



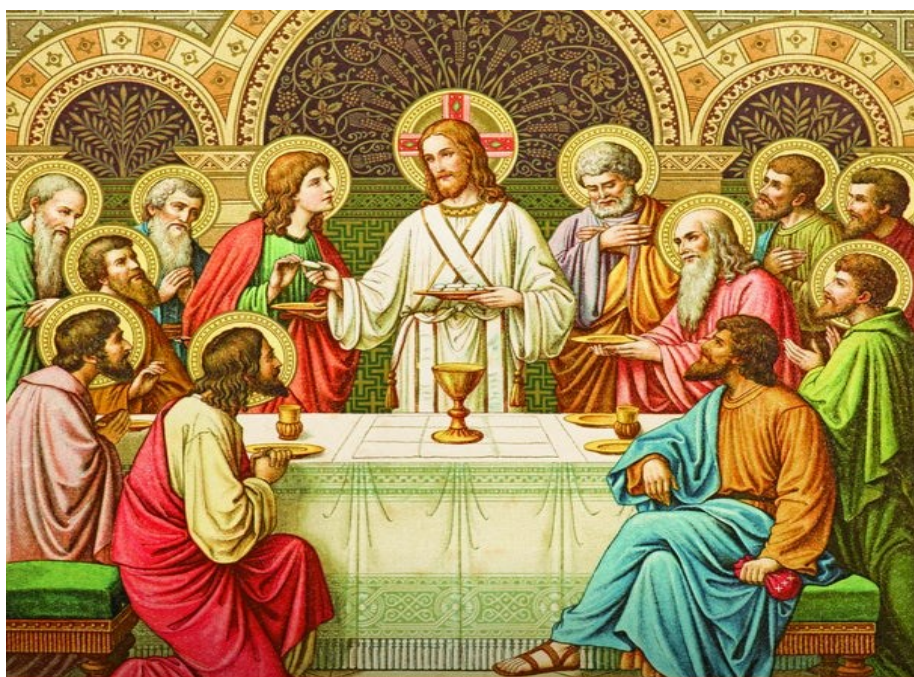
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407



Saint Teresa of Avila Church  
9 Third Avenue  
Union City, PA 16438

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

## June 2, 2024



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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### 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.

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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

**NOTES FROM THE PASTOR**

**COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES:** I ask that all activities be coordinated through the parish office. At various times we have had people just show up to do something and another group has already scheduled an event. At other times we have engaged someone to do work on the property and someone else has scheduled this work to be done. At other times people just do things on the church or cemetery property that they do not have permission to do. At other times people at the last minute decide to do something, and there is already something else scheduled. We need to do a better job of coordinating activities, as individuals and as organizations, through the pastor and the parish office.

**FEASTS OF TRINITY AND THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:** Every year we take time to celebrate two feasts immediately after Pentecost: the Feast of the Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on how we receive communion at Mass whether in the hand or on the tongue. I have noticed there are a number of inconsistencies in how this happens. Allow me to offer some clarity, hopefully.

First of all, if you choose to receive the Precious Blood from one of the cups, you are to take the cup in your hands and drink from the cup. Typically, people take a small sip. IT IS NEVER PERMITTED TO TAKE THE HOST AND DIP THE HOST INTO THE WINE. The minister of the Eucharist should cover the cup and instruct you to please consume the host first and then consume the wine.

If you choose to receive communion on the tongue, the minister of the Eucharist will say "the Body of Christ," and you will respond by saying, "Amen." Then you should lean your head back open your mouth wide and extend your tongue. The minister of the Eucharist will place the host on your tongue. You should not try to bite the host out of the hand of the minister of the Eucharist. The host is placed on your tongue.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century offered a beautiful and powerful catechesis on the mode of receiving communion in the hand that is still applicable today: "When you approach, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then holding in your open hand the Body of Christ, reciting the 'Amen.'"

If you choose to receive communion in the hand, the minister of the Eucharist will say "the Body of Christ," and you will respond by saying, "Amen." If you are right-handed, then your left hand should be extended to be flat and your right hand should be underneath your left hand. The host will be placed in the palm of your hand. You should take the host with your right hand and place it in your mouth. (The opposite is true if you are left handed.) Please do not grab the host from the minister of the Eucharist. Allow the minister of the Eucharist to place the host in your hand and wait until the minister's hand is out of the way before you reach to take the host in your hand to consume it. Please make sure your hand is flat, not cupped. Please make sure that one hand is underneath the other, not side by side. We do not eat the host out of the palm of our hand, but we pick up the host and place it in our mouth.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR NEXT YEAR:** We are preparing to combine the Religious Education Program for this coming year. The number of students we have does not merit having two separate programs. At St. Thomas we had one student make her first communion and St. Teresa had two students make theirs.

**Sunday, June 2**

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Richard Boyd by Dave & Gini Kowash (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, June 3**

8:00a.m. †Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, June 4**

8:00a.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Vinca and Bucocolini Families by Julie & Steve Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, June 5**

8:00a.m. †Ted Ocepek by the Oldani family (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, June 6**

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa

**Friday, June 7**

8:00a.m. †George & Irene Tinko by Irene Weaver and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, June 8**

4:30p.m. †Thomas Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, June 9**

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger.

We met with parents to explain the plan. The plan is to have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year.

This will also constitute a change in Mass times. We will continue to alternate the Saturday Mass at 4:30pm each month. On Sunday morning Mass will be at St. Thomas at 8:00am and at St. Teresa at 11:00am. Religious Education will be held in between those two Sunday Morning Masses. On those Sundays where Religious Education is at St. Teresa class will begin at 9:30am and go until 10:45am. This will enable people who go to 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas to get to class at St. Teresa and enable those who go to class to be finished in time for Mass at St. Teresa. And when class is at St. Thomas, class will begin at 9:00am and finish at 10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.

Currently, I am not able to be at Religious Education classes at St. Thomas, as I have to get back to St. Teresa for Mass at 10:00am. There will be an opportunity for us to offer adult education classes while the children are in class.

It will be a change in the way things are done, but it will also enable us to use our resources more efficiently. We are always looking for help with these programs, so do not be afraid to volunteer to teach, or be an aide, or to help with some other aspect of the program.

- Fr. Tom



## St. Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 25 & 26, 2024

**Amount in Envelopes:** (71) .....\$2,690.00  
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 74)

**Loose** .....\$547.00

**Online Giving (10)** .....\$380.00

**Total Offertory Income** .....\$3,617.00

**Average Weekly Expenses** .....\$5,335.00

(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

**Weekly Average Shortfall** .....\$(-1,718.00)

*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), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).  
*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.*

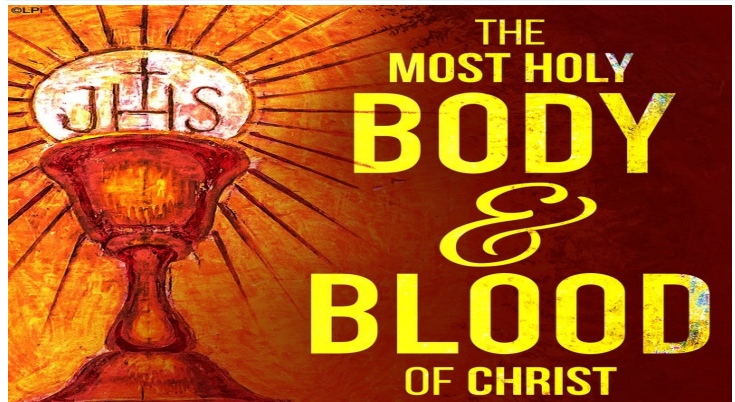


The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.

### This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Thursday, June 6

8:30am 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Thomas Church begins and continues until Friday morning at 8:00am



*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. (John 6:51)*

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Psalm 90)**  
**In every age, O Lord, you have been our HOPE!**

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/26):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,030.00

Total Paid to date = \$47,320.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 118

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" - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Question for Children:** Why do you like receiving Holy Communion?

**Question for Youth:** What does it mean for you that the bread and wine becomes Jesus' Body and Blood during the liturgy of the Eucharist? What feelings or ideas does it surface?

**Question for Adults:** When you receive Holy Communion and hear the words "Body of Christ...Blood of Christ" what are some of the thoughts and feelings that you have?



### Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at Saint Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

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: [twair@4LPi.com](mailto:twair@4LPi.com).

### Non-Perishable Food Items

St. Thomas Church and its organizations are currently NOT collecting food items at this time. Typically, the Knights of Columbus hold a food drive twice a year—in the fall and spring. We have noticed that boxes of food are being left inside the church. Although we appreciate the generosity to help the needy, we do not have a means to store the food donations and it places an extra burden on our parish staff to deliver it to another organization so it can reach people in need. Food donations can be taken to either the Corry Food Pantry or the Salvation Army. Thank you.

### Donations Being Accepted for Flowers at St. Thomas Church

We continue to work on the gardens around St. Thomas Church. Donations are being accepted toward this project. **Please place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Thomas Garden Flowers"** and place it in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the parish office. We hope to start planting once garden beds are cleaned up. We are hoping to purchase annuals and perennials for around the church grounds. Thank you for your generosity.



## St. Teresa Parish News

### ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 26, 2024

**Amount in Envelopes:** (51) ..... \$2,181.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 106)  
**Loose** ..... \$278.00  
**Continuing the Vision** (1) ..... \$25.00  
**Online Giving** (1) ..... \$30.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$2,514.00

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 19, 2024

**Amount in Envelopes:** (6) ..... \$620.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)

**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income** ..... \$3,134.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses** ..... \$4,585.00  
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(-1,451.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.  
 Please write checks payable to St. Teresa Church.*



*Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at [www.st-teresa-unioncity-org](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity-org) OR by scanning the QR code [here](#).*



*Thanks for your generosity to our parish!*

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/26):

**St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00**

**Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,550.00**

**Total Paid to date = \$31,391.00**

**# of Families who made a pledge = 97**

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

**Please make a pledge today. Thank you.**

**Be sure to make your check payable to**

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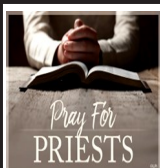
### This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish

Friday, June 7

8:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa Church until noon

### Family Perspective

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.



Rev. Christopher Singer, Rev. Joseph Kalinowski, Rev. David Perry, Rev. William Barron, Rev. Christopher Barnes, Rev. Justin Pino, and Very Rev. Jeffrey Noble, VF, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*



**The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased family and friends.**



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Robert Kumpf** who passed away and whose funeral was held at St. Teresa Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### An Invitation to St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society Members

Please join us for a time of fellowship, conversation, and laughs  
**POTLUCK PICNIC**

**Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024**

**Time: 4:30pm gather / 5:00pm meal served**

**Where: Knights of Columbus Pavilion in Mead Park, Corry**

The ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society invite you to join us. Beverages of water, lemonade, and iced tea provided. We will have table settings. Please bring a dish to share. Just a note, there is no electricity available at the pavilion.

*Hope to see you there!*



Please support the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society by purchasing some delicious items from their Bake Sale following both Masses this weekend—June 1 & 2. Thank you!



### Readings for the Week of June 2, 2024

Sun.: Exodus 24:3-8 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13) ♦ Hebrews 9:11-15  
 ♦ Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Mon.: 2 Peter 1:2-7 ♦ Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 ♦ Mark 12:1-12

Tues.: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 ♦ Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 ♦  
 Mark 12:13-17

Wed.: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 ♦ Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef ♦ Mark 12:18-27

Thur.: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 ♦ Mark 12:28-34

Fri.: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 ♦ Psalm 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3) ♦ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 ♦  
 John 19:31-37

Sat.: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 ♦ 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd ♦ Luke 2:41-51

Next Sun.: Genesis 3:9-15 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc) ♦  
 2 Cor 4:13—5:1 ♦ Mark 3:20-35

### 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



**Have you made your pledge to the 2024 CSA?**

*Diocese of Erie  
2024 Catholic Services Appeal*

*"That they may all be one,  
as you, Father, are in me  
and I in you."  
John 17:21*

# One Faith One Family

### Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

- **Sunday, August 4 at St. George, Erie at 2:00pm.**
- **Sunday, August 18 at Beloved Disciple, Grove City at 2:00pm.**

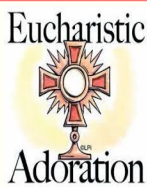
Couples may contact the parish office, complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for the Erie celebration and until August 4 for the Grove City celebration.



### Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

*I am the Living Bread ... says the Lord*

Our parishes will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) through Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



### 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 ten (10) 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: 3:30pm—4:00pm 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.

*Please be sure to notify the parish office of any changes to your address, phone numbers, or email address. Thank you.*

## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

### New Look to Our Religious Education Program

We are preparing to combine the Religious Education Program for this coming year. The number of students we have does not merit having two separate programs. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. This Fall for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Year, we will have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year (September—December) and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year (January—May).



This will also constitute a change in Mass times. We will continue to alternate the Saturday Mass at 4:30pm each month. On Sunday morning Mass will be at St. Thomas at 8:00am and at St. Teresa at 11:00am. Religious Education will be held in between those two Sunday morning Masses. On those Sundays where Religious Education is at St. Teresa class will begin at 9:30am and go until 10:45am. This will enable people who go to 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas to get to class at St. Teresa and enable those who go to class to be finished in time for Mass at St. Teresa. And when class is at St. Thomas, class will begin at 9:00am and finish at 10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.

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### Blessed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

We wish to congratulate students from our parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week on Wed., May 29<sup>th</sup> during Mass with Bishop Persico at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean: **Porter Allyn, Avery Bird, Colton Boyd, Ellie Carey, Kendall Donoghue, Nolan Gesing, Ava Hallberg, Joseph Johnston, Henry Moss, Jesse Nordin, Josh Nordin, Anya Styborski, Ava Tomcho, Nathan Weis, Ava Wetherbee, and Brady Whitmeyer.** (We hope to have pictures of the group in an upcoming bulletin.). May they grow in their faith and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—June 7

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary—June 8

