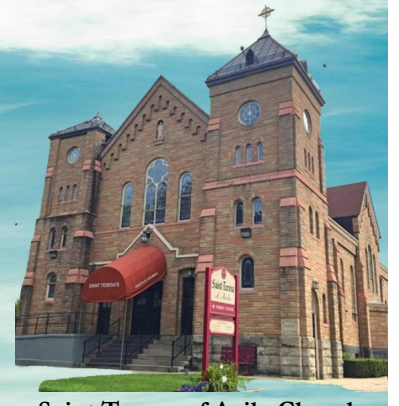




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

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

August 21, 2022



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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

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish
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



Calling all ushers! Are you willing to serve as an usher at our Parishes? I hope you are! We are starting to bring back the ministry of Usher, so if you are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office. This ministry involves more than simply taking up the collection, but we will start with that and hopefully get back into a groove with things!

A heads up to take note of our impending Winter Mass Schedule!! It's actually a Fall, Winter, Spring Mass schedule—but since we live where we do, there will probably be snow during all of those seasons, so let's just call it a Winter schedule—instead of a 'time of gloom, despair, and sadness' schedule. Anywho, the weekend after Labor Day we will change our Mass schedule, according to the recommendations of our Parish Councils from earlier this year. Saturday at 4PM, alternating monthly between the Parishes, and Sunday at 8AM at St. Thomas and 10AM at St. Teresa. We also plan to go back to having music at the 8AM Mass—but as I truly love a simple and quiet Liturgy, the Saturday Mass will be without music. So, get your prayin' pants on and put the new Mass schedule on your fridge.

We are still in need of the following....so a copy and paste column it is!

In the ongoing effort of working as Partnered Parishes, we are looking for parishioners who would be interested in serving our Partnered Parishes on Parish Council, Finance Council, and our Cemetery Committee. We are so very grateful to those who have served out Parishes in these groups in the past, many of whom have done so faithfully for DECADES! God bless them for their faithful service!! Some of them have elected to now step aside, and so we are in need of others to serve. A little explanation of what we are looking for:

1) Parish Council 'is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.' Our new Partnered Parish Council will be made up of 6 members from St. Teresa Parish and 6 members from St. Thomas Parish. So, if you are actively involved in Parish life and wish to assist me as your Pastor in the pastoral care of our Parishes, let me know!

2) Finance Council— 'The parish finance council is advisory to the pastor who is the administrator of the temporal affairs of the parish. The parish finance council advises the pastor about all financial and temporal matters according to diocesan regulations and the statutes of the parish.' Our new Finance Councils will be made up of 3 people from St. Teresa Parish and 3 people from St. Thomas Parish. These 6 people will constitute the new Finance Councils for St. Teresa Parish and St. Thomas Parish. So, if you are an active member of our Parishes and wish to assist in advising me on financial and temporal matters of our Parishes, let me know!

3) Cemetery Committee - Similar to the Parish and Finance Council, our Cemetery Committee will serve to advise the Pastor on all matters relating to the care of our 3 Parish cemeteries. Our new Partnered Parish Cemetery Committee will be made up of 3 people from St. Teresa Parish and 3 people from St. Thomas Parish. So, if you are an active member of our Parishes and wish

to assist in advising me on our Partnered Parish Cemeteries, let me know!

My mother has a fascination with rubber ducks, and this week the world's largest rubber duck is coming to Erie. So, that will be the excitement for my week. I hope yours is equally....ducky! God help us all! -Fr. Matt



Monday, August 22

8:00a.m. †Veronica Pinchak by Family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 23

5:15p.m. †Matthew Silvis by Pat Keys
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 24

8:00a.m. †Wanda Baker by Morning Friends
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 25

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

Friday, August 26

8:00a.m. †Bernard Blore by Dorothy Mongera
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 27

4:00p.m. †Frank Karkoski by Sue Watrous
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, August 28

8:00a.m. †Judy Bitters by the Michael Gluvna Family
(St. Thomas, Corry)
9:30a.m. †Marjorie & Kenneth Hanlin by the Hanlin Family
(St. Teresa, Union City)
11:00a.m For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

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
Sunday mornings prior to the Masses at St. Teresa, Union City and Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake; and anytime by request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 13/14, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (58)\$2,332.80
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 129)

Loose\$203.00

Online Giving (9)\$290.00


Total Offertory Income\$2,825.80


Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00

Weekly Average Shortfall\$4,830.20

Missionary Co-Op Collection\$1,858.00
 Diocesan Special Collection taken up on July 30/31, 2022

*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'.*

 Rev. Philip Billotte, Rev. David Perry, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, V.F., Rev. Gregory Passauer, Very Rev. Robert Horgas, V.F., and Rev. Joseph Dougherty

"Question of the Week" - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that being His disciple will be very hard. Of all the things that Jesus tells us about the way that we are to live our lives, what is the hardest thing for you to do? Why?

Question for Adults: As you wrestle with today's Gospel, what signs do you see in your own life that you are "with God."

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/15):


Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$45,664.00
 Total Paid to date = \$41,789.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 130
 # of Families who did not pledge = 215

We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. 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.



Marriage Banns Emily Anne Zaczekiewicz and Justin Douglas Marquess


 **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.

Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (Sept. 5th—10th). This is annual fundraiser that benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-664-8077).

Catholic Daughters Meeting and Picnic

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a meeting and picnic on Thursday, August 25 at 6:00pm in Mead Park. They will meet at the first pavilion on the left as you enter through the main entrance to the park. Please bring a dish to share and a friend. New members always welcome. Please RSVP to Linda Brown at 814-665-5840. Hope to see you there!



A Family Perspective

The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

Parenting Pointers

"...for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." (Hebrews 12:6) What does discipline look like in your family? As a parent is it easy for you to find effective ways to correct a toddler or teen? As a child do you resent a punishment or get over it quickly. Are there any changes that any of you would like to make?

Maintenance Position Available

We are seeking to hire a maintenance person for the Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes. The successful candidate should be familiar/have experience in minor repair work in electrical, plumbing, and painting, among other things. The position is 25 hours per week, Monday through Friday. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Missy Silka, Business Manager, at 814-663-3041 or business@stparish.org.



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St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 14, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (53) \$1,810.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 104)
Loose \$147.75
Total Offertory Income \$1,975.75

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: August 14, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$205.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)
Loose \$298.00
Total Offertory Income \$503.00

Average Weekly Expenses..... \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$2,298.25

Missionary Co-Op Collection \$1,732.00
 Diocesan Special Collection taken up on July 31, 2022
 Total from both collections at St. Teresa & Our Lady of Fatima

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 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
 Our Lady of Fatima Church.*

Liturgical Ministers' Schedules at St. Teresa Parish
 There will be a brief important meeting for those involved in liturgical ministry at St. Teresa Parish immediately following the 9:30am Mass TODAY—Sunday, August 21. Those who are asked to attend are lectors, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and others who may wish to join us. All are welcome. We apologize for the short notice. *Hope to see you there!*

St. Teresa of Avila Annual Golf Outing
 We again wish to express our gratitude to all you help organize and help with this year's golf outing on July 9, 2022. We thank all who were sponsors and those who participated in the golf outing. Here are our totals from the event:

Total Income: \$7,733.00
 Total Expenses: 5,337.19
 Total Profit **\$2,395.81**



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
- Scripture Discussion Group** CANCELLED
1:00pm Wednesdays (Sept.—May)
- Parish Center Rental**
Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

Updated Mailing Address Reminder
 Please be reminded that all mail for St. Teresa of Avila Parish should be sent to the combined parish offices at the following address:

**203 West Washington Street
 Corry, PA 16407**

This would include mailing of offertory envelopes and other items which need to go to the parish office. Thank you.

Seeking Flowers to Beautify God's House
"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the dove is heard in our land." (Songs of Songs 2:12)



If you have beautiful flowers growing in your yard, and do not mind cutting some to put in a vase, please consider bringing them to God's house as an offering to Him. Amy Smith will change the water, and when they are finished blooming, your vase will be put at the back of the church to take home.

**St. Teresa Parish's Lawn Festival
 Held on Thursday, July 21, 2022**



Here are the results from this year's Lawn Festival:

Total Income: \$16,375.79
 Total Expenses: 7,861.68
 Total Profit: **\$8,514.11**

Thanks to everyone for helping to make this event a continued success! Looking forward to next year.

Mass Readings for the Week of August 21, 2022

Sun.: Isaiah 66:18-21 ♦ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ♦ Luke 13:22-30
 Mon.: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12 ♦ Matthew 23:13-22
 Tues.: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17 ♦ Matthew 23:23-26
 Wed.: Revelation 21:9b-14 ♦ John 1:45-51
 Thur.: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ♦ Matthew 24:42-51
 Fri.: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 ♦ Matthew 25:1-13
 Sat.: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ♦ Matthew 25:14-30
 Next Sun.: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 ♦ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a ♦ Luke 14:1, 7-14

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/15):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,105.00
 Total Paid to date = \$31,455.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 93
 # of Families who did not pledge = 201

We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. 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.**



SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

May 28 through September 4, 2022:

Saturday

4:00PM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

9:30AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City

**11:00AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church,
Canadohta Lake**

Confession Schedule:

Saturday

3:00pm—3:30pm at St. Thomas Church

Sunday morning before Mass at

St. Teresa Church and Our Lady of Fatima

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning the Weekend of September 10/11, 2022:

Saturday

**4:00PM alternating monthly between St. Thomas
Church, Corry and St. Teresa Church, Union City**

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

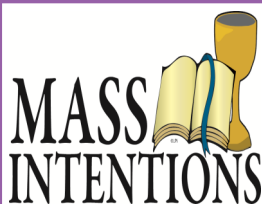
10:00AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City



Air Conditioner Funds

Please contribute to the Air Conditioner Fund to help us 'keep cool' this summer. If you wish to make a donation, please mark the outside of your envelope with "Air Conditioner Fund" and the name of the church to receive your donation. Thanks.

St. Thomas Church Goal	\$25,000.00
Amount Raised (to date).....	\$4,070.00
St. Teresa Church Goal	\$15,000.00
Amount Raised (to date).....	\$15,100.00
Our Lady of Fatima Goal	\$12,000.00
Amount Raised (to date).....	\$100.00



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

When wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, or Our Lady of Fatima Church, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 814-663-3041 to schedule your intentions. We will now be scheduling all intentions in one book. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. Thank you.

Our Lady of Fatima News



Our Lady of Fatima Church
36198 Lake Road
Union City, PA 16438



Liturgy at Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima at Canadohta Lake is open for the celebration of Mass at 11:00am every Sunday throughout the summer. Please inform your friends and neighbors, and visitors to the area, of the availability of liturgy and the change of the time of Mass. It is wonderful to come together and praise God.

Distribution of the Eucharist

If you, or someone in your family attending Mass has mobility difficulty coming to the altar to receive the Body of Christ, please inform John or Rita Mineo. Holy Communion will gladly be distributed to that person in their pew.

County Fair Time

Canadohta Lake and Our Lady of Fatima Church are situated in beautiful Crawford County. The annual Crawford County Fair at Meadville begins today, August 21 and runs through Saturday, August 27. The Crawford County Fair is the largest agricultural fair in the state of Pennsylvania. Visit the animal barns, see many vendors, and eat great food! There will be free admission of seniors and veterans on Tuesday, August 23.

Points to Ponder

In the scripture passage from Hebrews today we are warned, "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord." Many times discipline is looked upon solely as a means of punishment; but discipline also means obedience, training, self-control, and education. We must realize that instruction from the Lord is a loving gesture meant to teach and prepare us for future earthly trials and for salvation. Jesus was born and lived among us to show us the way to heaven, and difficult though it was, to die on the cross and redeem us. It's not easy to be a true Christian. As disciples of Christ, we will be challenged, and we must persevere through adversity and remain faithful to God's gift of salvation.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Looking for Volunteers to Help Teach our Children

With Summer quickly coming to a close, and students returning to school soon, we are busy preparing for a new year in our Religious Education programs at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. If you have a desire to share and teach the Catholic faith to young people, please contact Missy Silka at 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.

Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

