



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

## February 5, 2023



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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#### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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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



**FUELING *the* MISSION together**

**2023 Catholic Services Appeal**

Commitment Weekend is February 18 / 19



**DIOCESE OF ERIE**

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese on February 19. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which server parishes and the wider community in northwestern Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the world of the Gospel and needs your help to continue this important work. Bishop Lawrence Persico assures us that funds donated to the CSA are placed in a designated account and used solely to support the programs and ministries of the diocese and cannot be used for any other purpose. The CSA is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments, and provide hope to people in need. Your participation ensures the success of the CSA and is important to the health of our parish. Please join other Catholics from across the 13 counties of our diocese in supporting this important appeal. ***Please prayerfully consider your pledge to this year's CSA!*** Thank you.

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**



**Daily Masses & Communion Services**

At this time, due to current circumstances, we will NOT BE celebrating daily Masses at both Saints Thomas and Teresa Parishes. The diocese has granted us permission to hold one Communion Service per week at each parish. Here is the schedule for the Communion Services:

**8:00a.m. Wednesdays at St. Thomas Church (Corry)**

**8:00a.m. Fridays at St. Teresa Church (Union City)**

All are welcome to join us for prayer and Communion. We will let you know when daily Masses are to resume.



*Mass Intentions*

**Monday, February 6**

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

**Tuesday, February 7**

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

**Wednesday, February 8**

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church

**Thursday, February 9**

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

**Friday, February 10**

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church


**Saturday, February 11**

4:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, February 12**

8:00a.m. †Deacon Bill Sproveri by Linda McQueen (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Sherry Davis by Larry, Kim, and boys (St. Teresa, Union City)



**Mass Intentions for Our Parishes**

We are **NOT ABLE** to take and/or schedule Mass Intentions for loved ones at this time at Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. We ask that you please hold off on brining/sending Mass Intentions to the office until we are able to accommodate your requests. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will let you know when this situation changes. We will reschedule intentions not said due to canceled Masses.

**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 and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.



# St. Thomas Parish News

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 28 & 29 2023**

<b>Amount in Envelopes: (72)</b> .....	\$2,845.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 115)	
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$164.00
<b>Online Giving (9)</b> .....	\$295.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$3,304.00
<b>Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$7,656.00
<b>Weekly Average Shortfall</b> .....	\$(-4,352.00)

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'.

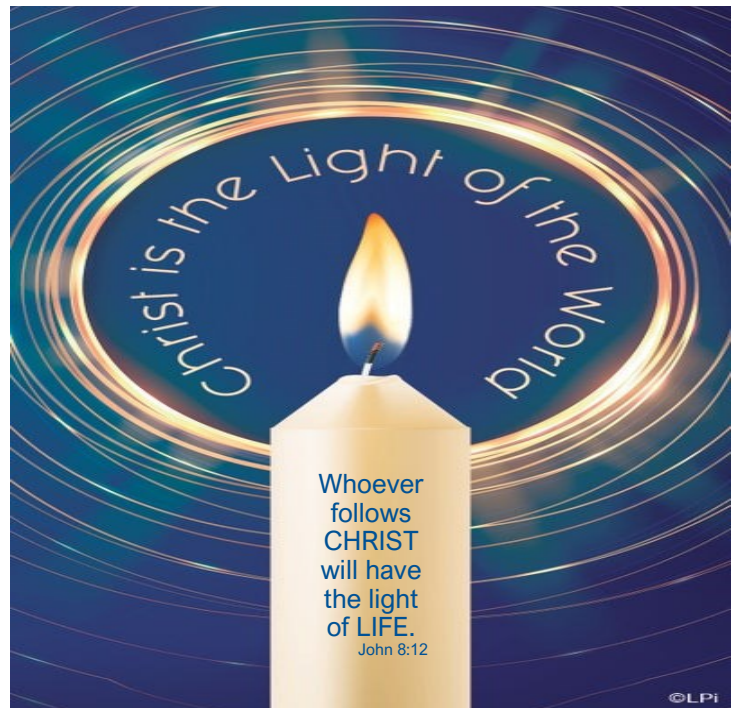


**PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (814-665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).

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 February 5<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Joette Amy.



**Readings for the week of February 5, 2023**

- Sun.: Isaiah 58:7-10 ♦ Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a) ♦ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ♦ Matthew 5:13-16
- Mon.: Genesis 1:1-19 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c ♦ Mark 6:53-56
- Tues.: Genesis 1:20—2:4a ♦ Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Mark 7:1-13
- Wed.: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 ♦ Mark 7:14-23
- Thur.: Genesis 2:18-25 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 ♦ Mark 7:24-30
- Fri.: Genesis 3:1-8 ♦ Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 ♦ Mark 7:31-37
- Sat.: Genesis 3:9-24 ♦ Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 ♦ Mark 8:1-10
- Next Sun.: Sirach 15:15-20 ♦ Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b) ♦ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ♦ Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



Our prayers & sympathy go out to the family and friends of Joette Amy who recently passed away from Saint Thomas Parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**"Question of the Week" - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?

**Question for Youth:** How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?

**Question for Adults:** What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

**Next Weekend**

We will have Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas in the gym at the school building following the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship.



**Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Thomas Parish**

We will again be hosting Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Elizabeth Parish Center with dine-in and take-out dinners served. The dates of the dinners will be February 22 (Ash Wednesday), and on three Fridays in Lent, March 3, March 17 and March 31.

We need help in the dining room and other areas, donations of store bought pies/desserts and Yuengling beer (for the batter, not the cooks!) More information will be published in future bulletins. With your help (and God's!!!) this will be a financially and spiritually beneficial event, and it will be a wonderful chance to come together as a parish family to serve God, our parish and our community. Call the parish office if you wish to help—Thank you.



## St. Teresa Parish News


**ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 29, 2023**  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (51) ..... \$1,470.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 106)  
**Loose** ..... \$69.00  
**Continuing the Vision** ..... \$140.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$1,679.00

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 29, 2023**  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (3) ..... \$150.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 27)  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$150.00

**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income** ..... \$1,829.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses** ..... \$4,777.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(-2,948.00)

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

**Rosary Altar Society to Hold Bake Sale at St. Teresa**  
 The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will hold a Bake Sale this weekend—February 4 & 5, after both Masses. Please look for our table near the entrance of the church. We are sure you will find something delicious for yourself or to share with your family. Thank you for your continued support which also helps our church.





**St. Teresa Lenten Fish Dinner Meeting**  
 It's almost time for Fish Dinners! There will be a meeting in the parish center after Mass TODAY Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for our upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners. Help is both needed and appreciated! Please consider joining us as we plan for this important fundraiser. If you have any questions, please call Becky Boleratz at 814-572-8126.

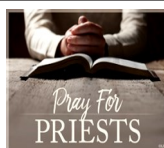


**St. Teresa Rosary Altar Meeting THIS WEEK**  
 Members of the Rosary Altar Society are reminded of their monthly meeting which will be held at 4:30pm on Monday, February 6 in the St. Teresa Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend. *Hope to see you there!*

**A Family Perspective**  
 Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents shine their own guiding light by their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."

 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of February 5<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Dorothea 'Dot' Andrews.**  
*You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office.*

 Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothea Andrews who recently passed away from Saint Teresa Parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

 **Pray for Vocations**, Rev. Mark O'Hern, Rev. Thomas Tyler, Rev. William O'Brien, Rev. Robert Manning, Rev. Mark Nowak, and Rev. Justin Pino



**IMPORTANT REMINDER—Sending Mail to St. Teresa Parish**  
 When sending anything to the parish office for St. Teresa, including offertory envelopes, please **be sure to send items to the partnered parish office located at 203 W. Washington St., Corry, PA 16407.** We no longer have offices in Union City and sending mail there causes delays in receiving it. Thank you!

- 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



**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

**Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**

**Religious Education Classes**

Classes are Sundays following Mass. Students in Corry attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former school building. Union City students attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center.



**Class Schedule for January & February**

- Sunday, February 5—No Class
- Sunday, February 12—Class
- Sunday, February 19—Class
- Sunday, February 26—Class / Youth Mass today

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Bystanders can help.** Bystanders can play a big role in stopping bullying. When people do nothing, it sends a message that it's no big deal to bully. If people say something, it sends a social message that bullying is not OK. If you see someone being bullied, you can help by doing these things: Speak up to help: If it feels safe and natural to speak up, say, "come on, let's get out of here" to the person being bullied. It is okay to let the bully know people are watching and will get involved. Report it: Let a trusted adult know what you witnessed. This isn't tattling, it is standing up for what's right. Offer support: Check in with the person who was being bullied. Ask how they are doing. Remind them that the bullying is not their fault. For additional resources visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/).

**Parenting Pointers**

Hopefully your family is not hungry, homeless, or without enough clothing. But some are. Talk with your children about how you all might feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, or clothe the naked (Isaiah 58:7) this next week. If nothing else, consider donating money to help those in need.

**Special Intention of Pope Francis**



**For the month of February:** We pray for every parish. May our parishes, placing communion at the center, increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome toward those most in need.  
*We pray to the Lord—Lord hear our prayer.*

**Ordinary Time**

For a large part of the liturgical year, we devote ourselves to listening to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects unfolded as we seek God's truth and understanding.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of these sponsors that we can publish the bulletin. Please see their ads on the back page and thank them for their support! If you wish to advertise in our bulletin, please contact the parish office or Tim Weir at LPi at 800-477-4574 x6568 or email: [tweir@4LPi.com](mailto:tweir@4LPi.com).

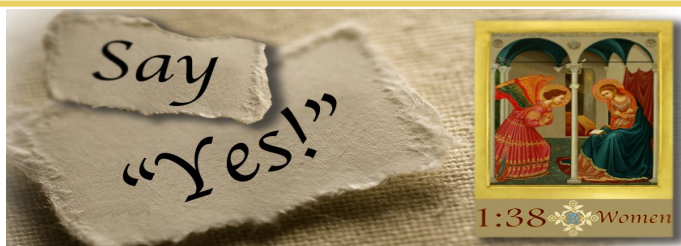
Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."

- Matthew 5:13a,14



**Two Great Speakers = One Great Conference!**

Our Tenth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference promises to be the best yet! We have Father Larry Richards as our featured speaker and Father Chase Hilgenbrinck as our guest speaker. You won't want to miss it! **The conference begins at 8:30a.m, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie and concludes with Mass at noon.** It will also be broadcast to outlying parishes via YouTube. Registration is open! Go online to [2232men.com](http://2232men.com) for more information and to register.



**8<sup>th</sup> Annual 1:38 Women's Conference in March**

Please join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 1:38 Women's Conference and learn how to "Walk with Purpose!" The conference will be held at St. Jude Parish in Erie, from 8:30am -12:30pm on Saturday, March 25, 2023 with doors opening for registration at 8:00am. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speaker, Laura Phelps, who is a writer and social media creator at Walking with Purpose. Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register.