

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
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Director of Administration and Finance	Cathy Sullivan

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



December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of December 3

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: (St. Ambrose) Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; II Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Many Catholics have favorite patron saints who they ask to intercede for them in special circumstances (have you ever prayed to St. Anthony when you have lost something, or asked St. Joseph to help you sell your house?). Similarly, our country also has a patron saint, Mary, and specifically under her title of Immaculate Conception. Therefore, this solemnity which we will celebrate on December 8 is also a chance to honor our national patroness.

Masses will be on Friday, December 8 at 9 a.m. (livestreamed, and ASL available), and 7 p.m.

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

Every Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11, 9:30 a.m. (after 9:00 a.m. Mass)

Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 23, 10 a.m.

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

Parish News and Updates

2024 Calendars

Parish 2024 calendars are available and can be picked up at church entrances while supplies last. We are grateful to Washburn-McReavy for sponsoring the parish calendar again this year.

Blue Christmas

On Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m. in the church, St. Tim's will offer our annual Blue Christmas service. This is a prayer service for those whose hearts are hurting this holiday season. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Baskets

St. Tim's has a longstanding holiday tradition of providing baskets with foods, gifts, and hand-tied blankets to local families in need. Volunteers are needed on Monday, December 18 to assist with baskets. Shifts requiring eight volunteers are 10 a.m. until noon, noon until 2 p.m., and 2 until 4 p.m. in the hospitality center. Seven teams are needed to deliver baskets in the afternoon to those who are unable to pick up their basket. Call Margaret Kelly at 763.757.3065 to volunteer.

Advent Reflection Sessions

Prepare your heart for Christmas during these three weekly one-hour Advent reflection opportunities on Wednesdays. Each gathering has a different theme:

December 6: "The Way of Nazareth"

December 13: "The Way of St. Joseph"

December 20: "The Way of Mary"

Sessions will be offered at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the parish center and will include short video reflections, prayer, and discussion questions. The sessions will utilize material from Ave Maria Press that includes an optional guided journal (available to purchase for \$9). Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office for additional information.

St. Tim's Book Club

Join us on Zoom Monday December 4 at 6:30 p.m. as we discuss "Our Lady of Hot Messes: Getting Real with God in Dive Bars and Confessionals" by Leticia Ochoa Adams. Contact Cindy in the parish office for the Zoom link.

Retirement Fund for Religious Special Collection

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation impacts nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious.

You can contribute by writing out a check to the Church of St. Timothy with "retired religious" in the memo line or by placing cash or a check in the giving envelope and placing it in the basket at Mass. If you prefer to give online through our convenient and secure online giving portal, scan this QR code. Thank you for your generosity to these men and women who have given their lives in service to the People of God.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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The Eucharistic Celebration in Community

In this second part of St. Timothy's three-part series during the Eucharistic revival in the United States, we continue exploring the Eucharist, the source and summit of Christian life.

"In the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey," said Pope Francis.

Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the eucharistic elements: the bread and wine that become His Body and Blood at the Mass. Receiving Eucharist is an experience of union with Jesus, accepting the Lord to dwell within us.



Though receiving the Eucharist is a moment of deep intimacy with the Lord, the celebration of the Eucharist is not a personal, private devotion. Instead, it is more like a family meal when we all gather to celebrate, share, and be nourished. In our individualistic culture, coming together to celebrate the Eucharist reminds that we are not alone. We are united with the Lord, and we do so in union with one another. We are all interconnected!

At the celebration of the Eucharist, we are connected with others who gather in our parish as well as those around the world who gather to celebrate Jesus' presence. And we are connected across time with so many who have gone before us in faith who relied on Eucharistic nourishment in their lives of discipleship.

How does the Eucharistic celebration connect you both to the Lord and to the Church community? Spend some time in prayer this week with this question, asking for the grace to realize more fully how your belonging to Christ and the Church.



"Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another."

-Lumen Gentium, 7



*The Church of St. Timothy Council of
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2023 CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Come to the hospitality center after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 9 and after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 10 to shop for beautiful and delicious Christmas cookies.

*Proceeds from the sale support
the CCW's charitable work.*

