

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
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
Children’s Ministries/Safe Environment Coordinator	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 - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday and 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.



November 26, 2023
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of November 26

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: (St. Andrew) Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16-17, 19 and 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; I Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

The Church of St. Timothy American
Sign Language Choir Presents:

Christmas Blessings

Friday, December 1 at 7 p.m.
Church of St. Timothy Sanctuary

Come enjoy holiday music and sing and sign along to join in praise. Refreshments will follow the performance.

The event is free, family-friendly, open to the public, and will prepare your heart for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Parish News and Updates

Council of Catholic Women's News

The Council of Catholic Women will host their annual Christmas party and potluck on Thursday, November 30 at 6 p.m. in the parish center. All women of the parish are invited to attend this fun and festive gathering.

Parish Gift Shop

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3. If you are looking for devotional reading, an Advent wreath, or Advent calendars, come check out the selection of items in our parish gift shop located off the parish center lobby. The gift shop also includes a selection of gifts, rosaries, jewelry, books, prayer cards, and more and is a great place to do Christmas shopping. The gift shop is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Friday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until noon.

Food Shelf Garden Update

St. Tim's food shelf garden provides fresh produce for the Salvation Army Food Shelf. In the 2023 growing season, 1431 pounds of produce were donated and over 1,000 area families benefitted. Contact Rhonda in the parish office if you'd like to join the garden team in the spring.

Outside Opportunities

Synod on Synodality: Where Are We Now? What's Next?

Dr. Cynthia Bailey Manns is one of 54 women from around the world who was selected by Pope Francis to serve as a voting member at the Global Synod on Synodality assembly in October in Rome. Join Cynthia Bailey Manns on Sunday, November 26 at 1 p.m. in the St Joan of Arc Gym as she reflects on her experience as a delegate and her hopes for 2024. All are welcome to attend! St. Joan of Arc is located at 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis.

Stewardship Mailing

Registered parishioners received during the week of November 12 or November 19 a letter from Father Joe and a commitment form for 2024 financial giving. If you are a registered parishioner and did not receive a mailing, please contact the parish office. Also, if there is anything incorrect (spelling, house number, etc) in the mailing you received, please contact Joy at the parish office so we can ensure the parish database is accurate and up to date.

Children's Activities

Christmas Pageant: A Christmas Surprise

Children and youth in ages 3 through 18 are invited to participate in our 2023 Christmas pageant, a beloved annual parish tradition. Register on the Children's Activities page of the website. The deadline to register for the Christmas pageant is November 24. If you have questions about



the Christmas pageant, contact Kristen Raaen in the parish office.

Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 9 a.m. through noon in the parish center. Children age three through fifth grade are invited to join in a morning of crafts, games, a Christmas movie, and a visit from Santa! Register on the Children's Activities page of the website. The deadline to register is December 1. Youth in grade 6 and older and adults are invited to volunteer for this fun event. Volunteer registration is through the Children's Activities page of the website, as well.

Advent at the Church of St. Timothy

*Advent is a prayerful season of active, hopeful waiting for the coming of Christ.
All are welcome at these parish Advent offerings.*

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8

Masses are at 9 a.m. (this Mass will include ASL interpretation and be livestreamed on St. Timothy YouTube and Facebook) and 7 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17, 6 p.m. in the church

If you are grieving a loss or facing other challenges, the holiday season may leave you feeling “blue” rather than joyful. Come as you are to this liturgy of hope and healing to be with others and to prayerfully offer to God what is in your heart. Contact Maggie Philbrook in the parish office with questions.

Advent Reflection Opportunities

Prepare your heart this Advent at three weekly one-hour Advent reflection opportunities. Each week has a different theme to draw participants more deeply into the meaning of Christ’s coming at Christmas.

Session one (Wednesday, December 6): The Way of Nazareth

Session two (Wednesday, December 13): The Way of St. Joseph

Session three (Wednesday, December 22): The Way of Mary

The sessions will be offered at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. Reflections will be drawn from material from Ave Maria Press. An optional guided journal for daily prayer and meditation is available to purchase for \$9.

Opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation

Every Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Thursday December 7, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11, 9:30 a.m. (after 9 a.m. Mass)

Saturday, December 23, 10 a.m.

Reconciliation is celebrated in the back of the church by the Holy Family statue.

Children’s Activities

Saturday, December 9: St. Tim’s Kids Family Book Club – *A Christmas Carol*

Saturday, December 16: Santa’s Workshop

Sunday, December 24: A Christmas Surprise: St. Tim’s Kids Christmas Pageant

Contact Kristen Raaen in the parish office with questions about children's activities.

The Eucharist: Real Presence of Jesus

Did you know that the Catholic Church in the United States is in the midst of a three-year Eucharistic revival? The mission of the revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

To deepen the Church of St. Timothy’s understanding of and reverence for the gift of the Eucharist, this begins a three-part bulletin series on the Eucharist.



What does the word “Eucharist” mean?

The word originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. “The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1324)

Where can the Eucharist be found in the Bible?

The institution of the Eucharist at the last supper with the disciples can be found in the three synoptic Gospels: Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, and Luke 22:14-20. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ lengthy Bread of Life discourse (John 6:22-59) offers more scriptural teaching about Jesus’ gift of Himself to us through the Eucharist.

What does “Real Presence” mean?

Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist; the transformed bread and wine are not merely symbols. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be transformed, as well. The nourishment we receive in the Eucharist strengthens us for lives of love, discipleship, and mission. By his Real Presence in the Eucharist, Christ fulfills his promise to be with us “always, until the end of the age” (Mt 28:20).

Sometimes we make theological concepts harder to understand than is necessary. One such example is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. I tell parents all the time that practicing real presence is one of the highest demands of parenting. As a parent, you make every effort to be truly present to your child, especially for special occasions such as his or her birthday, first day of school, graduation, recitals, and big games. Likewise, you strive to be truly present to them when they are in need—feeling sad, hurt, frightened, lonely, or left out. Children want to know that their parents are there for them and parents, in turn, strive to practice real presence.

We all experience moments—highs and lows—when we don’t want to be alone but want assurance that God, our Father, is present to us. God, as a loving parent, reveals his presence to us in many ways, the greatest of which is the Incarnation of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, in turn, gives himself to us in the Eucharist. The message is that we are not alone. God, Emmanuel, is truly with us. We have God’s real presence in our midst. And upon receiving the Eucharist, we, in turn, are called to be like Christ—truly present to those in need.

- Joe Paprocki, DMin

<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2017/01/practicing-real-presence/>