

## 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

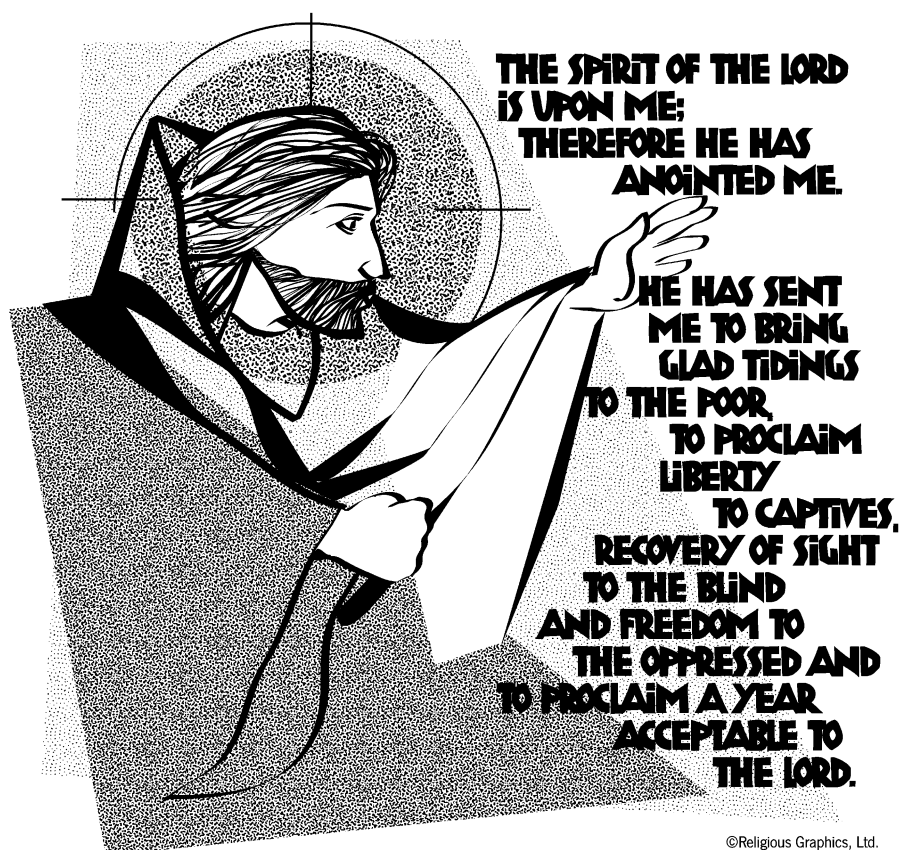
Meets during the school term.

#### •SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

#### •PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Millie Falcone by Donna, Gary, Seth & David Johnston

### **Sunday, January 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Lucy Vinca by Tim & Sue Vinca

10:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of our Parish Family

### **Monday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales**

8:00am For the Poor Souls by Katherine Young

### **Tuesday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul**

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Jack Cummings by Len & Ann Clark

### **Wednesday, January 26 St. Timothy & Titus**

8:00am (St. Thomas) William Wieliczko by Michael & Mary Johnson

### **Thursday, January 27 Weekday**

NO MASS

### **Friday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:00am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### **Saturday, January 29 Weekday**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Intentions of our Parish Family

### **Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Tony Amoroso by Janet & Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Bernard Gluvna by Dan & Casey Pfeiffer

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$1,560 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,450 in envelopes and \$110 in loose & \$150 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

### **Installation Mass**

Reverend Matthew J. Strickenberger's Installation Mass has been scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022. It will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at the 4:30 Mass with the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L. presiding. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and a reception to follow. The reception will be held at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, 33 West Pleasant Street in Corry.

**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.

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon	2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 ♦ Mark 3:22-30
Tue.	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-♦ Mark 16:15-18
Wed	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5♦ Luke 10:1-9
Thurs.	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29♦ Mark 4:21-25
Fri.	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17♦ Mark 4:26-34
Sat.	2 Samuel 12:1-7a ♦ Mark 4:35-41
Sun.	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19♦ 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13 or 13:4-13♦ Luke 4:21-30

### **Religious Education**

01/23 Class  
01/30 Class & Youth Mass – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th  
02/06 Class – First Reconciliation & First Communion Enrollment  
02/13 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 - \$29,922

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

**St. Martin Center in Erie** is hiring a Maintenance Team Member, a Trauma Case Manager and several teaching positions. All information can be found on their website, [www.smcerie.org](http://www.smcerie.org)

**Pray for Our Priests:** Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. Urbaniak, Rev. Richard J. Toohey, Rev. Msgr. Gerald J. Koos, Rev. Casimir J. Wozniak, Rev. David J. Wilson, Rev. Joseph P. Staszewski, Rev. James Power

**SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 30**

**10:45**

**LECTOR**

Daniel Smith

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

George Wetzel

Choir: Kim Yaple

**ALTAR SERVER**

Ossy Williams

**A Family Perspective:** In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

**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.

**Annual Pre-Lenten Retreat**

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Longing for a deeper encounter with the Lord this Lent? Singles and couples are invited to participate in a retreat Feb. 25-26 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. Retreatants will have opportunities for community, talks, adoration, Mass and confession. For more information, visit [www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat](http://www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat). Questions? Call or email Jacob Kessler at 814-824-1216, [jkessler@eriercd.org](mailto:jkessler@eriercd.org). The retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Chastity Education Office.

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

**Marriage Moment** Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet, and many other body parts. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.

**THE ERIE CURSILLO MOVEMENT** is currently planning and accepting applications for a Men's Cursillo from February 11 to 13, 2022 and a Woman's Cursillo from April 29 to May 1, 2022.

Applications can be found on the Cursillo Website at [eriecursillo.org](http://eriecursillo.org), calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119, or by asking someone you may know who has completed a Cursillo weekend who would be willing to serve as your sponsor.

**Seven**

**"Say Yes!"** to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, bestselling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at [www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register."

United Way of Erie County is offering Free Tax Preparation this year. If you earned less than \$57,000 last year, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), Erie Free Taxes provides free federal, state, and local tax preparation service to Erie County residents across multiple locations. To make an appointment at a VITA site, visit [ErieFREETaxes.org](http://ErieFREETaxes.org) or call 1.888.829.5680

**It's All Right to Be Human.** When your mind wanders while you are praying, don't be surprised or upset. Simply return your attention to Me. Share a secret smile with Me, knowing that I understand. Rejoice in My love for you, which has no limits or conditions. Whisper My Name in loving contentment, assured that I will never leave you or forsake you. Intersperse these peaceful interludes abundantly throughout your day. This practice will enable you to attain a *quiet and gentle spirit*, which is pleasing to Me.

As you live in close contact with Me, the light of My Presence filters through you to bless others. Your weakness and woundedness are the openings through which the Light of the knowledge of My Glory shines forth. My strength and power show themselves most effective in your weakness.

***If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body.  
(1 Corinthians 12:15)***

When we read St. Paul’s words here about the body of Christ, we often think of the Church as a whole. We think of a beautiful, complex ensemble made of many different parts.

At the same time though, you might feel that you’re an insignificant part – a foot rather than a hand, as St. Paul would say (1 Corinthians 12:15). So many people seem to be more vital to the functioning of the body of Christ than yourself. There’s the mom of six kids on the parish council, who has a son in seminary. Or the successful businessman who generously gave thousands of dollars to fix the church’s bell tower. Or the widow who leads a Bible Study and never misses daily Mass. Or the popular preacher who has a million followers on YouTube. Are you really as important as these members?

Absolutely yes! Remember, “God placed the parts *each one of them*, in the body as he intended” (1 Corinthians 12:18, emphasis added). Each member is essential to the proper functioning of the whole body. That includes you. He intended you to be an important part of his body.

How can you be sure? Jesus called you and made you part of his body through Baptism. He knows why He called you – and it’s not so that you would be exactly like someone else. He loves you in a way that he loves no one else. That means you are just as dear to his heart as the people who might look like superstars to you.

So try seeing the body of Christ – and yourself – the way God does. Each person has a role to play, and if everyone were the same, the Church wouldn’t be all that God wants it to be. God made you exactly as you are to help make his body, the Church, whole.

***“Thank you, Lord, that even I am an essential member of your body!”***

Since Aristotle first spoke of “the good life” almost 2,500 years ago, it seems everyone has been on a quest to experience it. I have heard many people speak about it and I have read many books on the subject. Some people think it’s about success and accomplishment. Others think it’s about money and things. Some think it’s about love and family. Others think it’s about food, wine, travel, adventure, education, meaningful work, independence, friendship, and pleasure.

There’s nothing wrong with these things, unless these things are all you’ve got. Because even all of these things together will not deliver the good life.

There is only one ingredient essential to the good life. So essential that without it, the good life is impossible. You would think that such an ingredient would be widely sought after. It isn’t. You might think that such an ingredient is scarce. It isn’t. You may think this ingredient is expensive. It isn’t. You may think people would be clamoring to get their hands on it. They aren’t.

When people talk about the good life, you get the impression that it is mysterious and only available to a select few people. This isn’t true.

There is no secret to the good life. It isn’t a mystery. No exceptional talent is required. It isn’t only for the rich and famous. It is available to everyone, everywhere, at all times.

What is the essential ingredient of the good life? Goodness itself. The secret to the so-called good life has always been right before our very eyes. If you wish to live the good life, fill your life with goodness. Fill your life with love, kindness, gratitude, compassion, and generosity.

Take risks with your goodness. Test the limits of your goodness. Don’t just love, astonish people with your love. Don’t just dabble in generosity, live a life of staggering generosity.

How would your life change if your only goal was to do as much good as possible? Let’s find out. Don’t let this question remain unanswered. Celebrate goodness every chance you get.

Don’t waste your gold dust.

