



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

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



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

## July 7, 2024



### 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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**  
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**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

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Since I live at one parish and the parish office is at another, it can be sometimes tricky to get in contact with me. Most weeks, I am in the office at St. Thomas on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The number there is 814-663-3041. Thursday is usually my day off. I am at St. Teresa on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The number at St. Teresa is 814-438-6048. Always leave a message. There is an emergency contact number when you call St. Thomas and listen to all the options.

**PARKING SPACES:** There are many times when people park in the NO PARKING zones. We ask that you refrain from doing this as it creates serious issues in emergency situations. Also, at St. Teresa we have just finished paving the parking lot and drawing lines for parking spaces. If there are no lines then, there is no parking in that area. The only exception to that is for handicap parking at the very front of the Church.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you have a family member in the hospital and would like the priest or deacon to come and visit, please call the parish office to let us know what room and what hospital the patient is in. Both Hamot and St. Vincent have a local priest on call, you can simply ask the nurse and he or she can help you make that contact.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Just a reminder to all of those who were recently confirmed. In my interview with each of you, I gave you a form that listed a number of ministry opportunities. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please return that form to Mrs. Silka, Deacon Randy, the parish office, or Fr. Tom so we can begin the training to get you started in that ministry. If you lost the form, I will have extras at Mass each weekend.

**RETURNING TO THE PARISH:** We have noticed a number of people that have been returning to the parish in recent months. We are most grateful to have you back. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to Fr. Tom. You might also want to be sure that you are registered at the parish so that you receive communication about events at the parish. You can complete the form on the front of the bulletin, or you can go on the parish website and click the tab, "I'm New" and the registration form will be there.

**LAWN FESTIVAL AT ST. TERESA:** Mark your calendars for July 18 when St. Teresa Parish will be hosting their annual Lawn Festival. We are hoping the weather will cooperate much better than it did last year. There will be all kinds of games for kids and adults. Pony rides, Bingo, Chinese Auction, Special Prize auctions, and lots of great food.

We can always use help setting up and tearing down from the event. We will be setting up on July 15, 16, and 17 from 5 to 7pm each night and tearing down on Friday most of the day. If you are able to help at any time it would be greatly appreciated.

- Fr. Tom

**Sunday, July 7**

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Jerry Adams by Diane Adams and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, July 8**

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

**Tuesday, July 9**

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

**Wednesday, July 10**

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

**Thursday, July 11**

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

**Friday, July 12**

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

**Saturday, July 13**

- 4:30p.m. †Clyde Ross by Tom & Marilyn Varrassa (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, July 14**

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †John E. Greishaw, III by Jamie & Shelley Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." Mark 6:4**

**Become an Erie Gives Donor**

Please consider supporting our parishes (Sts. Thomas & Teresa) and cemeteries (St. Thomas, St. Teresa, and St. Elizabeth) during this year's

**Erie Gives Day**

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

More information to follow in upcoming bulletins—so please look for it and begin to pray about how you can support our parishes and cemeteries. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**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.eriercd.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.



## St. Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 30, 2024

**Amount in Envelopes:** (57) .....\$2,601.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 88)  
**Loose** .....\$208.00  
**Online Giving (13)** .....\$645.00  
**Total Offertory Income** .....\$3,454.00

**Average Weekly Expenses** .....\$5,335.00  
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

**Weekly Average Shortfall** .....\$(-1,881.00)

*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 July 7<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.

### Family Perspective

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary members of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it.

*God doesn't call the qualified.  
He qualifies the called.*

### Improving Our Parish Gardens

We wish to thank Lois and her helpers from the parish who have been working so hard to improve the gardens around St. Thomas Parish. They are looking better every day. Thanks to everyone for generously giving of your time to support this project. **We need help to spread mulch around the garden beds at St. Thomas. If you are interested, please bring your rake/shovel and plan to meet us this Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the church, weather permitting.**



### "Question of the Week" - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** What helps you have deeper faith in Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** When have you struggled to speak the truth among your friends? What makes this difficult? What are the consequences?

**Question for Adults:** Name a time when you placed your trust in God even though those around you did not believe.

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/24):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,540.00

Total Paid to date = \$50,265.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 119

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.**



**JESUS, SHOW  
US YOUR MERCY**

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Return, O Israel, to the Lord, your God...

... I will be like the dew for Israel,  
He shall blossom like the lily...  
(Hosea 14)



**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.

## St. Teresa Parish News

**ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** June 29 & 30, 2024  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (54) ..... \$2,188.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 103)  
**Loose** ..... \$351.00  
**Continuing the Vision ( )** ..... \$0.00  
**Online Giving (1)** ..... \$30.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$2,569.00

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP:** June 30, 2024  
**Amount in Envelopes:** (4) ..... \$90.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)  
**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income** ..... \$2,659.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses** ..... \$4,585.00  
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(-1,926.00)

*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 06/24):

**St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00**  
**Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,064.00**  
**Total Paid to date = \$33,543.00**  
**# of Families who made a pledge = 100**  
 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.**

### Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

July 18—St. Teresa's Lawn Festival  
 September 7—St. Teresa's Cash Bingo  
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party

### Natural Family Planning

Looking for planning that respects your faith, your marriage, your body and that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying Natural Family Planning's (NFP) effectiveness and class schedule at [www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm) or contact the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Coordinator at 814-512-0818.

The Diocese of Erie's NFP Awareness Mass & Reception will be held on Sunday, July 28th at St. Peter's Cathedral with Mass at 11:00am and light refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

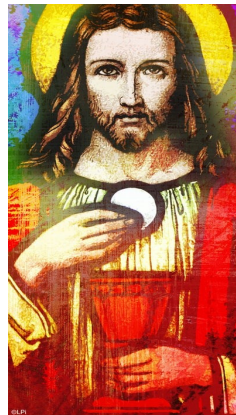


The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Jerry Adams by Diane Adams and family.

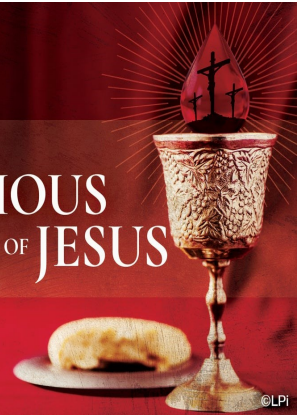
## JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH FESTIVAL

### Getting Ready for Our Annual Lawn Festival

St. Teresa's Lawn Festival will be held on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> this year. We are in need of the following items to make this endeavor successful: **Plants, Chinese Auction Items, 2 Liter Bottles of Pop (LOTS!), Baked Goods, and YOUR TIME!!** If you can help work one of the many booths for a couple of hours please reach out to Matt Moon at 814-490-1494. Raffle tickets and signs are in the back of the church for you to pick up. Raffle tickets can be returned to the parish in an envelope marked "Lawn Festival" and placed in the collection basket or turned in the evening of the festival before 8:00pm. Thank you.



**July**  
 THE MONTH  
 OF THE **PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**



Rev. Mark Hoffman, Very Rev. David Foradori, Rev. Msg. Joseph Wardanski, Rev. William Barron, Rev. Jason Glover, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. David Renne, also please *Pray for All Priests in our diocese.*

### Readings for the Week of July 7, 2024

Sun.: Ezekiel 2:2-5 ♦ Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd) ♦ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ♦ Mark 6:1-6a  
 Mon.: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 ♦ Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Matthew 9:18-26  
 Tues.: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 ♦ Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 ♦ Matthew 9:32-38  
 Wed.: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 ♦ Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Matthew 10:1-7  
 Thur.: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 ♦ Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 ♦ Matthew 10:7-15  
 Fri.: Hosea 14:2-10 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 ♦ Matthew 10:16-23  
 Sat.: Isaiah 6:1-8 ♦ Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 ♦ Matthew 10:24-33  
 Next Sun.: Amos 7:12-15 ♦ Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8) ♦ Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mark 6:7-13

### 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

### **This Year's Missionary Cooperative Collection—July 27/28**

This special second collection will be taken up in our parishes the weekend of July 27/28 when we will have a visit from a member of the Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy. They will be here at our parishes to share their ministry. Here is a little background on their congregation:

#### **The Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy**

The Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy (SOM) are an international order of Catholic religious women. We completely consecrate our lives to the love and glory of God. Our lives are dedicated to the Works of Mercy through a vow of Hospitality. Our life is animated by the spirit of charity, especially for those who are sick, suffering or in need.

Our Sisters minister to the poor, the ill, and the suffering. We provide care to the disenfranchised, neglected and abused, to anyone in need of God's love and mercy through acts of service and evangelization. We have established and operate nearly 70 missions in 13 countries. Through the dedication of our approximately 400 Sisters who represent 11 various nationalities, we continue to expand our mission locations to help meet the needs of God's people.

In the United States, our sisters are in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Louisiana. We minister to the disabled and elderly at Villa Raffaella Assisted Living Community in Pleasantville, NJ, and at Carter House in South Carolina. In Louisiana we operate Mother of Mercy Retreat as well as working with child victims of human trafficking through Metanoia Manor.

Their Charism:

***To Embrace, Live, and Transmit the Mercy of God, in every situation of life through the vow of Hospitality."***

We carry out this Mission of Mercy primarily by caring for the sick, the poor and the suffering through our ministry in service to the marginalized and poor People of God through health care and socio-economic programs, education development, and faith formations. Christ's love is preached through our humble services and promising mission work.



To learn more about their congregation and ministry, visit their website:  
<https://hospitalersistersofmercy.org>.

## **Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**

### **New Look to Our Religious Education Program**



Our Religious Education Program will combine this coming year. The number of students 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 be from 9:30am—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 be 9:00am—10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.

It will be a change in the way things are done, but it will enable us to use our resources more efficiently. We are always looking for help with Religious Education, so do not be afraid to volunteer to teach, or be an aide, or to help with some other aspect of the program. If interested in helping, please reach out to Missy Silka. Families with school-aged children should be on the lookout for registration information over the summer.

### **THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

### **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 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.*



# PRAY FOR VOCATIONS