

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 Liturgy Mass or Word and Communion service is celebrated Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. (rosary at 8:25 a.m.) unless there is a funeral scheduled. Daily Mass intentions are posted on the bulletin boards at 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 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY



Welcoming New Minnesotans

The Church of St. Timothy has a long history of partnering with the Minnesota Council of Churches to welcome refugee families settling in Minnesota. The Minnesota Council of Churches is currently assisting three to five refugee families every week. These families come from Burma/Myanmar, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Somalia. Many families arrive in the U.S. with almost nothing after having lived in refugee camps for multiple years.

On Epiphany weekend when we hear the story of the three Magi who made a long journey, St. Tim's parishioners are invited to support refugee families in Minnesota. Your support can assist these families begin a new life and develop a sense of home.

Needed items include:

- all-purpose cleaner
- laundry detergent
- dish soap
- bar soap
- laundry baskets
- shampoo
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- paper towels
- bath towels
- toilet paper
- feminine hygiene items
- brooms/dustpans
- shower curtains, liners, and rings

Please bring donations to church the weekend of January 6 and 7. Donations can also be brought to the parish office before noon on Friday, January 12.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, scan this QR code. You may also write a check to the Church of St. Timothy with "refugee assistance" in the memo line. The deadline for financial and in-kind donations is Friday, January 12.



Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of December 31

Monday: (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God) Nm 6:22-27;
Ps 67:2-8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen) I Jn 2:22-28; 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: I Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: (St. John Neumann) I Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: I Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
Sunday: (Epiphany) Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 21:12-12

"Sisters and brothers, let us marvel at the fact that he "became flesh" (John 1:14). Flesh: the very word evokes our human frailty. The Gospel uses this word to show us that God completely assumed our human condition. Why did he go to such lengths? Because he cares for us, because he loves us to the point that he considers us more precious than all else.

Dear brother, dear sister, to God, who changed history in the course of a census, you are not a number but a face. Your name is written on his heart."

Pope Francis (Christmas homily, December 24, 2023)

Collection Report Summary November 2023

If you have any questions about this report, contact Cathy Sullivan, Director of Administration and Finance, at 763.784.1329 or csullivan@churchofsttimothy.com. As always, thank you for your continued support of our parish.

General Fund Donations

Sunday envelopes	\$51,166
Automatic Giving	\$41,015
Holy Day	\$1,805
Christmas	\$105
Loose plate	\$2,108
QCD, Donor Advised, one-time, or stock donations	\$13,500

November 2023 total general fund donations	\$109,699
November budget	\$95,600
Amount over monthly budget	\$14,099

Fiscal year to date July 1, 2023-November 30, 2023	\$544,462
Year-to-date budget	\$502,500
Amount over year-to-date budget	\$41,962

Other Collections in November

Securing our Future (SOF)	\$4,697
Outreach (includes Thanksgiving/Christmas basket donations)	\$18,143
Other special collections	\$1,344

Parish News and Updates

Prayer Before Weekday Liturgy

St. Timothy offers daily liturgy (either Mass or Word and Communion service) every day at 9 a.m. in the church unless there is a funeral scheduled. Parishioners gather at 8:25 for shared devotions before the liturgy. All are welcome to join them in praying the rosary and chaplet before weekday liturgy in the church.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Though it is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday, Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. that day in the church and all are encouraged to attend. January 1 has also been designated as a world day of prayer for peace. Since Pope Paul VI in 1967, January 1 has been set aside as a day to pray for an end to all forms of violence.

Year End Giving

IRS standards require the Church of St. Timothy to treat all contributions received in 2023 as 2023 contributions for tax purposes. The following contributions will be recorded in 2023: anything mailed with a postmark in 2023; donations hand delivered to the parish office by noon on Friday, December 29; donations initiated online through our website or given at Mass on or before December 31, 2023. 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.

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that in honor of the New Year's holiday, the parish office will be closed Saturday, December 30 through Monday, January 1.

The Christmas Season

In the culture at large it may seem that the Christmas season begins the moment Thanksgiving dinner tables have been cleared and ends on December 25. But liturgically the season of Christmas, also known as Christmastide, begins on Christmas Day and lasts until the day before Epiphany. So on December 25, the lights, the music, the joy, the celebration have only just begun!

These days are known as the twelve days of Christmas, familiar to many of us because of the popular Christmas carol. In some parts of the world, it is customary to celebrate Christmas for forty days until the feast of Presentation on February 2, also known as Candlemas.

So continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus during these days of the Christmas season by leaving your nativity scene and other Christmas decorations up at home. Listen to Christmas music and continue to focus your prayer on the mystery of God who comes to us as a vulnerable and humble child in a manger. The liturgical calendar invites us to enjoy the richness of the season, so continue to stay close to the Christ child in your hearts through these days.

