



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 9, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A KINGDOM DIVIDED CANNOT STAND.

MARK 3:25



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 Parish
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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

CONFIRMATION: Last week we had a number of our young people receive the sacrament of confirmation at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean. It was a wonderful celebration, and our young people are to be commended for their hard work and service in preparation for the sacrament, as well as how they conducted themselves during the ceremony.

We also need to thank Deacon Kondrlik, his wife Anne, Shelley Tomcho, and Missy Silka for all their work in teaching the classes and coordinating all the activities and details that go into this program and the ceremony itself.

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.

FASTING BEFORE COMMUNION: There was a time when people had to fast from all food and drink from midnight until they received communion. Those fasting rules have been relaxed but not eliminated. We are asked to fast from all food, including gum, and drink for one hour before receiving communion. The only exceptions are water and medicine. Those who are ill or in the hospital do not have to follow the fast.

COMMUNION: 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.'"

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**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)

Monday, June 10

10:00a.m. ✠Priscilla Kozik by Joe & Dolores Matyk (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 11

8:00a.m. ✠The Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, June 12

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

Thursday, June 13

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

Friday, June 14

8:00a.m. ✠John & Grace Lutz by family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, June 15

4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, June 16

8:00a.m. ✠All Deceased Fathers (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠All Deceased Fathers (St. Teresa, Union City)

*Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121)*

**Mass Intentions for Our Parishes**

Contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is ONLY \$10 per Mass. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any 'extra' funds you wish to give towards Masses.

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.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 2, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (68)\$2,926.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 77)
Loose\$214.00
Online Giving (15)\$990.00
Total Offertory Income\$4,130.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-1,205.00)

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'.

International Needs Collection\$653.00
 Special Collection Thank You: On May 19th our parishes took up this second special diocesan collection to support our needy brothers and sisters around the world. This annual collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. It is a combination of three collections: Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/02):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,035.00

Total Paid to date = \$48,180.00

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" - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Why do our parents and teachers have rules we need to follow? Why do you think God has rules for us to follow?

Question for Youth: God has created us with free will, the freedom to follow or ignore God's will for us. How can you discover God's will for you?

Question for Adults: We humans are vulnerable to sin. Our sins most often lead to shame, mistrust, and blaming. How can following God's will free you from these destructive actions?



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 9th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all babies lost because of abortions.



Family Perspective

Jesus reminds us in today's gospel "a house divided against itself will not stand." Are the tensions and issues which divide your home worth the struggle? Even if you win an argument, you lose a relationship. Don't let pride and pettiness divide your home.

Permanent Diaconate



Congratulations Deacon Bill!

Deacon Bill Saborsky celebrated the 20th anniversary of his diaconate ordination this past week. We are grateful for Deacon Bill's service to our parish and our diocese in those 20 years. If you see Bill you can offer him your congratulations.

Knights of Columbus Meeting on June 11th

The Corry Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm. During the summer months, meetings are outdoors at the Greentop Pavilion in Mead Park. If the weather is inclement, the meetings will be moved to St. Elizabeth Parish Center. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend and please bring a dish to share during a time of fellowship. *Hope to see you there!*



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.

Time to Return the LifeCare Baby Bottles

Next weekend (June 16th) is Fathers' Day and it is time to return the baby bottles filled with coins/bills for LifeCare's fundraiser. If you didn't take a bottle home to fill, you can still donate; there are large bottles at each entrance for one-time donations which are still being accepted. Thank you for supporting LifeCare and their good works!



St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 1 & 2, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (55) \$1,876.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 102)
Loose \$473.00
Continuing the Vision (8) \$195.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,574.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: June 2, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$160.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,734.00

Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(1,851.00)

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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 OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity to our parish!

International Needs Collection \$619.00

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2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/02):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,604.00

Total Paid to date = \$31,572.00

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

'ST. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

September 7—St. Teresa's Cash Bingo

October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Bingo

I long to see your face, O Lord. (Psalm 27)

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: tweir@4LPi.com.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 9th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bob Adams by Melody and family.

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!



Rev. Zab Amar, Rev. John Fischer, Rev. Nicholas Fratus, Rev. Jerome Simmons, Rev. Gregory Passauer, Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

Cemetery Prices to Increase at St. Teresa

Beginning **July 1, 2024**, there will be an increase of fees associated with St. Teresa Cemetery. The cost to purchase cemetery plots will increase as follows:

Full Burial Plot: current price is \$500/new price will be \$600

Cremation Burial Plot: current price \$250/new price will be \$350

Those who wish to purchase plots in our cemetery prior to the cost increase should contact Chris Slocum, Cemetery Coordinator, at 814-462-6375. Any questions or concerns regarding St. Teresa Cemetery should also be addressed to Chris Slocum or the parish office.



Readings for the Week of June 9, 2024

Sun.: Genesis 3:9-15 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc) ♦

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 ♦ Mark 3:20-35

Mon.: 1 Kings 17:1-6 ♦ Psalm 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 5:1-12

Tues.: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 ♦

Matthew 5:13-16

Wed.: 1 Kings 18:20-39 ♦ Psalm 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 ♦

Matthew 5:17-19

Thur.: 1 Kings 18:41-46 ♦ Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13 ♦ Matthew 5:20-26

Fri.: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16 ♦ Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 ♦ Matthew 5:27-32

Sat.: 1 Kings 19:19-21 ♦ Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 ♦ Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sun.: Ezekiel 17:22-24 ♦ Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a) ♦

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ♦ Mark 4:26-34

Getting Ready for Our Annual Lawn Festival

St. Teresa's Lawn Festival will be held on Thursday, July 18th 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. Be on the lookout for raffle tickets and signs in the back of the church soon! 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.

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


"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."
- St. John Vianney

JUNE 14

 **Flag Day**


Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.

-Pope Francis



Congratulations to Our 2024 Graduates

We wish to congratulate members of our parishes who graduated from local area high schools this year: **Julia Gesing, Jack Hallberg, Quinlan Magee, Cathryn Reynolds, Joe Pituch, and Brookelyne Wienczkowski**. We applaud them for their accomplishments and commend them on their achievements. We wish them much success in all their future endeavors. May God pour out His blessings on them.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

BINGO

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st

Tickets: \$30 in advance • \$35 at the door

JPT Event Center - 2319 W. 38th Street
Doors Open @ 5:30 - Bingo Starts @ 7:00

For tickets scan the QR code, visit www.ccincerie.org, or call 814-824-1260

All proceeds go towards programming at Catholic Charities

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Stay Safe While Gaming Online. Online gaming can be lots of fun and pretty cool to compete against people from every corner of the world. Gaming can also expose your child to dangers such as cyber bullying, online harassment, and online predators. Here are some helpful tips to teach your children to ensure they are being safe while gaming. 1. Never give your identity. When creating an account, use a nickname. When creating an avatar, don't use your real picture. 2. Do not give out any personal information including phone numbers, addresses, where you go to school, and especially your age. Predators pretend to be teenagers and will talk to your child until your child feels they are safe to talk to about personal stuff. 3. Have your child mute conversations. People say mean things to one another and it's best to prevent the risk of bullying or trash talking online. 4. Block anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable. 5. Set appropriate parental controls and use parental controls to facilitate online safety and time management. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed!

The gifts of the Holy Spirit were conferred on students from Saints Thomas & Teresa Parishes during the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass held on May 29th 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**

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill them and draw them into deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church. Blessings to them all.



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.

Families with school-aged children should be on the lookout for registration information over the summer.