



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

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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

February 8, 2026



In Christ, We Are One

*"Look to Christ!...
Listen to his offer of love
and become his one family:
in the one Christ, we are one."*

- Pope Leo XIV



Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal February 14th/15th

The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout our diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects.

Prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our goal.

Thank you for your generosity to this year's Catholic Services Appeal.

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

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

Parish Office
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

Parish Office Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)
Friday: Closed

Message from the Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY: Due to my surgery being pushed back a week, we will have a service of the Word with distribution of ashes at the following times on Ash Wednesday: 8:00am at St. Thomas, distribution of ashes at both churches at Noon, and 7:00pm at St. Teresa.

THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS: People seem to like these booklets, and we are continuing to purchase them for people from our parish. The Rosary Societies from each parish have been underwriting the cost of these booklets. These booklets are intended for individual people of our parish. We hope that you continue to find them as a source of prayer and growth in your relationship with God.

ISSUE: We usually purchase enough booklets for those who want to use them. Recently, we seem to have someone taking large numbers of these booklets from St. Thomas to use at another location. Hence there are not enough for our parishioners who want them. This person needs to purchase the books for their purpose and not take ours. I might remind this person what you are doing is stealing. If the issue persists, we will find other ways to distribute the booklets to our parishioners.

HEALTH UPDATE: Two years ago, I announced that I would be greeting people at the doors before and after Mass, but that I would NOT be shaking people's hands. I did this because I am immune suppressed and didn't want to take unnecessary risks and not pass those on to others. Most people have been very gracious in cooperating with my request to NOT shake hands (fist bump or anything else). I ask for your continued diligence with that as cold and flu season is in full swing.

As some of you may know, I have been experiencing some health issues since August. After months of tests and doctor appointments, I am having surgery to resolve my issues. My surgery will be early in February and will entail some "down time" on my part including not being able to drive for two weeks. I will be able to walk to Mass at St. Teresa but will not be able to drive to St. Thomas for those two weeks. Fr. Leo Gallina and Fr. Tom Suppa will cover the weekend Masses for me on those two weekends.

CONTACT INFORMATION: All business should be conducted through the office at St. Thomas in Corry. Please check the bulletin for office hours. The office is not open on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Recently, people have been showing up at St. Teresa to use the building without having contacted the parish office. The first point of contact for all parish related business is the office in Corry 814-663-3041.

When a parishioner is in the hospital, please call the parish office (814-663-3041) to let us know so someone can visit them and provide them with communion and/or the anointing of the sick. The same is true if someone is in the nursing home – particularly the Corry Manor. I visit the Manor each month to anoint the Catholic residents and one of our Eucharistic Ministers takes communion there each month as well.

In case of someone needing to be anointed you can call the parish office (814-663-3041) or the number at the rectory at St. Teresa is 814-438-6048. Remember that I live at St. Teresa but am in the office at St. Thomas part of the week. Don't be afraid to leave messages at both places for me. It is hard to be in two places at one time.

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**Sunday, February 8**

8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased Members of the Jeffords and Palmer Families by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, February 9

8:00a.m. ✠ Fr. Nick Fratus (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

No Mass or Services today at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa.

Friday, February 13

8:00a.m. ✠ Leora Giewont by Phyllis Giewont (St. Teresa, Union City)

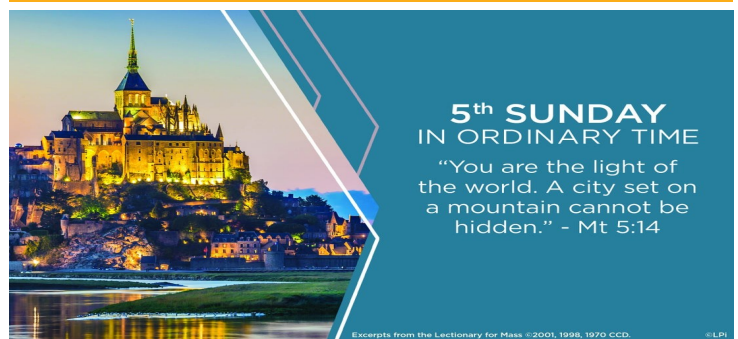
Saturday, February 14

4:30p.m. ✠ Members of the Dernar, Risjan, and Smolinski Families by Robert Pelc (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, February 15

8:00a.m. ✠ Cragg and Sullivan Families by the family (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)



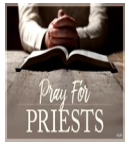
PARISH COUNCIL: The new format for Council is still in the early stages of development. The heart of this new Council will be that they will brainstorm ideas to keep our parish moving forward and building community. They will not only be responsible for the idea phase but will also be responsible for making those ideas become reality. It will be a Council of planning and implementing those plans. Over the next few months, I will be interviewing people who may be interested in being a part of this Council. Depending on the number of interested people, we may have a Council and then a group of people who are interested in helping us implement the ideas Council proposes. If you are interested in interviewing for some part of this Council, please contact me at the parish office (814-663-3041) or by email (TJWhitman@eriercd.org) to schedule an appointment.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas News



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944),
Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-882-6806).
*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust,
know that all requests are kept confidential.*



Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza, Very Rev. Justin Pino, VF,
Rev. Mark Nowak, Rev. Raymond Hahn, Rev. John
Hindman, Rev. Matthew Kujawinski, and also please
Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.

Snowman Raffle Tickets—Last Chance

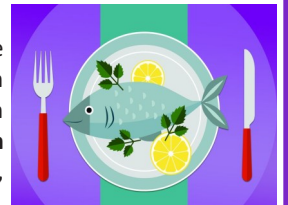
If interested, tickets are for sale at the parish office (see Sue) or contact a Corry Knight. Drawing will be at the Knight's meeting on Tuesday, February 10. Need not be present to win. Proceeds help benefit Knights Council #425 and the good works they do.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of February 8th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman.

Fish Dinner Reminders at St. Thomas

As we approach the Lenten season, we will once again be hosting Fish Dinners in Corry at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center on the following dates: **Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday), and Fridays, Feb. 27, March 13 & 27 from 4:30pm—6:30pm.**



We are in need of help from YOU to make these dinners successful. Please consider helping with dinner preparations, setup, serving, cleanup, providing desserts, or coming to enjoy dinner. More information will be coming in a future bulletin. If you are interested in helping with the St. Thomas Fish Dinners, please reach out to co-chairs: Sue Vinca or Judy Green; or you may call the parish office.

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.



Cathedral Preparatory School
250 West 10th St.
Erie, PA 16501



February 28, 2026



10:00AM to 3:00PM



Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat

6th-12th Graders Invited

FREE to Attend - Registration Required!

- Be with Bishop Persico and fellow altar servers from around the Diocese
- Grow deeper in love, reverence, and knowledge of the Mass
- Encounter Christ in Talks, Adoration, and Confession
- Meet consecrated Religious Brothers and Sisters

SCHEDULE

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|-----------------|--|---------------|--|
| 9:15 - 9:45AM | Registration and Welcome Please arrive by 9:45AM | 1:00 - 1:25PM | Talk 2 - Nature of Serving: Spiritual, Evangelical, Reverent |
| 10:00 - 10:40AM | Logistics / Talk 1 - The Power and Reality of the Mass | 1:45 - 2:45PM | Eucharistic Exposition / Confessions/ Reflection by Bishop Persico |
| 11:00 - 11:45AM | Q & A Panel | 2:50 - 3:00PM | Closing Remarks, Departure |
| NOON | LUNCH (will be provided) | | |

**Registration deadline:
February 21st**

REGISTER HERE

<https://forms.office.com/r/XvmjfZDWMH>



22:32 MEN

Strengthen Your Brothers!

2026 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event

At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at

local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio

All Faiths are Welcome!

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



FATHER LARRY RICHARDS



FATHER MATHIAS THELEN



MATTHEW LEONARD

22:32 MEN

"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!

\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)
\$25 Adult Registration (after January 31st)
\$20 Group of 8 or more
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY
High School and College Students - FREE
Please register beforehand.

Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.

www.2232Men.com
info@2232Men.com
for more details and to register.

St. Teresa News



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of February 8th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver and family.

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sun.: Isaiah 58:7-10 ♦ Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ♦ Matthew 5:13-16
 Mon.: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 ♦ Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10 ♦ Mark 6:53-56
 Tues.: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 ♦ Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 ♦ Mark 7:1-13
 Wed.: 1 Kgs 10:1-10 ♦ Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 ♦ Mark 7:14-23
 Thurs.: 1 Kgs 11:4-13 ♦ Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 ♦ Mark 7:24-30
 Fri.: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 ♦ Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 ♦ Mark 7:31-37
 Sat.: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 ♦ Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 ♦ Mark 8:1-10
 Next Sun.: Sirach 15:15-20 ♦ Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 ♦ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ♦ Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

HELP

WANTED

Custodian Position Available at St. Teresa

We are seeking a person for the part-time custodial position at St. Teresa. Duties include cleaning the church and parish center. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.

Calling All Bakers!

We will soon be collecting your wonderful homemade desserts for our Friday Fish Dinners. Your baked goods make our dinners extra special, and many guests look forward to the desserts just as much as our delicious fish! Beginning **Thursday, February 19**, desserts may be dropped off at the Parish Center on **Thursdays from 4:00–7:00 PM**, or **Fridays starting at noon throughout Lent**.



St. Teresa Parish Center

Third Avenue
Union City, PA

LENTEN FISH FRY

February 20th & 27th
March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

4:30 - 7:00pm

Dine in or take out

Adults \$15.00

Children's Meal (12 and under) \$6.00
Mac & cheese, French fries and applesauce
** add \$2.00 for fish sticks

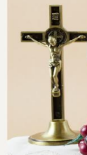
Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)
Choice of: baked potato, French fries or mac & cheese.
Homemade coleslaw or applesauce.
Dinner roll, homemade dessert and beverage

For take-outs call

814-438-2000

SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society is holding a Bake Sale TODAY, February 7 & 8, after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Teresa Church. Please stop by and pick up a treat for yourself and/or your family. Thank you for your support!



PRIEST + PROPHET + KING
Soup, Salad & Soul
Lent 2026
MASS AT 5:15PM
DINNER & SPEAKER, 6:00PM
(SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA)



Father
Brandon Fekles
FEBRUARY 24



Father
Luke Daghir
MARCH 3



Father
Michael Seanga
MARCH 10



Father
Joe Petrone
MARCH 17



Father
Ben Daghir
MARCH 24



Holy Thursday
6:00PM SOUP, BREAD, & DESSERT
7:30PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
APRIL 2

OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE SHARING THEIR VOCATION STORIES, REFLECTING ON HOW THEY SERVE & SUPPORT THE LAY FAITHFUL, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH TODAY, & SHARING THEIR VISIONS OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)*

Family Perspective

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents illuminate the path through their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."

Diocese of Erie

Pre-Lenten Retreat

FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 14, 2026

Step away from busyness and stress to join other single and married adults in a weekend of prayer and community. The Virtue & Integrity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a pre-Lenten retreat. Opportunities for the sacraments, time for quiet prayer, and community will be available.



<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/PMYY>

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$8,825.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Overage.....\$1,125.00

Thanks to everyone who regular uses his/her envelopes.

Please write checks to St. Thomas Church.

If checks are to go to our parish cemeteries—please make them to either St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, or St. Teresa 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'.

If you are not receiving offertory envelopes from our parish and wish to, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

**THANK YOU**

to all of our bulletin sponsors!
 We appreciate their support of our parish and we ask our parishioners to please patronize their businesses.

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, 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. We require all first-time parents to attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. The best time to take this class is before the child is born and before godparents are chosen.

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 the church where the anticipatory Mass is celebrated that evening—at St. Thomas Church, Corry or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (depending on the month); 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.

Religious Education News**Religious Education Program**

Now that we are in the second half of the Religious Education year (January—May) — ALL Classes will meet at St. Thomas school building from 9:00am—10:30am on Sunday mornings.



We are grateful for the opportunity to teach our faith to future generations.

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Sunday, Feb. 8—Classes for ALL students
 Sunday, Feb. 15—No Classes
 Sunday, Feb. 22—Classes for ALL students
 Sunday, March 1—Classes for ALL students

Fish Dinner Raffle Basket Reminder

Just a note to Religious Education families that **monetary donations, gift cards, or items** for our Fish Dinner Raffle Baskets are **due by Sunday, February 8th**. Thank you for your generosity and support—these baskets help raise money for our program! If you have any questions, please reach out to Missy Silka.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

AI-generated Explicit Images. With the rising use of AI, explicit nonconsensual images can be generated easily and without the victim's knowledge. An offender may not even need an explicit image to work from. When threatened with explicit AI-generated images being published or distributed online, victims often succumb to demands for money, in-persons meetings or worse. This can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender – but children are most at risk. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service called, "Take It Down," that can help one remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos of minors. For information visit <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

**Diocese of Erie
2026 CSA Prayer**

Theme: "In Christ, We Are One"

God of unity and peace,
 Through Christ your Son,
 you call us to encounter your mercy in the sacraments,
 to live your compassion in our lives,
 and to share your Good News as one family.

Through the power of your Spirit,
 help us to live as Christ each day—
 to see as he sees,
 to love as he loves,
 to serve as he serves—
 That our witness will proclaim:
 "In Christ, we are one."

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 God, forever and ever.
 Amen

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Be sure to check out our combined Facebook page: **St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa**
 It's a great way to stay connected with parish news, events, and announcements!