



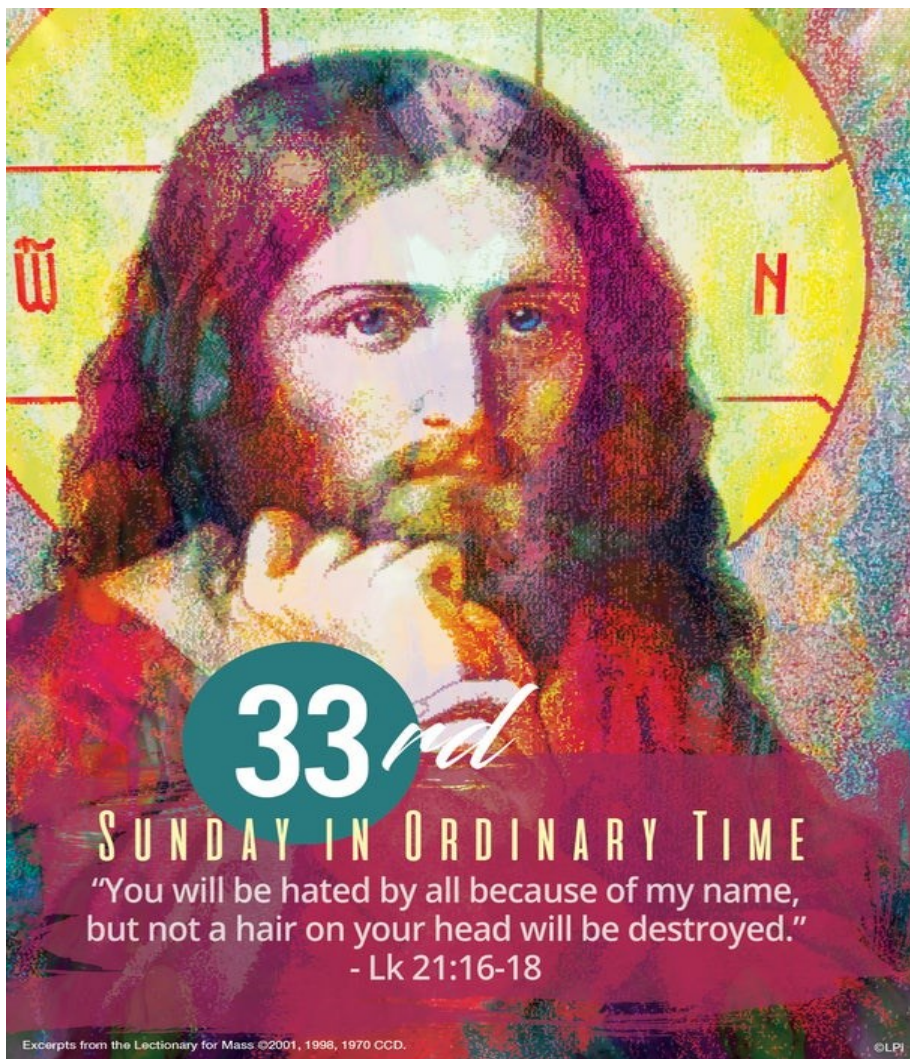
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203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

November 13, 2022



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203 W. Washington Street
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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.



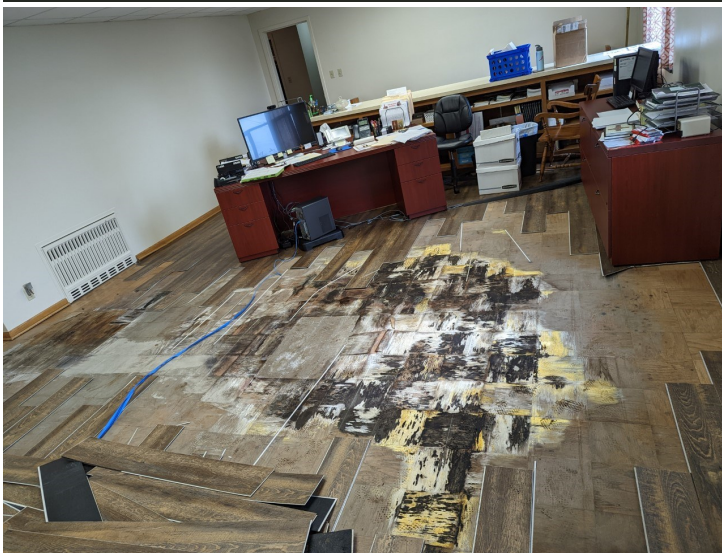
Ok. So if you bought a powerball ticket in California last week.....I eagerly await your phone call!!!

A most sincere THANK YOU to Amy Smith and her family for coordinating Dr. Jaci Phillips to come speak to us on Eucharistic Miracles. It was a wonderful presentation and helps to remind all of us of the Real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Lord, increase our faith!

There's a picture below of our delightful not-so-little mold problem in the Parish Office. It is, quite simply, a HUGE mess!!! At this point, we haven't even been able to identify the source of the problem, but they have discovered other issues and are working to resolve them. So far we've involved contractors, plumbers, other plumbers, city personnel, the Diocese, insurance folks, mold mitigators, and I think I even saw someone from Hogwarts over there trying to solve the problem. So, keep praying! And in the mean time, our office staff remain over at the old school building in our subterranean hovel, should you need to find us.

We are blessed this weekend to welcome our 2nd, 3rd, and 10/11th graders to Mass on Sunday as they are formally enrolled in the process of preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Let us all keep them in our prayers as they ebb towards the celebration of these Sacraments in the Spring. And please keep their families and catechists in your prayers as well!

Well, the following is difficult for me to write, so I will try to hold back the tears. The time has come, after 2 years of being rescheduled, for my mother and I to go on a cruise to Hawaii. I know. It's a hard pill to swallow. But it just has to be done! I will be away for two weeks (now it's your turn to hold back the tears). I am most extraordinarily grateful to Fr. Suppa who will be with you on the weekends in my absence. I am also most grateful to Missy Silka and our office staff who will be holding down the fort—I'm sure they will have a party while I'm away. I hope and pray that old man Winter is kind to you while I'm gone. I also hope that you and your loved ones have a most blessed Thanksgiving, and that you know you will be in my prayers....on a beach. With that, I better go! Keep the faith and have a little fun. God help us all! -Fr. Matt



Monday, November 14

8:00a.m. ✠Jean, Walter and Jace Downor by Sandra Downor Hartel (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, November 15

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Wednesday, November 16

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Thursday, November 17

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Friday, November 18

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Saturday, November 19

4:00p.m. For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, November 20

8:00a.m. ✠Deacon Bill Sproveri by Denny & Chris Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠John & Anna Bacik by Dorothy Mongera (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 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: November 5/6, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (88)\$4,782.00

(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 99)

Loose\$269.00

Online Giving (11)\$465.00

Total Offertory Income\$5,516.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00

Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-2,140.00)

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'.

World Mission Sunday.....\$200.00

Diocesan Special Collection taken up on October 22/23, 2022



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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting This Week

Please join us for our monthly meeting of the Catholic Daughters Thursday, November 17 at 6:00pm at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. You are welcome to bring a friend. Thank you.



All are invited to join us for a Communion Service with Deacon Randy at 5:15pm at St. Thomas Church on Thursday, Nov. 17 in honor of St. Elizabeth, on her feast day.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of November 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley.

Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will be selling pastries again this year. The dates of the sale will be before and after both Masses the weekends of November 12/13 and November 19/20.

Cost is \$15 for Kolachi and \$12 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.



Food Drive Collection Ends November 16th

The Corry Knights of Columbus continue their food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. They are asking parishioners to please donate non-perishable food items. You may place your donations in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church until November 16th. Thank you.

Coffee and Donuts After Mass Today

Please join us for social time with fellow parishioners after Mass TODAY, Sunday, November 13th. Come over to the school building to enjoy some coffee, donuts and conversation.



2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/7):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$47,554.00

Total Paid to date = \$45,224.00

of Families who made a pledge = 136

of Families who did not pledge = 209

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.



"Question of the Week" - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us that work is good for us. What kind of work do you do during the week? How does it help you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that even though bad things will happen, we are safe in God. When have you felt the safety of God's life in your own life?

Question for Adults: Paul's words to the Thessalonians are tough: if you want to eat, you must work! How does this translate into our society today? How do you reconcile this with Jesus' command to love and feed the poor?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Nov. 6, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (63) \$2,035.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 94)
Loose \$39.25
Continuing the Vision (10) \$265.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,339.25

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Nov. 6, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (9) \$180.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 21)
Total Offertory Income \$180.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income.....\$2,519.25
Average Weekly Expenses.....\$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall.....\$(-2,257.75)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

**Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
Our Lady of Fatima Church.**

World Mission Sunday.....\$322.00
 Diocesan Special Collection taken up on October 22/23, 2022



Rev. David Baetzold, Rev. James Campbell,
 Rev. Richard Toohey, Rev. Jason Feigh,
 Rev. Brandon Kleckner, Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw,
 Pray for Consecrated Life.

Thanks Again from Fr. Tom Suppa

I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful and thoughtful cards that I received for my 80th birthday celebration. I deeply appreciated them. Thanks again for making my birthday celebration such a wonderful and lasting memory.

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. All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. **Please know that with the holidays we will have earlier bulletin submission deadlines, so the sooner you have your items to the office—the better.**

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 Parish Office: 814-663-3041



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of All the Faithful Departed from Our Parish.

A Family Perspective

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

Money Counters Needed from St. Teresa Parish

Seeking individuals from St. Teresa Parish who wish to help with our offertory collection and deposit process. You would be responsible to assist in counting collection envelopes and preparing & taking the deposit to the bank. We need volunteers who are detail oriented with confidential information. If interested, please call the parish office. If we do not have anyone volunteer from St. Teresa, please understand that Saint Teresa's funds will be counted by St. Thomas parishioners.

**When you hear
of misfortunes,
do not be terrified.
Christ is with us.**



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Mass Readings for the Week of November 13, 2022

Sun.: Malachi 3:19-20a ♦ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ♦ Luke 21:5-19
 Mon.: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 ♦ Luke 18:35-43
 Tues.: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 ♦ Luke 19:1-10
 Wed.: Revelation 4:1-11 ♦ Luke 19:11-28
 Thur.: Revelation 5:1-10 ♦ Luke 19:41-44
 Fri.: Revelation 10:8-11 ♦ Luke 19:45-48
 Sat.: Revelation 11:4-12 ♦ Luke 20:27-40
 Next Sun.: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ♦ Colossians 1:12-20 ♦ Luke 23:35-43

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/6):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,505.00

Total Paid to date = \$33,495.00

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.**



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****Warm Welcome to Fr. Tom Suppa as our Celebrant**

We wish to warmly welcome and thank Fr. Tom for agreeing to cover our weekend Masses at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa while Fr. Matt is away. He will be presiding at all Masses the weekends of November 19/20 and November 26/27. *We are happy to have you celebrating with us!*

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

#iGIVECATHOLIC
NOVEMBER 29, 2022**Support Our Ministry!**

Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, November 29.

It's as easy as...

1

VISIT

[iGiveCatholic.org](https://www.igivecatholic.org)

2

SEARCH

for our Ministry

3

DONATE

\$20 or more



Give early! Advanced giving runs November 14-28.

Join us for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday on November 29!

What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our parish communities? **Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 14—Monday, November 28.** 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.

To donate online go to erie.igivecatholic.org.

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

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**Religious Education Classes Meeting**

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

Class Schedule for November

Sunday, Nov. 13—Class w/Sacrament Enrollment at Mass

Sunday, Nov. 20—Class

Sunday, Nov. 27—No Class / Youth Mass

**Religious Education:**
Helps to build a strong foundationIn November
we pray for
the dead

Eternal rest grant
to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May the souls
of the faithful
departed, through
the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
AMEN.

**A Letter from our Bishop**

October 31, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 19-20, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

This annual collection supports the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops working to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low incomes participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.

Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. CCHD is a manifestation of our call to a discipleship that fosters a "solidarity which 'would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny'" (Evangelii Gaudium, no.190). The Gospel message compels us to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate the effects of poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ *Lawrence T. Persico*The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie