

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa Church
(Union City)

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 10:45 A.M.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
(Canadohta Lake)

Weekend Masses
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
Sunday: 9:30 A.M.

Confessions: before Mass

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

● ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

● KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

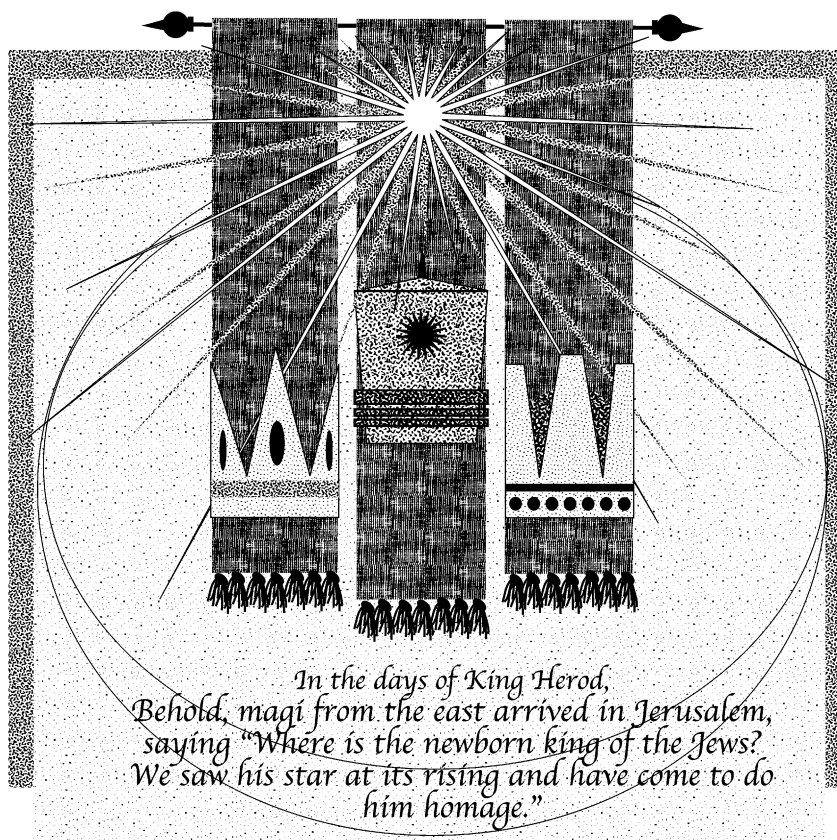
Meets during the school term.

● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



*In the days of King Herod,
Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do
him homage."*

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Shed Your light
upon our hearts, Lord!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 Epiphany of The Lord

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Deceased & Living Members of the Vinca & Buccolini Families by Steve & Julie Rushin

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of The Lord

8:45am (St. Thomas) Intentions of our Parish Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Patricia Arlet by Family

Monday, January 3 Christmas Weekday

8:00am Ann Mongera by Dorothy Mongera

Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann

NO MASS

Thursday, January 6 Christmas Weekday

NO MASS

Friday, January 7 Christmas Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Andrew Tomcho Sr. by Ed & Judy Bitters

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of The Lord

8:45am (St. Thomas) Blair Skiff by Shirley Skiff

10:45am (St. Teresa) Ed Margie Jr. by Sherri Margie

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend & Christmas was \$2,799 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,601 in envelopes and \$198 in loose & \$120 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon 1 John 3:22 - 4:6 ♦ Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue. 1 John 4:7-10 ♦ Mark 6:34-44

Wed 1 John 4:11-18 ♦ Mark 6:45-52

Thurs. 1 John 4:19 - 5:4 ♦ Luke 4:14-22

Fri. 1 John 5:5-13 ♦ Luke 5:12-16

Sat. 1 John 5:14-21 ♦ John 3:22-30

Sun. Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 ♦ Acts 10:34-38 ♦ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

There will no **Rosary Altar Society** meeting during the month of January.

A very special thank you to **PORT FARMS** for donating and delivering the live Christmas Trees for our parish decorations

Religious Education

01/02 No Class

01/09 Class

01/16 Class

01/23 Class

PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.

Goal - \$28,606

Amount Pledged to Date - \$30,347

Amount Paid to Date - \$29,747

Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church

JUST A REMINDER – There will be Saturday Masses during the month of January at St. Thomas Parish, Corry but there will be no Saturday Masses at St. Teresa. Saturday Masses in February will be said in Union City but not in Corry. We will continue alternating going forward until our pastor makes a determination. This schedule will in no way affect Sunday Masses.

Special retreat for engaged couples

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here is what a past participant had to say: “I cannot thank you enough for an amazing experience this weekend. My fiancé and I will never forget it and all of the special moments.” Learn more or register at <https://www.riercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Pray for Our Priests: Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Smith, Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Kaza, Rev. F. Thomas Suppa, Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki, Rev. William M. Laska, Rev. Chris M. Hamlett, Rev. Msgr. Bruce R. Allison

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 9

10:45

LECTOR

Terry Derner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Roger Pelc

Choir: Paul Beer

ALTAR SERVER

Sophia Messinger

Marriage Moment The Epiphany is a feast of kings, camels, and stars. (Mt. 2:1-12) But what does it mean for a married couple today? Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God's love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

A Family Perspective: After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

Getting married (or know someone who is?)

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!

Thank you to all of the kind people who dropped off trays of sweets for our parish office. They were certainly appreciated and devoured.

*They...offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
(Matthew 2:11)*

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh: these are gifts fit for a king. Through them, the Magi were not only acknowledging Jesus as Israel's king, but they were also showing Mary and Joseph how honored they were to be in the presence of royalty.

Today in the feast of the Epiphany. At Mass on this special day, you'll also be in the presence of royalty: Jesus, the King of all creation. So how can you honor Jesus? You won't have gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer, but here's what you can give Him:

"Jesus, King of kings in place of *gold*, I honor you as my king by offering you my obedience and making you the Lord of my life. Out of love for you, I want to be your loyal subject by spreading the good news and building your kingdom on earth. Help me to listen to the promptings of your Holy Spirit, and give me the grace and courage to carry out your every command.

"Jesus, Son of God, instead of *frankincense*, I offer you my praise. Let it rise as incense to your throne (Psalm 141:2). I praise you for coming to earth as a human being so that you could save me. I praise you for suffering and dying for me so that I could live with you forever. Give me the grace to praise you not just in good times but in my difficulties and challenges as well.

"Jesus, Lamb of God, in place of the *myrrh* that anointed your body (John 19:39), I offer you myself, body and soul, along with all my joys and sorrows. I trust that as I surrender myself to you, you will carry me through every temptation and trial and one day bring me safely home to your eternal kingdom."

"Jesus, you are my King, Lord, and Savior. May these gifts honor and glorify you!"

Thank you to **Warthman Funeral Home** for our 2022 Calendars. Please take one for yourselves and or for a friend.

From Fr. Matt....

Ok. It's 2022. I really don't know how that happened, but here we are! I hope and pray that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were as blessed and good as possible! This time of year can certainly be very difficult for so many reasons for so many of us—so you have remained in my prayers in a particular way these last few weeks.

Again, I want to thank EVERYONE who has helped us to make this Christmas Season a joy-filled one! A special shout out to the Rosary Society ladies at St. Teresa who earned some major time off of Purgatory for helping me to clean out the sacristies at the Church!!! They definitely get a huge gold star for that! (and I was the only one to break anything in the process—I think that vase was at the end of its life anyway).

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany already this weekend, I want to make sure you had access to the beautiful traditional blessing of homes that often takes place on this day. You will find in the bulletin a beautiful prayer that you can offer in your home as you mark the doorway with the date and year asking God's blessing upon you and all who visit your home. It's just a really neat tradition—and all you need is some chalk! And maybe a stepstool!

And since it's the new year, I've resolved to leave. I'm out!!! Ok, I'm going on vacation. Like anything else in the midst of our transition, this got pushed back and back—and I finally gave up a few months ago and just scheduled it for January—thinking I would be all settled. Ha! I always make myself laugh. So I am gone for a couple weeks. Don't worry—you will undoubtedly enjoy the break from me as well, so it's like a vacation to you too! I am grateful to our Deacons and Parish Staff who will keep the ship sailing smoothly around here, and to the Diocese for getting priests to cover Masses on the weekend as well. Keep an eye on the bulletin, but we are planning to have regular Communion Services during the week - and thanks to all who are making those happen as well. I won't be back until the 23rd, but I trust all will be well when I return. And then we can get back into the normal swing of things—whatever that is! But you will remain in my prayers while I'm away. And please keep me in yours as well! And with that too, God bless those who are helping to get some kitchen cabinets up in my kitchen while I'm gone too!

In this New Year and always, may the Blessed Mother watch over you and your loved ones—may Teresa and Thomas help us to grow in faith and fidelity to Jesus—and may the Holy Angels keep us safe and protect us from ourselves! Have a great couple weeks, and we will catch you on the flip side! God help us all! —*Fr. Matt*

The Special Intentions of Pope Francis

Dear Father - As we start a new year, we ask you to bless us with true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Friday, January 7th is the **First Friday** of the month. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the hours of 8:00am and noon.

Jesus Calling

Relax In My Healing Presence

As you spend time with Me, your thoughts tend to jump ahead to today's plans and problems. Bring your mind back to Me for refreshment and renewal. Let the Light of My Presence soak into you as you focus your thoughts of Me. Thus I equip you to face whatever the day brings. This sacrifice of time pleases Me and strengthens you. Do not skimp on our time together. Resist the clamor of tasks waiting to be done. *You have chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from you.*

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

