

## St. Teresa of Avila Parish

**St. Teresa Church**  
(Union City)

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday: 4:30 P.M.**  
**Sunday: 10:45 A.M.**  
**Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.**

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**Our Lady of Fatima Chapel**  
(Canadohta Lake)

**Weekend Masses**  
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)  
**Sunday: 9:30 A.M.**

**Confessions: before Mass**

### WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

### BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

### CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

#### ● ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

#### ● KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

#### ● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

Meets during the school term.

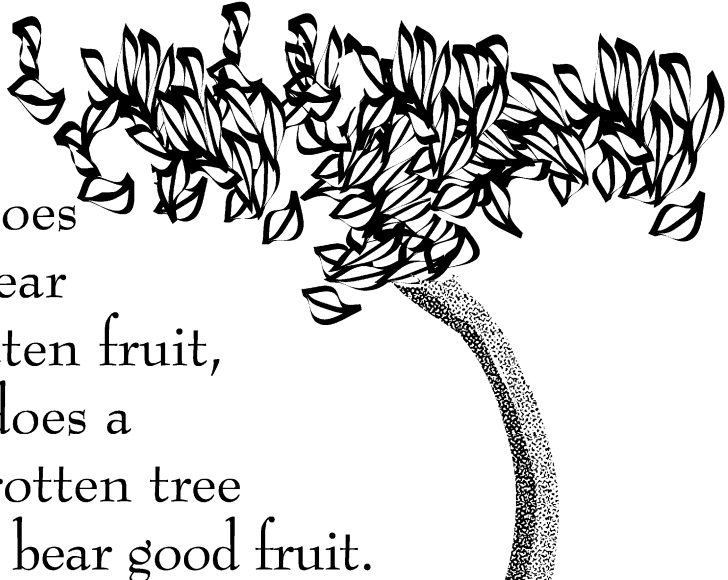
#### ● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

#### ● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

A  
good  
tree does  
not bear  
rotten fruit,  
nor does a  
rotten tree  
bear good fruit.



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Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

It is good to give thanks  
to the Lord!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 26 Weekday

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Virginia Poninsky by Yvonne Stauffer

4:30pm (St. Thomas) NO MASS

### Sunday, February 27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Rushin & Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin

10:45am (St. Teresa) Special Intention by Katherine Young

### Monday, February 28 Weekday

8:00am (St. Teresa) Anna Matvey Carbaugh by Dorothy Mongera

### Tuesday, March 1 Weekday

5:15pm (St. Thomas) William & Janet Jeffords by Richard & Jean Farver

### Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday

7:00am (St. Thomas) Maurice Aldrich by Deacon & Anne Kondrlik & Distribution of Ashes

12:10pm (St. Thomas) Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm (St. Teresa) Br. Bernard Mosier by Bill & Judy Flynn & Distribution of Ashes

### Thursday, March 3 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

NO MASS

### Friday, March 4 Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00am (St. Teresa) John & Marcella Downor by Sandy, Debbie & Chris

### Saturday, March 5 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Intentions of Our Parish Family

### Sunday, March 6 First Sunday of Lent

8:45am (St. Thomas) Mary L. Sproveri & Msgr. John Hagerty by Dennis & Chris Anderson

10:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family

JUST A REMINDER – There will be Saturday Masses during the month of March at St. Thomas Parish in Corry, but there will be no Saturday Masses at St. Teresa. Saturday Masses in April will be said in Union City but not in Corry.

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the month. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am until 12:00 noon.

## ST. TERESA

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** February 19/20, 2022

**Amount in Envelopes:** (40) \$1,665.00

**Loose** \$55.00

**Total Offertory Income** \$1,720.00

**Weekly Budget (Offertory) \*\$1415.00**

**Difference** \$305.00

**Actual Average Weekly Offertory \*\$2207.00**

**Budgeted Weekly Expenses \*\$2274.00**

**Actual Average Weekly Expenses \*\$3695.00**

*\*Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021*

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**Amount in Envelopes:** (3) \$60.00

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon 1 Peter 1:3-9 ♦ Mark 10:17-27

Tue. 1 Peter 1:10-26 ♦ Mark 10:28-32

Wed Joel 2:12-18 ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 ♦ Matthew 6:1-6:16-18

Thurs. Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ♦ Luke 9:22-25

Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9a ♦ Matthew 9:14-15

Sat. Isaiah 58:9b-14 ♦ Luke 5:27-32

Sun. Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ♦ Romans 10:8-13 ♦ Luke 4:1-13

## Religious Education

02/27 Youth Mass 6<sup>th</sup> grade

03/05 First Reconciliation Retreat St. Teresa

03/06 Class

03/12 First Reconciliation St. Teresa

03/13 Class & Confirmation Retreat

03/20 Class

**PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator**

**Pray for Our Priests** Rev. John E. Santor, Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Smith, Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki, Very Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V. Rev. James G. Gutting

**A Family Perspective:** Today Jesus tells us: “Why do you see the speck in someone else’s eye but miss the log in your own eye?” It’s always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can’t change anyone but ourselves.

**HELP WANTED—Custodian**

The parish is seeking a person who is willing to work in a custodial position at St. Thomas. The job would be approximately 10 hours per week. If interested, please contact the parish office to offer your name or see Father Matt.

**HELP WANTED – Housekeeper**

St. Teresa of Avila Church in Union City is searching for a housekeeper. The housekeeper would perform cleaning and laundry services at the Parish Rectory and Office. This is a part-time position for approximately 10 hours per week but additional hours may be available. Preferably on Monday for Rectory and Friday morning for Parish office. If interested, please contact Mary Harned at the Parish Office at 814-438-3408 or email mharned@st-teresa-unioncity.org

**SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 6**

**10:45**

**LECTOR**

Elizabeth Moon

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Kim Yaple

Choir: Ilene Zakovitch

**ALTAR SERVER**

Mary Jo or Daniel Smith

**The Special Intentions of Pope Francis**

Lord Jesus, Throughout February, we lift up all religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for every one of these women. We thank them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**Marriage Moment.** Although almost 50% of marriages end in divorce. If you have only been married once, fight the temptation to feel superior. Hard work, grace, and a little luck all go into the mix. The next few MMs will address the complicated challenges faced by couples in a second marriage. We can all learn from this.

**CSA – 2022**

Goal - \$52,346

Amount Pledged to Date – 0

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#Families Pledged – 0

#Families Not Pledged – 294

**Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church**

THE **ERIE CURSILLO MOVEMENT** is currently planning and accepting applications for a Woman’s Cursillo from April 29 to May 1, 2022. Applications can be found on the Cursillo Website at eriecursillo.org, calling the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119, or by asking someone you may know who has completed a Cursillo weekend who would be willing to serve as your sponsor.

**FISH DINNERS**

Serving the 6 Friday’s of Lent  
March 4 through April 8 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM

We will be serving in the dining room as well as take-out

**Adult dinners:**

Choice of:

Haddock – Baked or Fried

Baked potato, French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese.

Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce

Dinner roll, dessert and drinks. \$14

**Children’s meal:**

Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce

Dessert and drinks \$6 Add fish sticks \$2

**Desserts** are needed for all the Fish Fry Dinners. They can be taken to the Center on Thursday afternoons or Fridays by 4:00. Cream pies cannot be served due to state health regulations.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be said during Lent:

Thursday – 7:00pm – St. Teresa

Friday – 7:00pm – St. Thomas

The Rosary Altar Society will be holding a bake sale after the 10:45am Mass on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Rosary Altar Society will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parish Center

United Way of Erie County is offering Free Tax Preparation this year. If you earned less than \$57,000 last year, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), Erie Free Taxes provides free federal, state, and local tax preparation service to Erie County residents across multiple locations. To make an appointment at a VITA site, visit [ErieFREETaxes.org](http://ErieFREETaxes.org) or call 1.888.829.5680

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

**From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks**  
**(Luke 6:39-45)**

What were the last words that came out of your mouth? It's a question you might nervously ask yourself after today's reading. Sirach warns that everyone is tested by their words, since "one's speech disclose(s) the bent of one's mind" (27:6). Similarly, Jesus tells us, "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). In other words, your words reveal what's important to you, what is at the forefront of your thoughts and desires.

If you were to keep track of everything you say in the course of a day, you'd discover that your heart is filled with many different things: gratitude, worry, trust, frustration, fear, ambition, or love. A setback in the morning might trigger an angry outburst, but later in the day, it might prompt you to offer a few words of prayer and trust in the Lord. A disappointment might provoke a bitter complaint, or it might cause you to thank God for the many ways he is already taking care of you.

We all struggle. The good news is that, as Sirach says, "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had" (27:6). That means it's possible to change what fills your heart and comes out of your mouth. How? By allowing Jesus to care for you. The more you receive his care, the more your "fruit" will improve. As your heart is filled with his love, your words will be more loving and kind.

So take heart! Let Jesus convince you of his compassion. Come and receive the richness of his mercy. Let these attributes fill your heart, and it will become easier to speak words of forgiveness or understanding when you are wronged. Let him show you how he is fulfilling his promises in your life, even in ways you can't predict, so that you can become more patient and trusting when life gets hard. Let his word shape your words.

***"Lord, fill my heart with what is pleasing to you."***

