



SAINT THOMAS

THE APOSTLE PARISH



Saint Elizabeth Parish Center



PARISH OFFICE

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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

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

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

Wednesday, January 12

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

Thursday, January 13

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

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15—Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

4:30p.m. †Dorothy Baressi req by her children

Sunday, January 16

8:45a.m. Intentions of our Parish Family (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. †Rudy Clay Miller req by Family (St. Teresa)



† The SANCTUARY CANDLE for the week of January 9, 2022, burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all the lives lost to abortion.

SAVE-THE-DATES

22:32 Men's Conference in Erie

Saturday, February 12, 2022 at St. Jude Parish (8:30am—Noon)
www.2232Men.com

1:38 Women's Conference in Erie

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at St. Jude Parish (8:30am—12:30pm)
www.138Women.com

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.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Reverend Matthew J. Strickenberger

Deacon Assistant

Deacon Randy M. Kondrlik

Deacon Assistant/Retired

Deacon William J. Saborsky

Facilitator of Religious Education

Mrs. Melissa Silka

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Mrs. Susan M. Johnston

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Mrs. Mary Jane Adamaszek

Parish Center Events Manager

Mrs. Kerrin A. Watrous

Director of Maintenance

Mr. Dan Grable

Custodian

Mr. Ben Barney

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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: December 26, 2021

Amount in Envelopes: (48)	\$2,353.00
Loose	\$97.00
Holy Days (various envelopes)	\$70.00
Online Giving	\$415.00
Flower Fund	\$40.00
Sister Parish Envelopes	\$195.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,170.00
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	*\$4,038.00
Difference	\$(-868.00)

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: Christmas Masses 2021

Amount in Envelopes: (71)	\$3,270.00
Loose	\$351.00
TOTAL	\$3,621.00

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 2, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (59)	\$2401.00
Loose	\$62.25
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed	\$60.00
Online Giving	\$375.00
Flower Fund	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$2898.25
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	*\$4,038.00
Difference	\$-1139.75

End of the Year Giving Statements for 2021

We are now 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 if you wish to have one sent to you for tax purposes. Thank you.



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.*

Diocesan & Parish News

Visiting Priests

Please take a moment to thank our visiting priests who have graciously given of their time to be with us while Fr. Matt is away. January 8 & 9 Fr. Marc Solomon will celebrate Mass with us and on January 15 & 16, Fr. Tom Suppa will be here.

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus

The Corry Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners, CCD students and staff for helping with the Corry Food Pantry Thanksgiving / Christmas food drive. We collected a total of 646 lbs. of food items. Thank you and God Bless. Steve Weis, DGK

Online Gaming

72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for additional resources.

Marriage Moment

A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

Special retreat for engaged couples

Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide a meaningful environment for deepening the conversations and habits necessary in a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

"Question of the Week" - Baptism of the Lord

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

Installation Mass

Reverend Matthew J. Strickenberger's Installation Mass has been scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022. It will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at the 4:30 Mass with The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L. presiding. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and a reception to follow. Please continue to keep Fr. Matt in your prayers as he continues this new leg of his journey. God Bless You Fr. Matt!!

Pro-Life Events

44th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast - January 15, 2022

Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier, Erie

Teens & Adults ... \$20 Ages 3-12 ... \$12 Under 3 Years ... Free

Tickets must be purchased no later than January 10, 2022. Pay for tickets online using credit card or PayPal account, through the mail, or by visiting our office at 1625 W. 26th St. (Monday through Saturday) If you would like to get your tickets at the office, please call ahead to let us know you are coming: (814) 882-1333. To buy tickets on-line, please visit the Erie People For Life website, www.peopleforlife.life.

Erie March for Life Saturday, January 29, 2022, 11 A.M.

The March takes place in downtown Erie.

The March will be followed by a closing program.

The entire event will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

49th Annual Bus Trip Erie, PA - Washington, DC January 20-22

Leave Erie late Thursday evening (11 p.m., January 20)

March in DC on Friday (January 21)

Return to Erie early Saturday morning (January 22)

\$60 covers the cost of one seat. Additional money will be needed for food, metro fare (minimum of \$8.90 fare plus \$2.00 refillable Smartrip card, total \$10.90), souvenirs, and so forth.

Please visit the Erie People For Life website, www.peopleforlife.life for more information.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington, D.C. | January 21, 2022

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education classes meet THIS WEEKEND

Our students will meet this weekend after Sunday Mass for class (at 10:00am). Classes will meet each Sunday for the rest of January (16, 23, & 30).

The Winter Social is coming up in February, more details to come!

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