

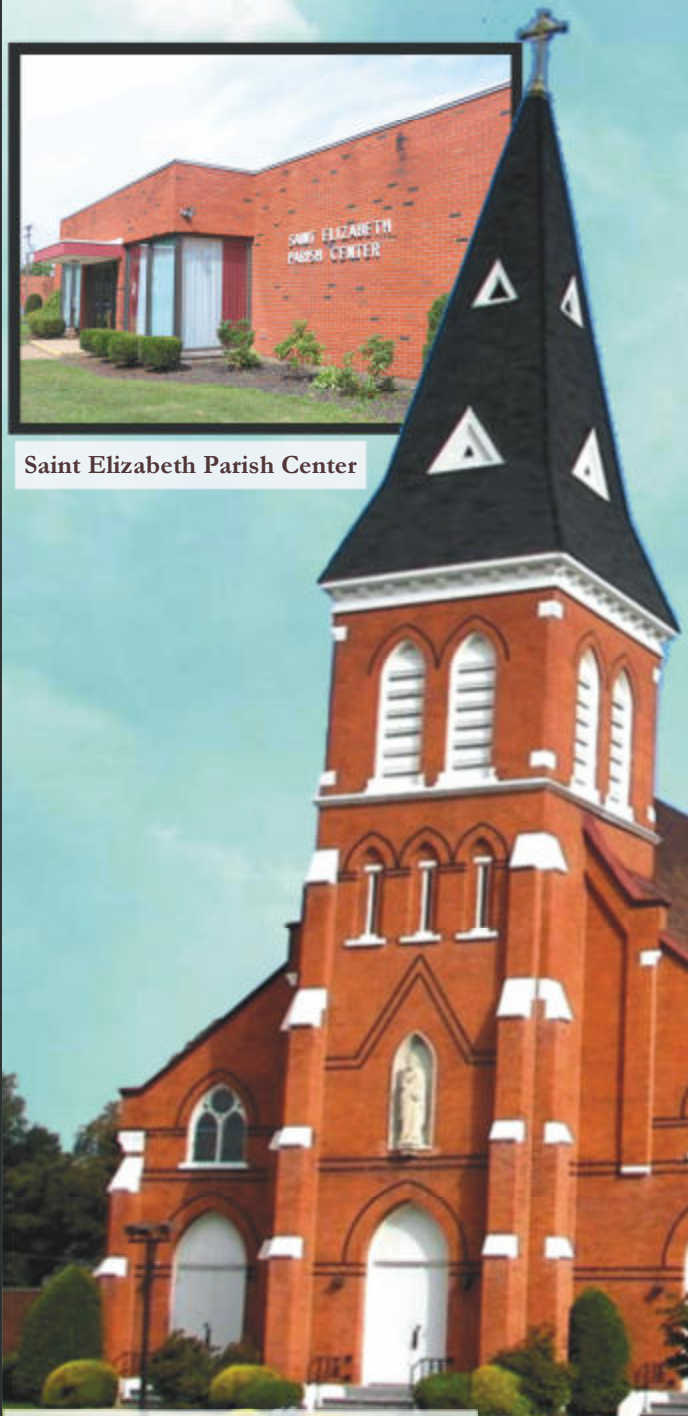
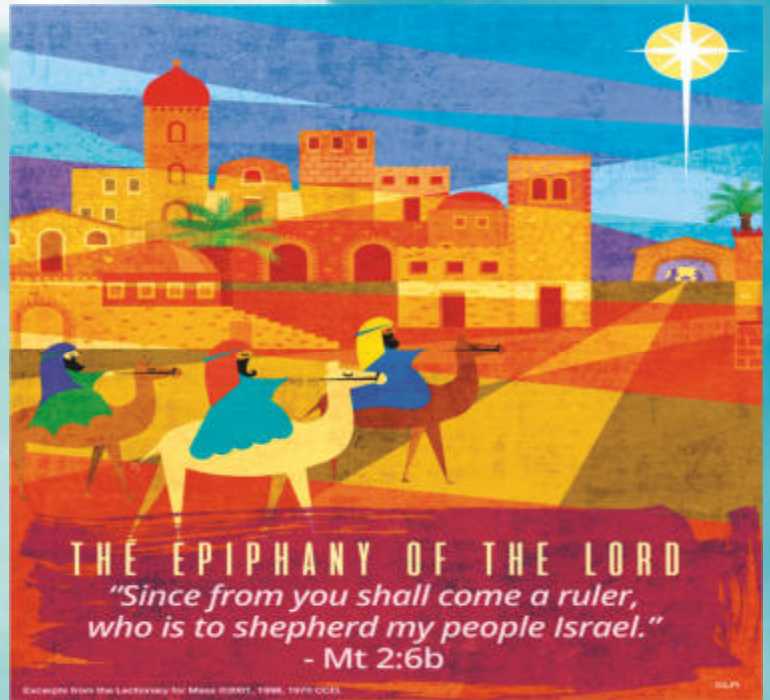


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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. . (monthly rotation w/ St. Teresa Parish, Union City)

Sunday morning: 8:45 a.m.

Daily Masses

Please visit schedule in this bulletin.

Sacrament of Penance / Confessions

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday before the First Friday - 8:30 a.m.

To First Friday of the Month - before 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Due to the new protocols for Mass outlined by the bishop, there will not be a procession to present the gifts during Mass, so those sponsoring Masses will not be able to 'bring up' the gifts.

Monday, January 3— Mass at St. Teresa, Union City

8:00a.m. †Ann Mongera req by Dorothy Mongera

Tuesday, January 4

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Wednesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 6

NO MASS TODAY at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8— Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

4:30p.m. †Andrew Tomcho, Sr. req by Ed & Judy Bitters

Sunday, January 9

8:45a.m. † Blair Skiff req by Shirley Skiff (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. † Ed Margie, Jr. req by Sherri Margie (St. Teresa)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: December 19, 2021

Amount in Envelopes: (66)	\$2,801.00
Loose	\$222.00
Christmas Envelope	\$20.00
Online Giving	\$215.00
Flower Fund	\$50.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,308.00
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	*\$4,038.00
Difference	\$(-730.00)

Actual Average Weekly Offertory	*\$3,625.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	*\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses	*\$5,951.00

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

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'.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: December 25 & 26, 2021

The Financial Stewardship Report for the Christmas Masses and the weekend of December 25 & 26 will be published in the next bulletin (January 9). Today's bulletin had to be submitted to our publisher prior to these Masses due to an early holiday schedule. Thank you to all who regularly use your church offertory envelopes and/or give to the parish collection. We appreciate and are grateful for your support.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (664-7459), or Diane (663-3753).
Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.

2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Update as of December 20th:
Our Diocesan Assessment is **\$38,378.00**
Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,989.00
Total Paid to date = \$41,914.00
of Families who made a pledge = 104
Thank you to those who contributed to our CSA. We appreciate your generosity. **Please be sure to make CSA checks payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH'.** Thank you!

Wise Men Still Seek HIM!



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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 parish office to register.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish. New members are welcome to register by coming into or calling the parish office.

BAPTISM
By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the parish office.

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

This week will be our monthly Eucharistic Adoration from 8:00am Thursday, January 6th until 8:00am Friday, January 7th. In this new year, please consider spending a few more moments with Jesus in prayer and conversation—*why not come to Him during Adoration?* We are grateful to our scheduled adorers who come each month. If you wish to join them, please call the parish office.



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Diocesan & Parish News

Reminder of Mass Schedule Changes

The 4:30pm Saturday Mass will return to St. Thomas in Corry on January 1st and remain here for the month. Please refer to the 'Mass Schedule and Intentions' box in this bulletin for the weekday Mass times and locations.

Parish 2022 Calendars

Calendars are available at the entrances of the church for your use at home. We are grateful to the businesses (Augie's Pizza, Bracken Funeral Home, The Fork & Barrel and The Library Bar & Grill) who sponsor the calendars so that the cost is less of a burden on the parish.

Memorial Ornaments

If you, or family and friends, had a loved one from our parish pass away within the last few years, please see if there is a memorial ornament for them on the tree located in the back of the church. Please take the ornament with you anytime during the Christmas season. We would like these ornaments to go to families/friends of deceased loved ones.

End of the Year Giving Statements for 2021

Beginning in January—we will be taking requests for 2021 END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS regarding your financial giving to the church for the 2021 calendar year. Please contact the parish office during business hours after the holidays if you wish to have one sent to you for tax purposes. Thank you.

A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

Invitation to a Public Meeting

Please join us for a discussion of the **Corry Historic District National Register Nomination**. Learn about the proposed Historic District, which celebrates Downtown Corry's rich history and cultural heritage. Representatives from the Project Team and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office will attend to present information and answer questions. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday January 5th, 2022 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm at the Corry City Council Chambers, 100 South Center Street, Corry. Zoom link: <https://link.edgепilot.com/s/b6f4bbbd/XACgth00UCyYakNfUjs1g?u=https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85096961675>. Zoom Meeting ID: 850 9696 1675 ; Phone In: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York); Phone In Meeting ID: 850 9696 1675.

"Question of the Week" - Solemnity of the Epiphany

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?



A Message from Our Pastor

Ok. It's 2022. I really don't know how that happened, but here we are! I hope and pray that your Christmas and New Year celebrations were as blessed and good as possible! This time of year can certainly be very difficult for so many reasons for so many of us—so you have remained in my prayers in a particular way these last few weeks.

Again, I want to thank EVERYONE who has helped us to make this Christmas Season a joy-filled one! A special shout out to the Rosary Society ladies at St. Teresa who earned some major time off of Purgatory for helping me to clean out the sacrileges at the Church!!! They definitely get a huge gold star for that! (and I was the only one to break anything in the process—I think that vase was at the end of its life anyway).

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany already this weekend, I want to make sure you had access to the beautiful traditional blessing of homes that often takes place on this day. You will find in the bulletin a beautiful prayer that you can offer in your home as you mark the doorway with the date and year asking God's blessing upon you and all who visit your home. It's just a really neat tradition—and all you need is some chalk! And maybe a stepstool!

And since it's the new year, I've resolved to leave. I'm out!!! Ok, I'm going on vacation. Like anything else in the midst of our transition, this got pushed back and back—and I finally gave up a few months ago and just scheduled it for January—thinking I would be all settled. Ha! I always make myself laugh. So I am gone for a couple weeks. Don't worry—you will undoubtedly enjoy the break from me as well, so it's like a vacation to you too! I am grateful to our Deacons and Parish Staff who will keep the ship sailing smoothly around here, and to the Diocese for getting priests to cover Masses on the weekend as well. Keep an eye on the bulletin, but we are planning to have regular Communion Services during the week - and thanks to all who are making those happen as well. I won't be back until the 23rd, but I trust all will be well when I return. And then we can get back into the normal swing of things—whatever that is! But you will remain in my prayers while I'm away. And please keep me in yours as well! And with that too, God bless those who are helping to get some kitchen cabinets up in my kitchen while I'm gone too!

In this New Year and always, may the Blessed Mother watch over you and your loved ones—may Teresa and Thomas help us to grow in faith and fidelity to Jesus—and may the Holy Angels keep us safe and protect us from ourselves! Have a great couple weeks, and we will catch you on the flip side! God help us all! —Fr. Matt



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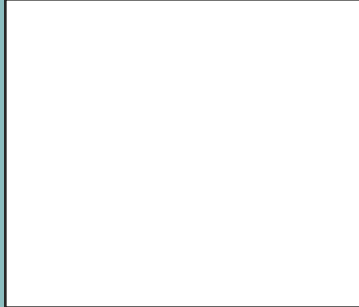
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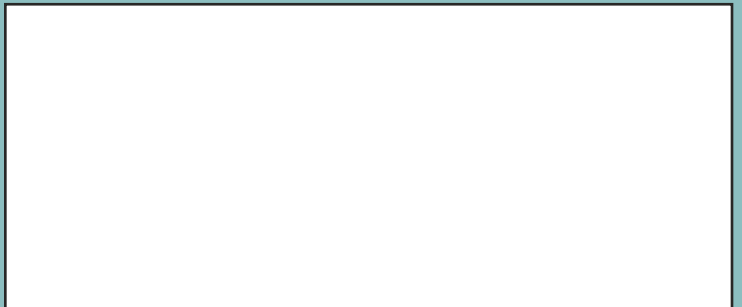


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