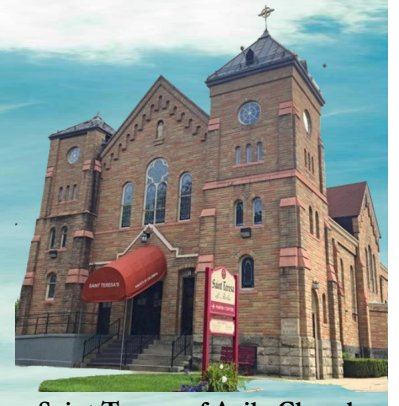




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THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

September 11, 2022



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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.



I hope everyone made it through Labor Day weekend safe, well, and rested! I also hope you've remembered the new Mass schedule that starts this weekend! (I also hope that I remembered as well!!!)

As we get back into the swing of things with the new school year (whatever that means), I am blessed to announce the members of our new Parish, Finance, and Cemetery Councils. As we have talked about, we will be Partnering together on these endeavors, as we need to continue to be working together on every front as Partnered Parishes. My hope in all of this is equal representation in all things from both Parishes.

The members of our new Partnered Parish Pastoral Council (Parish Council) are: Denny Anderson, Becky Boleratz, Amy Helmer, Pat Keys, Paige Megat, Karen Puckly, Mike Roden, and Jonathan Swank.

The members of St. Teresa Finance Council are: Joan Allen, Tom Dingfelder, Dick Hasbrouck, Vicki Melnichak, Donald Smith and Natalie Wilmoth.

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Finance Council remains separate for each Parish, but in accord with the Diocesan Policy for Partnered Parishes, we will utilize the same people to function on both Finance Councils—again, with equal representation from each Parish.

We are still working on putting together members for our Partnered Parish Cemetery Advisory Council. Once this has been finalized, we will be publishing their names in a future bulletin.

We are extraordinarily grateful to the men and women who have served our Parishes on these councils in the past. God bless them for their dedication and devotion to our Parishes!!!! And please keep our newly appointed councils in your prayers! They're gonna need it!

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will see the prayer that Pope Benedict XVI offered at Ground Zero in New York City in 2008. Let us offer it as we continue to pray for the victims of that day, and those that continue to suffer in it's aftermath. May Our Lady of Peace intercede for us and our world!

And with all of that, I will be away this week—as the Parish staff shout 'thanks be to God!'. I hope your week goes well—I'll be organizing a yard sale and working on some creative exclamations of frustration. God help us all! -Fr. Matt



Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

4:00p.m. †Frank Karkoski by Kim & Judy White
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, September 18

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

10:00a.m. †Jane Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

September 10th, 2022 thru May 21st, 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

10:00AM at St. Teresa Church

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 3/4, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (67)	\$3,134.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 120)	
Loose	\$173.00
Online Giving (12)	\$550.00
Religious Education Envelopes (7)	\$75.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,932.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(3,724.00)

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 and click 'Donate Online'.



We wish to congratulate the new married Justin & Emily (Zaczekiewicz) Marquess who celebrated their wedding at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on September 10, 2022. May Christ be ever-present in their marriage and family life together.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
- Lk 15:7b

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 9/06):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$46,464.00

Total Paid to date = \$42,584.00

of Families who made a pledge = 132

of Families who did not pledge = 213

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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of September 11th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the victims of the attacks on September 11th.

Altar Rosary Meeting on September 21

This is a reminder to members of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary that we will be meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00PM. Our meeting will be in the multipurpose room at Saint Thomas. Current members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!



Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison, Rev. Rocco Tito, Rev. David Baetzold, Rev. John Santor, Rev. Thomas Tyler, Rev. Mark Nowak, and continue to Pray for Vocations.

"Question of the Week" - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things. How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

Question for Youth: The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned. How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness? Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

Question for Adults: When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back? What signs do you see?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 4, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (48) \$2,350.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 109)
Loose \$75.00
Continuing the Vision \$130.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,555.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 4, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (11) \$255.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 19)
Loose \$272.00
Total Offertory Income \$527.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,082.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,695.00)

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

Looking for 3 Men and 1 Woman

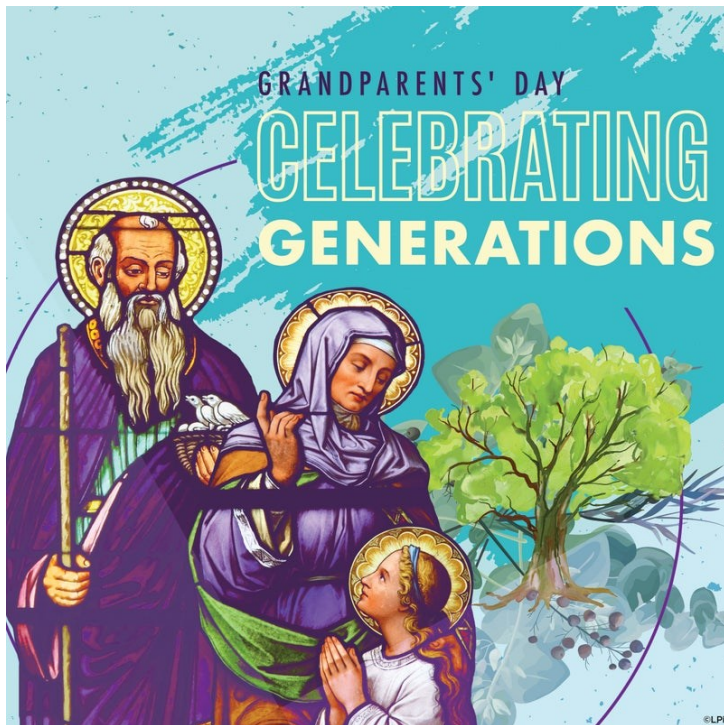
We are looking for 3 men and 1 woman from St. Teresa Parish who would be willing to serve on the new Partnered Parish Council for Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. We are trying to keep representation equal from each Parish, and currently are short 3 men and 1 woman from St. Teresa. If you would be willing to serve, please let me know asap, or contact the Parish Office. Thanks! - Fr. Matt


Seeking Donations of Candy for Homecoming

Once again, St. Teresa Parish will have a float in the Union City Homecoming Parade scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24. Please consider donating a bag or 2 of candy for our float to share with parade goers. Donations can be left in the back of the church over the next few weeks. Thanks to all who help!

Card Party Fundraiser for Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will host a Card Party on October 12. More details about this event will be forthcoming in future bulletins. Please save the date on your calendars.



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~ PRAY WITHOUT CEASING ~

Mass Readings for the Week of September 11, 2022

Sun.: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 ♦ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ♦ Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
 Mon.: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33 ♦ Luke 7:1-10
 Tues.: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a ♦ Luke 7:11-17
 Wed.: Numbers 21:4b-9 ♦ John 3:13-17
 Thurs.: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ♦ John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
 Fri.: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 ♦ Luke 8:1-3
 Sat.: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 ♦ Luke 8:4-15
 Next Sun.: Amos 8:4-7 ♦ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ♦ Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 9/06):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,205.00
 Total Paid to date = \$31,755.00
 # 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.

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



Prayer at Ground Zero

Pope Benedict XVI--New York, 20 April 2008

O God of love, compassion, and healing,
look on us, who gather this day in commemoration of that day of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died in New York City, the Pentagon and in Shanksville Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.



We ask you, in your compassion to heal the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss as a result of the years of war and violence which flowed from that day, especially those in the military around the world. Grant them eternal rest, and grant peace and consolation to their families.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: Turn to your way of love all those whose hearts and minds continue to be consumed with hatred. May peace reign in the hearts of all men and women and may peace truly dwell among the nations of the earth.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Looking for Volunteers to Help Teach our Children

With Summer quickly coming to a close, and students returning to school soon, 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 in the coming weeks. Parents are asked to be on the lookout for these packets. 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.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: [Policy effective March 15, 2021](#). For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

Adults welcome to view 'Chosen'

St. Boniface, St. John the Baptist, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes invite all adults to attend a viewing of season 1 of "The Chosen," at St. Boniface Church, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, beginning Sept. 22 and continuing every Thursday through Nov. 10 from 6:00pm—7:30pm. "The Chosen" brings the story of Jesus to life. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this study is for you! Register at https://my.eriecd.org/portal/event_detail.aspx?id=720 or call Deacon Denis Coan at 814-454-2873; Rosanne Jaworski at 814-825-4439; or Sue Berdis at 814-825-7313.



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

MASS INTENTIONS

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.