

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY
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Church of St. Timothy

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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.



January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of January 8

Monday: (Baptism of the Lord) Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-6; Ps 78:3-4, 6-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; I Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (April 16, 1927—December 31, 2022)



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) died at the age of 95 at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican. According to his secretary, his last words were, “*Jesus, ich liebe dich!*” (Jesus, I love you!) He was the 265th pope, serving as pontiff from 2005—2013 and his resignation was the first by a pope in six centuries. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, January 6 in St. Peter’s Square with Pope Francis presiding. All Catholics are invited to pray for his eternal rest after his many years of service as a theologian and leader.

What is the Feast of the Epiphany?

December 25 is only the beginning of the Christmas season for Catholics. This season lasts until the Baptism of the Lord, and includes several special days including the Feast of the Holy Family and the feast we celebrate this weekend: Epiphany.

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word *epiphainen*, which means “to manifest” or “appear.” Epiphany marks the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus as described Matthew 2:1-12. One of Epiphany’s central images is light: the light of the star guiding the magi to Christ, and the Christ child Himself as the light of the world, a light that shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome (John 1:5).

Matthew describes the magi as coming “from the East.” Some scholars speculate that they may have traveled from Babylon, Arabia, or Persia, though the Gospel account doesn’t specify their origin. What we do know is that the magi were not Jewish. Their language, culture, and traditions were different from the ones held by Mary and Joseph. Though Jesus is born into a particular tradition and culture, God’s loving invitation is radically inclusive and excludes no one.

The story of the magi’s long journey reminds us of the many migrants, refugees, and displaced people in our world today. In collecting funds and household items for refugee families who are being resettled in Minnesota, we seek to make tangible our belief that we are one human family, all children of the one Creator.



Parish News and Updates

“The Long Loneliness”

January’s book club for adults selection is “The Long Loneliness” by Dorothy Day. Day is one of the four Americans that Pope Francis spoke about in his address to Congress. This autobiography describes her political activism, her conversion to Catholicism, her work as a journalist, and the founding of the Catholic Worker movement. Copies are available to borrow in the parish office. The book club will meet on Wednesday January 18 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Cindy Novak if interested and to receive the Zoom link.

Christmas baskets

In keeping with our long parish tradition of outreach and charity, our parish provided Christmas baskets with food, handmade blankets, gifts, and household supplies to hundreds of local families in need. Thank you to the many parishioners (some of whom are pictured below) who purchased and wrapped gifts, donated funds, tied blankets, and packed, organized, and distributed the baskets. The blankets and baskets were blessed before distribution, reflecting our desire that our neighbors in need know they are loved by our parish community and also loved by God.



Prayer line ministry

Prayer is powerful and our parishioners are available to pray for your intentions. Call the prayer line (763.755.5027 or 763.757.3776) to request prayers. These numbers are on the back of the bulletin each week and are also on the website’s prayer and devotion page. To join this ministry as a person who prays for others, contact Cindy Novak in the parish office. You will receive an email or phone call each week with a list of prayer requests.

Worshipping via livestream

St. Tim’s continues to livestream the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass on our St. Timothy YouTube channel and Facebook page for those who do not feel comfortable attending Mass in person. The worship aid is available in the weekly email newsletter, on our website, and our mobile app so that you can sing along from home. Those who worship via livestream are invited to come to the circle driveway off 89th Avenue every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. to receive communion. Please arrive right at 11:30 a.m. to minimize the time Eucharistic ministers are outside in the cold.

Second Tuesday rosary group

Join a group of parishioners to pray the rosary on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in room 224 of the parish center. The group will meet next on Tuesday, January 10. Rosaries and guidance will be provided.

Weekday Mass intentions

Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. when there is not a funeral scheduled, and parishioners are invited to have Masses celebrated for a particular intention. This can be a meaningful way to pray for a deceased loved one or celebrate someone on a birthday or anniversary. Contact Kelly Boxwell in the parish office to schedule a Mass intention.

Council of Catholic Women Collection for Our Lady of Peace Hospice



Our Lady of Peace Home (OLP) is operated by the Franciscan Health Community for the care of incurable cancer patients. From their beginning in 1941 offering care for a small number of cancer patients without financial means, they have grown to serve people who are terminally ill in a 21-bed residential hospice home and to offer community-based hospice support and home health care across seven counties. They rely solely upon the generosity of donors for this ministry. Visit ourladyofpeacemn.org to learn more about their work.

Every year, the CCW invites parishioners to support OLP. All in-kind donations of food and toiletries may be placed in the boxes near the statues of the Holy Family at Masses on the weekend of January 14 and 15.

If you prefer to provide a financial gift to OLP, CCW members will collect cash donations at church entrances that weekend. Scan the QR code with your smart phone to make a secure online gift with your credit or debit card. Checks may also be written out to the Church of St. Timothy with "Our Lady of Peace" in the memo line. Please make all donations by January 25.



Requested Food Donations

- Individual cups of pudding or applesauce
- Cans of broth or creamed soup
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Hot cereals (eg, oatmeal, cream of wheat)
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Coffee
- Cake/brownie mixes
- Canned frosting
- Baking supplies (eg, flour, sugar, chocolate chips)
- Mayonnaise
- Fruit juice
- Marshmallows
- Individually-wrapped candy bars (snack size)
- Individually-wrapped chewy candies

Requested Toiletries and Miscellaneous Donations

- Toilet paper
- Facial tissues
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Brushes and combs
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Lotion
- Lip balm
- Aftershave
- Black ink pens
- Black permanent markers
- Post-it notes

Thank you for honoring the dignity of those who are terminally ill through your support of Our Lady of Peace Hospice.

The Work Of Christmas

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman

