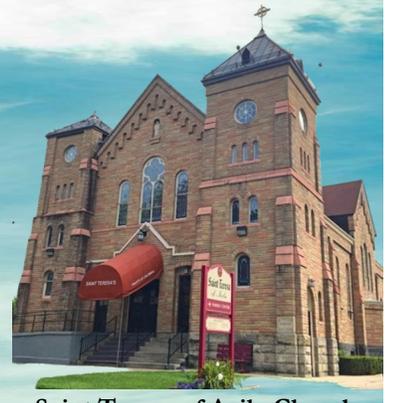




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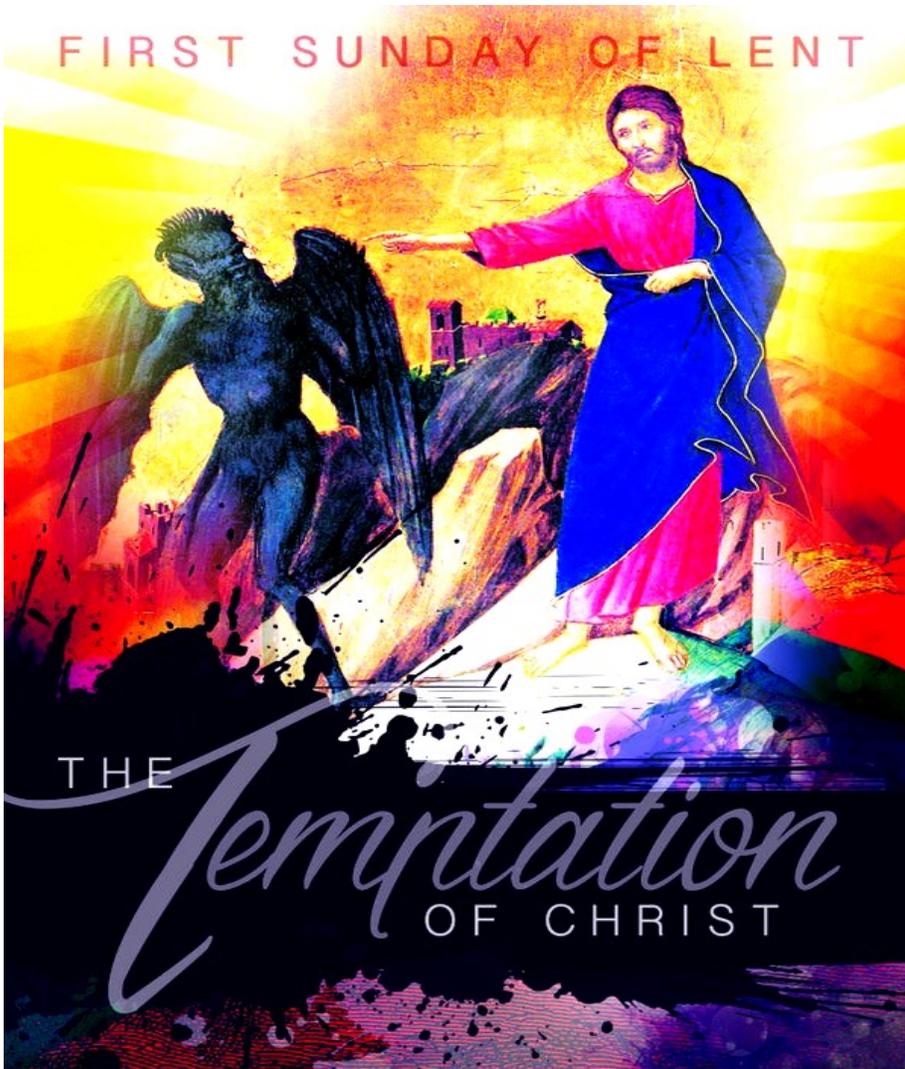


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THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

February 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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Partnered Parish Offices
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.

LENTEN Schedule

The Season of Lent began on [Ash Wednesday on February 22nd](#).

Fr. Tom Suppa will offer one weekday Mass at each parish during Lent. The weekday Masses will be as follows:

5:15p.m. Tuesdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry
(Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28)

8:00a.m. Thursdays at St. Teresa Church, Union City
(March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30)

Our deacons will continue to hold Communion Services during Lent on the following days/times:

8:00a.m. Wednesdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry

8:00a.m. Fridays at St. Teresa Church, Union City



STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be offered at both parishes as follows:

7:00p.m. Thursdays at St. Teresa, Union City

7:00p.m. Fridays at St. Thomas, Corry

Lenten Penance Service
3:00 PM Sunday, March 19
St. Thomas Church, Corry



Several priests will be available to hear private confessions during the Penance Service. Also, the Sacrament of Confession is available from 3:00pm—3:30pm on Saturdays at the church where Mass is celebrated (February at St. Teresa / March at St. Thomas).

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass (if available), Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2014 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.



Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

5:15p.m. †Deceased and Living Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

8:00a.m. †Sherry Davis by Bruce & Kathleen Byers (St. Teresa, Union City)

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

8:00a.m. †William & Harriet Jeffords by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Anna Ranyak by Dorothy Rhodes (St. Teresa, Union City)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

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: February 19, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (70)\$2,934.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 117)
Loose\$213.00
Online Giving (10)\$345.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,492.00
Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-4,164.00)

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'.



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 26th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our loved ones.

St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday, February 22
Fridays, March 3, 17 & 31
 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 33 W. Pleasant St., Corry



Beer Battered or Crumb-Topped Baked Alaskan Cod, Baked Potato or Fresh Cut Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage

Adults \$14.00
Dine-in, Takeout & Delivery
Child (6-12) \$7.00

For Delivery Call 664-9187
Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!

FUELING the MISSION together

2023 Catholic Services Appeal

THANK YOU to those who already made their pledge to this year's CSA. We do not have an official count of these pledges yet, but will be sharing this information in an upcoming bulletin. Remember, every dollar raised above our diocesan goals stays right here in our parishes to help with our designated projects of much needed repairs to the church roof at St. Thomas and to replace the boiler in the church and repair the roofs at both the church and parish center at St. Teresa. Please pray how you may help. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so. Thank you! The diocesan goals that we need to reach are \$39,417 at St. Thomas Parish and \$24,055 at St. Teresa Parish. *Remember no gift is too large or too small.*

Thank you for making a pledge to the 2023 CSA!



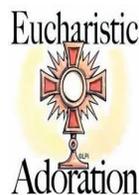
Food Drive Collection Sponsored by the Corry Knights of Columbus

The Corry Knights of Columbus will again be holding a 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 Saint Thomas Church. They will be collecting until mid-March. Thank you for your generosity.



Donations Needed for our Lenten Fish Dinners

Thank you to all who helped, donated, worked, and support our first Fish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. We appreciate everyone's efforts. Please remember, we have more Fish Dinners coming and help is always needed. Also, we need donations of store bought pies/desserts for each dinner. Dessert donations can be dropped off at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Friday afternoons by 4:00pm for the upcoming Fish Dinners (see above for dates). Thank you for your support. Please call the parish office if you wish to help. Thank you!



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Thursday, March 2 and goes until Friday, March 3 at Saint Thomas Church. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00am on Thursday and ends at 8:00am Friday morning.** All are welcome.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 18 & 19, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (60) \$1,522.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 97)
Loose \$155.00
Continuing the Vision \$5.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,682.00

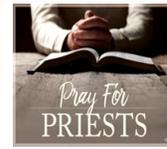
OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 18 & 19, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: () \$130.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)
Total Offertory Income \$130.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$1,812.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,965.00)

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

 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of February 26th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Sharon DeWitt.

You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office.. Thank you.



Rev. Dennis Veltri, Very Rev. B. LaMonte Sayers, Rev. Raymond Hahn, Rev. James Power, Rev. David Baetzold, and Rev. Mark Norwak
Pray for Vocations

St. Teresa Rosary Altar - NO MEETINGS until April

Members of the Rosary Altar Society are reminded that they will not meet again until April. Meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month at 4:30p.m. at the St. Teresa Parish Center.

“Question of the Week” - First Sunday of Lent

Question for Children: What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations?

Question for Adults: When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? TV? The internet?

Eucharistic Adoration **Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa THIS WEEK**
 Our parish will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 3. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:00am Communion Service and continues until 12:00pm (noon).** All are welcome to join us during Adoration.

BE
 MERCIFUL,
 LORD,
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 WE HAVE
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 PSALM 51



Calling all Bakers!! It’s time to share your yummy gifts with our Lenten Fish Dinner guests! Starting Wednesday, February 22 through the end of March you can drop off desserts through the kitchen door on Wednesday and Thursday’s from 6:00pm—8:00pm and on Friday’s starting at Noon.

Volunteers needed for our Lenten Fish dinners! Wednesday and Thursday’s from 6:00pm—8:00pm will be work nights to prepare for our AMAZING fish dinners. Please stop in if you’re able to help. We will also need help cleaning up on Friday nights from 7:00pm—8:00pm. *Remember, many hands make light work!* If you have any questions, please call Becky Boleratz, Fish Dinner Chairperson, at 814-572-8126.

 **St. Teresa**
 --LENTEN FISH FRY--
Dine in or Take Out
 Feb. 24,
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 4:30 to 7:00 P.M.
St. Teresa Parish Center
 Third Avenue • Union City, PA

Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)
 Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Homemade Dessert and Beverage

Price: Adults \$14.00
 Children Meal (12 and under) \$6.00
 & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce.
 *Add \$2.00 for Fish Sticks

For Take-outs Call
14 - 438 - 2000



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"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL, AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS." LUKE 22:32



BE RENEWED IN CHRIST

Final Call: Register for the 2023 Catholic Men's Conference!

The 10th annual 22:32 Men's Conference for Catholic men in the Diocese of Erie, is scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Cost is \$20. You may attend live, in-person at St. Jude the Apostle parish in Erie, or at hosting parishes virtually via YouTube. Participating parishes are listed on our website, 2232men.com. Hear inspiring national speakers Father Chase Hilgenbrinck and Father Larry Richards. For more information and to register visit www.2232men.com or call (814) 455-7364.

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 February & March

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



Religious Education Raffle Baskets at the Fish Dinners

Our Religious Education Programs will have Raffle Baskets at each parishes' Lenten Fish Dinners. Themes for the baskets are based on the following: **Lottery Tickets, Gift Cards**, and the theme of **'All Things Breakfast' at St. Thomas** and **'All Things Easter' at St. Teresa**. Money raised from the sale of the baskets will be used for our Religious Education programs at both parishes. Baskets winners will be drawn after the final Fish Dinners. We appreciate your support!

Walk with Purpose!

to the Eighth Annual 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE MARCH 25, 2023

ST. JUDE PARISH / 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00-8:45 AM in the School Cafeteria
ACTIVITIES: Adoration, Confession, and Mass / Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards
COST: \$20; College students \$10; High school students \$5; Religious FREE
ATTENDANCE: In-Person Event this year!



Laura Phelps is a national speaker, writer, and the blogger and social media content creator at Walking With Purpose.



Luke 1:38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

For more information:
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364
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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

Parenting Pointers

Lent has just begun. Is your family doing anything differently? Giving up meat on Fridays or candy on every day but Sundays may be traditional, but does it help you love your neighbor better? Maybe it can be a daily prompt to look beyond yourself. Ask your family for feedback about your resolutions.