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?

**2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 9/19):**  
 Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00  
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$46,564.00  
 Total Paid to date = \$43,199.00  
 # of Families who made a pledge = 131  
 # of Families who did not pledge = 214  
 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.**

The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley.



**Looking for Ushers**  
 We are hoping to bring back ushers at Mass. We are looking for men and/or women who would like to help in this ministry. Some of the duties of the usher would be to take up the collection (now that hopefully we are past the COVID pandemic) using the handled baskets and going to individuals in the pews and conducting a Mass attendance count of people (especially with the October count coming up). If you wish to become a part of the usher ministry, please call the parish office. Thanks.

**"Question of the Week" - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What do you have that you are able to share?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don't do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

**Question for Adults:** What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this Gospel reading inform you about that?

## St. Teresa Parish News

### ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 18, 2022

**Amount in Envelopes:** (52) ..... \$2,085.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 105)  
**Loose** ..... \$70.00  
**Continuing the Vision** (1) ..... \$15.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$2,170.00


### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 18, 2022

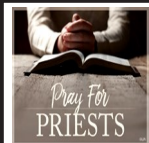
**Amount in Envelopes:** (5) ..... \$125.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$125.00

**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income**.....\$2,295.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses**..... \$4,777.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** .....\$(-2,482.00)

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

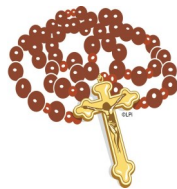
 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our loved ones.**



Very Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers, Rev. Msgr. George Appleyard, Rev. Jeffrey Lucas, Rev. Michael DeMartinis, Rev. Kyle Seyler, Rev. Thomas Aleksa, and continue to Pray for Vocations.

### Erie Diocesan Rosary March Planned for October 9<sup>th</sup>

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March will be held Oct. 9 at 2:00pm in the parking lot of St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. The Rosary also will be prayed inside the church at the same time for those who are unable to march. Following the Rosary, there will be a special prayer service inside the church with exposition and Benediction. Father David Renne, vice rector of St. Mark Seminary, Erie, and a member of the faculty of Gannon University, Erie, will be the guest homilist. This event is sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima. For more information, contact John Walsh at 814-868-1100.



### 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

#### •Parish Center Rental

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

### Still Looking for 2 Men

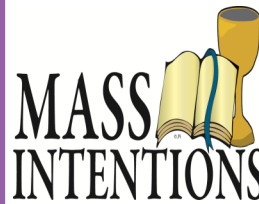
We are looking for 2 men from St. Teresa Parish who would be willing to serve on the new Partnered Parish Council for Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. We are trying to keep representation equal from each Parish, and currently are short 2 men from St. Teresa. If you would be willing to serve, please let me know asap, or contact the Parish Office. Thanks! - Fr. Matt

### Card Party Fundraiser for St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will host a Card Party on October 12. More details can be found later in this bulletin. Please save the date on your calendars. *Hope to see you there!*

### Saturday Mass Returns to St. Teresa in October

Please be reminded that the 4:00PM Saturday Mass of Anticipation will be at St. Teresa Church in Union City beginning next weekend, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and will remain at St. Teresa during the month of October. There will be no Saturday Mass at Saint Thomas Church (Corry) during the month of October.



### Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

When wishing 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 Church, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 814-663-3041 to schedule your intentions. We will now be scheduling all intentions in one book. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. Thank you.

### Mass Readings for the Week of September 25, 2022

Sun.: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 ♦ Timothy 6:11-16 ♦ Luke 16:19-31  
 Mon.: Job 1:6-22 ♦ Luke 9:46-50  
 Tues.: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 ♦ Luke 9:51-56  
 Wed.: Job 9:1-12, 14-16 ♦ Luke 9:57-62  
 Thurs.: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a ♦ John 1:47-51  
 Fri.: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 ♦ Luke 10:13-16  
 Sat.: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 ♦ Luke 10:17-24  
 Next Sun.: Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ♦ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ♦ Luke 17:5-10

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 9/19):

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

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,255.00

Total Paid to date = \$31,875.00

# 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.**



**WINTER MASS SCHEDULE**

September 10, 2022 thru May 21, 2023

**Saturday 4:00PM**

**St. Thomas Church (Corry)**

September, November, January, March, May

**St. Teresa Church (Union City)**

October, December, February, April

**Sunday**

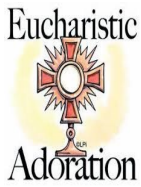
**8:00AM at St. Thomas Church (Corry)**

**10:00AM at St. Teresa Church (Union City)**

**Confessions**

**Saturday from 3:00pm—3:30pm**

at the church where Saturday Mass is celebrated  
OR by appointment—please call the parish office



**Reminder: Eucharistic Adoration is October 6 & 7**  
Please be reminded that our parishes will hold Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next month on October 6 & 7. All are welcome to come to Adoration anytime to spend quiet time with Jesus. We hope you will join us!

**Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**

**Looking for Volunteers to Help Teach our Children**

Now that Fall has arrived and students are back in school, we are busy preparing for a new year in our Religious Education programs at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. If you have a desire to share and teach the Catholic faith to young people, please contact Missy Silka at 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.

**New Religious Education Year for 2022-2023**

We are finalizing the schedule for the new Religious Education Year and it will be published soon. We are putting together parent information packets which will be available for distribution in the church at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa this weekend. The packets will remain in the church for families to pick up. We are looking forward to an amazing year in Religious Education. Thank you for the opportunity to teach the our Catholic faith to your children.



**Parenting Pointers**

"There was a rich man...and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." (Luke 16:19-20) Is your family rich or poor? It probably depends on who you compare yourself to. Talk with your child about how you might help someone poorer than you.

**St. Teresa's Annual Harvest Moon Card Party**

Sponsored By **ST. TERESA'S Rosary-Altar Society**

Admission \$ 6.00

Includes Light Dinner with Coffee or tea

Wednesday, October 12 2022  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 P. M.

AT ST. TERESA'S CENTER UNION CITY

Chinese Auction

Door Prizes

Bake Sale

Reservations Call SHERRI 814-392-7950  
STEPHANIE 814-790-8896

**Respect Life Sunday Mass with Bishop Persico**

October 2 at 11:30am

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish  
353 Pine Street Meadville, PA 16335

Reception to follow immediately after

Pro-Life Groups are encouraged to attend together

Hosted by CATHOLICS FOR LIFE & LIBERTY

Groups should RSVP by Sept. 21 at [www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife](http://www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife) or by calling 814-824-1250