



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

## November 5, 2023



### 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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

**Partnered Parish Offices**  
203 W. Washington Street  
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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

COLD AND FLU SEASON: Just a friendly reminder as we enter into the cold and flu season, if you are not feeling well, please know that you are excused from Mass at that time. Please be considerate of others and stay home when you are not feeling well.

Two weeks ago, I mentioned my personal health issues that will keep me from shaking hands before and after Mass. I will be there to greet people but will not be shaking hands to protect myself and others. Thank you for your understanding.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Last weekend the Corry Knights of Columbus presented me with a check for St. Thomas Parish as a result of the work they did, along with the help of many parishioners, at the Spartansburg Fair. Thanks to all those who helped the Knights with this project.

ALTAR ROSARY CARD PARTY: St. Teresa's Altar Rosary Society held their annual Card Party recently and it was a huge success. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to prepare for the Card Party and thanks to all those who came to Card Party. It was a very enjoyable evening.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG: There are times when lights don't work, or water won't shut off, or something else goes wrong that needs to be fixed. Please be sure to let someone know, in a kind manner, so that it can be corrected. Sometimes things go for weeks without being addressed because no one knows about it. We all have a responsibility to care for our parish property and make sure things are working properly. Thanks for helping!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00am at St. Thomas in Corry.

- Fr. Tom

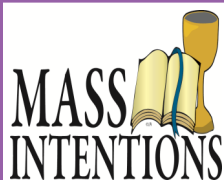
Book of Remembrance

Our Books of the Remembrance will be available in the sanctuary throughout the month of November at both Saints Thomas and Teresa churches. You may write the names of beloved family and friends who have gone home to with our Lord. We will continue to pray for these loved ones throughout November. The Church is composed of the faithful living upon the earth and those who have gone before us. *May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.*



"Every time you pass a cemetery,  
it's time for a little prayer:

'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.'" - Mother Angelica

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

Please contact the partnered parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. The suggested stipend is \$10.

**Sunday, November 5**

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Paul Mongera by Lillie and his children (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, November 6**

8:00a.m. †Jay Downor by Lisa & Gerald Hetrick (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, November 7**

8:00a.m. †Gerri Cragg by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, November 8**

8:00a.m. †Robert Swan by Gerrie Karkoski (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, November 9**

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa

**Friday, November 10**

8:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Libby Blare and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, November 11**

4:30p.m. †Jack McCoy by Tom & Kathy Savko (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, November 12**

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

10:00a.m. †Msgr. James Peterson by Judy & Bill Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

**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 ten (10) 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: 3:30pm—4:00pm on Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.

**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

## St. Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Oct. 29, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes:** (73) .....\$4,268.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 101)  
**Loose** .....\$280.00  
**Online Giving (11)** .....\$390.00  
**Total Offertory Income** .....\$4,938.00

**Average Weekly Expenses** .....\$7,656.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** .....\$(-2,718.00)

*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'.*

### Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will be selling pastries the weekends of Nov. 11/12 and Nov. 18/19, before and after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. **Cost is \$16 for Kolachi (Walnut, Apricot, and Raspberry) and \$13 for Baklava.** As a reminder, all monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases made to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.



IN YOU, LORD,  
I HAVE FOUND  
*Peace.*

PSALM 131



### In Need of Some Spiritual Reading

Please check out our book rack in the main vestibule of Saint Thomas Church. Books may be borrowed and returned when finished reading them. There is something for everyone.



**PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (814-665-6944), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).  
*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 November 5<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ann Dyne by family.**



### You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Parish will be served in the gym following the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and food.

### Knights of Columbus, Council #425 News

#### Thank You!

The Knights wish to thank all the parishioners and everyone else who helped at the Spartansburg Fair this year. We were able to donate \$2,491.75 to Saint Thomas Parish from our efforts. The Knights are grateful to the parish office staff who continuously help throughout each year. The money received by the parish and others from our local Knights of Columbus is directly tied to your most gracious help. We could not do it without 'YOU!' Even if we forget, God remembers. *Thank you and best wishes—Steve Weis, Grand Knight.*



Pictured presenting the check to Fr. Tom Whitman are Knights: Len Clark, John Zaczekiewicz, and Alan Griebel.

### Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

The Corry Knights of Columbus food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry runs now until the Thanksgiving holiday. Please place non-perishable food items in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Thank you for your support!



### Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at St. Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.



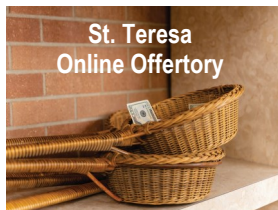
## St. Teresa Parish News

**ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Oct. 28 & 29, 2023  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (54).....\$1,851.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 103)  
**Loose** .....\$391.00  
**Continuing the Vision** (1).....\$20.00  
**Online Giving** (1) .....\$30.00  
**Total Offertory Income**.....\$2,292.00

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP:** Oct. 29, 2023  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (7).....\$180.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 21)

**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income**.....\$2,472.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses**.....\$4,777.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall**.....\$(-2,305.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.  
 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or Our Lady of Fatima Church.*



*Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at [www.st-teresa-unioncity-org](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity-org) OR by scanning the QR code here.*



*Thanks for your generosity to our parish!*

**It's National Vocations Awareness Week! Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup>**  
**What's YOUR vocation story?**

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**Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.**

John 6:58

### 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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all deceased members of our parish.

## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving for those in need. If you know of anyone in need of a basket, please call the parish office with the name and phone number of the person in need. We are seeking non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave your donations at the back of Saint Teresa church. Thank you in advance for your donations.



### A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of marriage and parenting: "The greatest among you must be your servant." Children receive our genes, name and resources; and spouses share a lifelong commitment. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception, and the marriage covenant begins on the wedding day. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

### "Question of the Week" - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** How can you make the light of Christ shine through your life?

**Question for Youth:** What does it mean to humble yourself?

**Question for Adults:** Do you practice what you preach?

## Knights of Columbus Council 11144 Our Lady of Mercy

**Dance featuring  
The Groove**



**Friday November 10  
7 - 11 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Mercy Church Gym  
837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek**



Cost is \$15/person and tickets are available to purchase after Mass beginning **October 8<sup>th</sup>** and in the Parish office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. & will be sold at the door the night of the dance.

## 50-50 Raffle

**to benefit projects for Our Lady of Mercy.**

**Drawing to be held at the dance  
Featuring The Groove**

## Pastoral Planning Prayer

Loving God, author of creation,  
your spirit pervades and enriches our world.  
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,  
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity  
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Form us, we pray, as one community  
under the leadership of our bishop  
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways  
and structures to spread your Gospel.  
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,  
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.  
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ  
in our parishes and communities.  
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,  
as we pray with Pope Francis  
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;  
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;  
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL  
Bishop of Erie



The weekend of Nov. 11-12 has been designated by Bishop Persico as a weekend of prayer for pastoral planning across the Diocese of Erie. By calling the people and clergy of the diocese together to pray with and for each other, the hope is that the Holy Spirit will permeate minds and hearts to embrace possibilities never considered and to walk the path of faith without fear.

### Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

Sun.: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 ♦ Psalm 131:1, 2, 3 ♦  
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 ♦ Matthew 23:1-12  
Mon.: Romans 11:29-36 ♦ Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 ♦ Luke 14:12-14  
Tues.: Romans 12:5-16b ♦ Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3 ♦ Luke 14:15-24  
Wed.: Romans 13:8-10 ♦ Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 ♦ Luke 14:25-33  
Thur.: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 ♦ Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 ♦  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 ♦ John 2:13-22  
Fri.: Romans 15:14-21 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ Luke 16:1-8  
Sat.: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 ♦ Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 ♦ Luke 16:9-15  
Next Sun.: Wisdom 6:12-16 ♦ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b) ♦  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 ♦ Matthew 25:1-13

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## MY GOURD-NESS!

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## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

### Religious Education Classes at our Parishes

Classes meet at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa this week for Religious Education students.

**Students in Corry meet for class on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am** in the former school building. **Union City students attend class on Sunday mornings from 11:00am until 12:30pm** at St. Teresa Parish Center, including the Purpose program for Confirmation students. **Purpose/Confirmation class for students at Saint Thomas is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.** Please refer to the Religious Education Calendar for scheduled class dates.



### Youth Mass Celebrated this Weekend

We thank those students from our Religious Education programs who volunteered to help in various ministries at the Youth Masses held at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes today! We are happy to have you at Mass sharing your gifts with the parish.

# #iGIVECATHOLIC

More  
information  
to come.



Advanced  
Giving Days  
Nov. 13—27

## #GivingTuesday November 28, 2023

### Join us for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday on November 28!

What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our parish communities? **Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 13—Monday, November 27.** You can support St. Thomas & St. Teresa Parishes with an offline gift by check or cash (please place your gift in the #iGiveCatholic envelope or another envelope marked with '#iGiveCatholic') and place in the collection baskets or mail to the parish office.

Online donations will be accepted on the giving day of Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> by going to [erie.igivecatholic.org](http://erie.igivecatholic.org).

Our parishes have many needs at the moment and we would greatly appreciate your financial support. Thank you!

### Submission Deadline for Bulletin Items

Items for publication in our bulletin must be sent to Sue Johnston in the parish office by Monday afternoon the week prior to when you wish your item to appear. Please email written content to [secretary@stparish.org](mailto:secretary@stparish.org). All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.

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