

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.



February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of February 19

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; II Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Lent: Forty Days of Spiritual Renewal



Lent is a time of spiritual “spring cleaning” in our faith tradition. In Lent we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Triduum, the holiest days of the year in Holy Week when we walk with Jesus in His suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection.

Why 40 days? The number 40 is significant in the Bible: there were 40 days of rain in Noah’s flood, 40 years of journeying in the desert from slavery in Egypt to the promised land, and 40 days of Jesus’ fasting in the wilderness before beginning His public ministry.



The disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In prayer, we seek to return to God with all our hearts, recommitting ourselves to loving relationship with our God who created and redeemed us. In fasting, we seek to loosen our grip on things or activities that distract us and make us less free: eating or drinking to excess, time spent mindlessly on the internet or watching TV, gossiping or speaking unkindly to or about others. In almsgiving, we remember that everything we own is a gift from God and we have a responsibility to use our resources—time, money, energy, and gifts— to support the common good and to help alleviate the sufferings of those who are poor and marginalized.



During Lent we also pray and accompany those who are participating in the RCIA process, preparing to be initiated into the Church at Easter. As catechumens and candidates prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation, we pray for them and are invited to remember our own baptism and that truth that we are made a new creation in Christ.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22 with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads and the call to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” Take some quiet time of reflection this week to consider on how you can turn to God and open your heart in this season of spiritual renewal.

Parish News and Updates

Friday fish fry dinners and Stations of the Cross

Thank you to all who attended our first fish fry dinner of the season last Friday. Fish fry dinners continue every Friday in February and March from 5-7 p.m. in the hospitality center. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 6-12, and free for children under 5.

If you come to the fish fry, why not walk across the parking lot to pray the Stations of the Cross? The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday of Lent at 7 p.m. in the church. It’s a great way to build in more communal prayer during Lent and draw closer to Jesus.

Catholic Services Appeal

Catholic Services Appeal supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. This year’s theme is “for the love of Christ impels us.” Your gift helps Jesus to be known and loved in our Archdiocese. CSA contribution envelopes have been mailed to parishioner homes, and donations can also be made online at csafspm.org.

Celebrating 50 years of matrimony

Parishioners Greg and Kathy Piche’ celebrated 50 years of marriage on February 10, 2023. They received a golden anniversary blessing from Father Joe last weekend. We pray that all married couples in our parish community will receive God’s grace and be strengthened in their sacramental commitment of love.



Earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey



On Monday, February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake brought devastation to large parts of Turkey and Syria. Catholic Relief Services is partnering with Caritas International and other local partners to offer assistance. The Church of St. Timothy is encouraging parishioners to make donations directly to CRS; donations will help provide safe shelter, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies. An online donation can be made at support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes. Donations can also be made by calling 1.800.435.7277 or by mailing a check to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700.

Adult service trip to Texas

Twelve adults from our parish spent a week on the U.S./Mexico border in Texas from January 30 through February 3. The group served at two different Catholic organizations offering direct service, temporary shelter, and other support to those seeking asylum and family reunification in the United States. The group is grateful for the many prayers and expressions of support offered by our parish family during the trip. A special parish newsletter including photos and reflections by participants will be available in March. The newsletter will be in both print and digital formats—stay tuned to parish communications channels.



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Lent at the Church of St. Timothy

Plan to join others in our Church of St. Timothy parish family at the following opportunities for prayer, study, and reflection this Lent. You are invited to spiritual renewal and growth in your walk with God during these forty days!

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Spend time in prayer with other parishioners during Lent from the comfort of your own home. This "official" prayer of the Church - part of the Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours - usually lasts about 15-20 minutes and includes psalms, a hymn, intercessions, and Scripture readings. Contact Cindy at cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com for the Zoom link.

Prayer Line

Are you looking for a Lenten practice to share as a family? Join our prayer line ministry to receive a list of prayer requests each week so your family can pray together as a family for the needs of others. Perhaps you would add an extra prayer before dinner, or maybe a decade of the rosary in the evening, or even a few short prayers when you get into the car together. You can choose how to pray for these needs. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office to receive the list of weekly prayer requests via text, email, or phone each week.

Lenten Faith Sharing Small Groups

Meet with other parishioners to read and reflect on the Sunday readings using prepared materials and discussion questions. Choose a day and time that fits your schedule. Click on the Lenten small faith sharing group button on the homepage of the parish website to register. Contact Cindy Novak if you have questions.

Sacred Art Reflection Opportunities

The parish center will be open for parishioners to view and reflect on our recently acquired sacred art collection on Mondays during Lent (February 27 through April 3) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is a reflection guide available for use, or just walk through and take in the art at your leisure.



High Priest
Br Mickey McGrath

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Joe or Father Rodger will hear confessions on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. near the Holy Family statue in the back of the church. Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for information on additional Lenten reconciliation opportunities.

Stations of the Cross

The stations of the cross is a well-known and beloved Catholic devotion consisting of prayers and meditations on fourteen experiences of Christ during the journey to Calvary. The stations of the cross will be prayed in the church at 7 p.m. on Lenten Fridays: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.



Living Stations of the Cross

Our parish middle school and high school youth will present living stations of the cross on Good Friday, April 7, 3:00 p.m. in the church.



Ash Wednesday at the Church of St. Timothy

Liturgies on Wednesday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Mass with ashes

This Mass will be livestreamed on our Church of St. Timothy YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/StTimothyChurchBlaineMN) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StTimothyBlaine) and will include American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.

Noon Scripture Service with ashes

7:00 p.m. Mass with ashes

If you would like to receive ashes but cannot attend one of our liturgies, you are invited to come to the parish office between 9:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to pick up a packet of ashes for at-home use.

Fasting Regulations: Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



"Return to me with
all your heart... ' says
the Lord"

-Hosea 12:6