

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY
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Church of St. Timothy

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All bulletins are available on our website: www.churchofsttimothy.com

Mission Statement: We are a progressive, welcoming Catholic community that values full participation in worship and community service. We commit to being a peace-loving, Eucharistic community providing integrated faith formation and applying gospel values to daily living.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Fr. Joe Whalen
Deacon/Marriage Ministry	Joe Frederick
Stewardship/Development Director	David Bach
Receptionist	Kelly Boxwell
Middle/High School Faith Formation; Youth Ministry	Rick Craig
Receptionist	Jill Hanson
Bookkeeper	Joy Heifort
Coordinator of Liturgical Music	Therese Jorgensen
Communications Director	Rhonda Miska
Director of Parish Faith Formation	Cindy Novak
Pastoral Minister	Maggie Philbrook
Coordinator for Children's Ministries	Kristen Raaen
Maintenance Director	Barry Schuetzler
Director of Liturgy and Music	Bill Steffl
Director of Administration and Finance	Cathy Sullivan

See our website for full listing of parish staff.

Office hours:

Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - noon
Saturday	Closed

Weekend liturgy schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (with American Sign Language interpretation) **Sunday:** 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Saturday evening livestreaming Mass: 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m., Monday-Friday (unless there is a funeral. Daily Mass intentions are posted on the bulletin boards at all church entrances.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or call the office to make an appointment.

Prayer requests: Call 763.755.5027 or 763.757.3776.

Communion for homebound: Contact the parish office.

Baptisms: Call the office for information on baptismal preparation class for parents.

Weddings: Contact the office to make arrangements and learn more about preparation for the sacrament of matrimony at least six months prior to the wedding.



December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord -
Christmas

Welcome to the Church of St. Timothy!

Whether you are visiting for the first time, attend occasionally, or are a long-time active member of our parish family, we are so glad that you are joining in our joyful celebration of Jesus' birth. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we believe that you belong and you are beloved.

Though our parish community is large, we have a small-town feel in the midst of a suburban community. We are a vibrant and warm parish family committed to service, outreach, community, and faith. There are so many ways to share your gifts, learn, grow spiritually, and share in fellowship with others. From programs for our preschool-age "mustard seeds" to offerings for adults of all ages, you will find many opportunities to engage in meaningful faith formation. We seek to live out our faith through charity and social justice initiatives, showing God's love to those in need in our local community and on the other side of the globe.

Connect With St. Tim's!

- **Receive our weekly email newsletter** - The Church of St. Timothy Times is sent out every Friday with news about the upcoming weekend's Masses. Sign up to receive it at bit.ly/STT_Times_englishletter or through the homepage of our website, www.churchofsttimothy.com.
- **Join us** - Join our parish family as a member through filling out the online registration form on our website homepage. If you prefer a paper copy of the registration form, call the parish office at 763.784.1329 and we will be glad to mail one to you.
- **Follow us on social media** - Follow us on Facebook for daily uplifting and informative content at www.facebook.com/StTimothyBlaine. Our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/StTimothyChurchBlaineMN features videos of livestreamed Masses, prayer services, and more.
- **Download our mobile app** - Text sttimothyapp to 77977 to download the "We Are St. Tim's" mobile app on your Apple or Android mobile device.

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of December 25

Monday: (St. Stephen) Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: (St. John) I Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-8

Wednesday: (Holy Innocents) I Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: I Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: (Feast of the Holy Family) Col 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: I Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-8;

Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Parish News and Updates

Family retreat opportunity

Save the date for our first-ever family retreat on February 18-19, 2023. The retreat will be held at Camp Omega near Waterville, MN in their new Omega Lodge, designed for family groups. Families with children and youth of all ages (birth through high school seniors) are welcome to participate. There will be activities for everyone to engage in together and other activities geared to various age groups. Watch for registration and additional information in January. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office to learn more about faith formation opportunities.

Supporting refugee families

As we celebrate Christmas, we remember how the Holy Family became refugees, fleeing to Egypt for safety from violence. Our parish has a long history of showing support for refugee families during the Christmas season. The weekend of January 7 and 8 parishioners are invited to bring donations of new household items like cleaning supplies and bedding for new Minnesotans. Financial donations may also be made by scanning this QR code.



Adult service trip to Texas

Plans are underway for an adult service trip to the U.S./Mexico border January 28-February 5, 2023. Twelve adults will be serving at the Humanitarian Respite Center in San Juan, TX and La Posada Providencia in San Benito, TX. Both organizations provide shelter and assistance to people fleeing to the United States due to political oppression, natural disasters, and other life-threatening situations in their native countries. Please keep the group, the staff at these organizations, and all those using the services in your prayers.

2023 calendars

Washburn-Mcreavy Funeral Homes has generously sponsored our 2023 parish calendar. The calendars can be picked up at church entrances while supplies last.

Follow up about outreach survey

Thank you to all who submitted the outreach center proposal survey either online or in paper format. We value hearing parishioners' thoughts and questions as we discern the possibility of expanding our outreach to those in need in our local community. Your input helps parish leadership to decide how to move forward. Stay tuned to our parish communications channels in the coming weeks and months to learn more about the proposal. View the outreach center proposal page on our parish website at www.churchofsttimothy.com.

Holiday office hours

Please note that the parish office will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 in honor of the Christmas holiday. The office will be closed from Saturday, December 31 through Monday, January 2 in honor of the New Year holiday.

Year-end giving

IRS standards require the Church of St. Timothy to treat all contributions received in 2022 as 2022 contributions for tax purposes. The following contributions will be recorded in 2022: anything mailed with a postmark in 2022; donations hand delivered to the parish office by 4 p.m. on Friday, December 30; donations initiated online through our website or given at Mass on or before December 31, 2022. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions about your financial giving. We are thankful for our parishioners' generous support of our parish mission with time, finances and prayer.

Youth Ministry Year In Review

2022 was a full and active year in St. Tim's youth ministry! We started out in January with a high school retreat. Some of our youth also competed in a Knights of Columbus basketball free throw and advanced to the state level competition. In February we went to Wild Mountain for downhill skiing. It was nice to do something outside as a group with ski masks rather than face masks for a change! In March we had another high school retreat out at Lake Wapogasset in Amery, Wisconsin. On retreat, youth participated in faith-sharing groups, praise, and broomball. We continued the tradition of leading the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Our music group, Living Stones, grew to include several new instrumentalists. The music added great depth to the Living Stations and complemented the drama of the youth actors. Also in April, 68 of our high schoolers received the sacrament of confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Over the summer youth had fun at Bunker Beach, canoeing down the Cannon River, and a day trip to Valleyfair. After a two-year hiatus, we resumed our annual youth mission trip. Fourteen youth and seven adults traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to work with service organizations. The group built great relationships and many plan to participate in the 2023 mission trip.

Almost 90 youth gather weekly at youth group for fellowship, social time, and prayer on Wednesday evenings. We got out of our daily routine at a high school retreat in September and a middle school retreat in October. We made the most of autumn with a family celebration to kick off the beginning of the faith formation year, an afternoon at a corn maze, and a bring-a-friend pizza dinner.

Youth participated in much of parish life this year. You may have seen them leading music, lecturing, and greeting at Mass. They are facilitating our parish preschool program, and assisting in faith formation at several levels. Youth filled important roles at our parish carnival and comprised much of the leadership at several children's events. They helped at Lenten fish fry dinners, holiday basket programs, and the Council of Catholic Women craft and bake sale. Youth serve on some parish leadership committees and also serve in the larger local community. They do well to show us all our Catholic faith is not restricted to the walls of our parish campus, but is carried out into our daily lives.

All of this is done with the mentorship of several adults who nurture the faith of our youth and encourage them in ministry. Without them, we could not carry out this work. Thank you to all who support our youth. May the Lord grant us the grace we need to build the kingdom in our small piece of the grand plan here in Blaine, Minnesota.



Rick Craig, Middle/High School Faith Formation and Youth Minister

**O COME, LET US ADORE
HIM, CHRIST THE LORD!**



**FATHER JOE AND THE ENTIRE STAFF
OF THE CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY WISH
YOU AND YOURS A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS AND MUCH HAPPINESS
AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE NEW YEAR.**