

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	8:00 a.m. - noon
Saturday and Sunday	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.	



July 16 and July 23, 2023
Fifteenth and Sixteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of July 16

Monday: Gn 28:10-22; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: (St. Benedict) Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1-8, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57 and 42:5-7, 17-24; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23-29 and 49:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: (St. Kateri Tekakwitha) Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: (St. Bonaventure) Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Ps 105:1-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

Readings for the week of July 23

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: (St. Mary Magdalene) Sgs 3:1-4; Ps 63:2-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember Thomas Dreshar, Jeanne Niznik, Cindy Schreiner and all members of our parish family who have died. May they rest in peace and the grieving know be comforted. Deaths and funeral information can be found on our website.

May 2023 Collection Report

Below you will find the finalized collection totals through May. If you have any questions about this report, contact Cathy Sullivan, Director of Administration and Finance, at 763.784.1329 or csullivan@churchofsttimothy.com. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Offertory Giving

Sunday envelopes	\$43,004
Automatic Giving	\$45,260
Easter	\$215
Loose plate	\$1,850
IRA, 401K, stock donations	\$14,452

May 2023 total general fund donations

May budget	\$106,900
Amount under monthly budget	-\$2,119

Fiscal year to date July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

Year-to-date budget	\$1,377,100
Amount under year-to-date budget	-\$57,496

Other Collections in May

Securing our Future (SOF)	\$4,491
Outreach	\$5,589
Other special collections	\$586

Parish News and Updates

Catechism In A Year Podcast Discussion Group

Have you been following Fr Mike Schmitz's popular podcast? A group of parishioners, facilitated by Cindy Novak, meets monthly to discuss the podcast. The group will meet in room 221 of the parish center on Monday July 17 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in discussing our Catholic faith is welcome, even if you are new to the podcast. This month we will focus on the section in the catechism about baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, and reconciliation. Come learn more about our faith and bring your questions!

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 our website's prayer and devotion page. To join this ministry as a person who prays for others, contact Cindy Novak in the office to receive an email or phone call each week with a list of prayer requests.

Are You Called To Serve As an Usher?

Our parish is planning to re-introduce the practice of passing financial offering baskets during Mass, and we need your help. It takes seven or eight volunteers at each Mass to do so. Ideally, we would have twenty to thirty people at each Mass time (5 p.m. Saturday; 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday) to draw from. If you would be willing to serve in this simple but important ministry at Mass, contact Bill Steffl at the parish office.

Soupline Ministry

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." (Matthew 25:35) The third Thursday of each month parishioners live out this call at Sharing and Caring Hands and Catholic Charities. A meal is prepared the day before in the hospitality center by another group of parishioners. You are invited to join the Soupline Ministry to prepare, serve, or both. Volunteers are scheduled 2-3 times each year. Call the parish office and leave a message for Carolyn to learn more about this meaningful opportunity to serve.

Crucifix Icon Update

Iconographer Judy Symalla is continuing to create a crucifix icon for our sanctuary and shared these photos of her process. She has applied eight layers of gesso (made of rabbit hide glue and chalk or marble dust) to the wood, wet sanding between layers. She applies a thin sheet of 24-karat gold to the icon with a liquid clay, breathing on the hard clay bole to allow it to accept the gold. The sketch of the corpus (body of Jesus) aims to incorporate sacred geometry to create a coherent, graceful image.



Carnival Update: Volunteering and the Grand Raffle!

Our 2023 Church of St. Timothy Carnival is less than two months away! For two days—Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9—our parish campus is transformed into carnival grounds with all kinds of fun for people of all ages: music, food, entertainment, games, and more!

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make our Carnival a success. From calling bingo numbers to overseeing children's games, from serving tasty treats to assisting with the silent auction, there are so many ways to pitch in to make this important parish fundraiser a success.

To accommodate parishioners' preferences, we are providing both in-person and online volunteer sign-up options again this year.

- Beginning July 14, visit the homepage of our website—www.churchofsttimothy.com and click on the “Carnival Volunteer Sign-Up” button to view and select volunteer opportunities online. If you sign up online, you will receive a confirmation email from Sign-Up Genius.
- Sign up to volunteer after all Masses on the weekends August 12-13 and August 26-27.

Please make note of what you sign up to volunteer for and when. Volunteering at Carnival is a great way to meet parishioners, build community, and contribute to our parish mission. Carnival volunteers don't need to be registered parishioners—invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you in volunteering!



The grand raffle prize is \$10,000! Will YOU be the lucky winner?



In addition to volunteering, participating in our Carnival grand raffle is another way to support this event. The raffle drawing on Saturday night is one of the most exciting parts of the Carnival each year. The raffle is also a significant source of Carnival income to support our parish mission.

Our goal this year is to raise \$75,000 through raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are only \$5 each and the grand prize is \$10,000, with many smaller additional cash prizes. Raffle tickets are available at the parish office—just call or stop by!

Thank you for helping to make our 2023 Carnival a success!

New Wood Sculptures in the Parish Center



Fr. Joe Whalen and Ron Felt pose with “The Annunciation.”

The Annunciation

Crafted from oak and pine and using a layering technique on the figures, which are suspended by copper wires, this unique sculpture depicts the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she would bear the Son of God as described in Luke 1:26-38.

Mary responds to the astounding message from the angel with courageous faith: “Let it be done unto me according to your word.” The Annunciation is one of the joyful mysteries of the rosary, one of the most frequent scenes depicted in Christian art, and is integral to contemplation of the Incarnation (God becoming human in Jesus).

At the Feet of Jesus

Carved entirely from oak, this piece was done in two phases. The figures of Mary with John, the beloved disciple, were completed in 2022 as a stand-alone sculpture. After conversations with Father Joe Whalen exploring the possibilities of creating a crucifix for the Church of St. Timothy sanctuary, the artist became more intrigued with the concept, so added a second part—the crucifix—to complete this famous scene. This sculpture can be found in room 224 of the parish center.



Ron Felt and Cindy Novak pose with “At the Feet of Jesus.”

About the Artist

Ron Felt lives in St. Paul and worships at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. A retired dentist, he considers wood carving to be his second vocation and sees his art as a way of practicing and sharing his Christian faith. His encounter with the woodcarvers of Oberammergau, Germany as a college student planted the seeds of his artistic vocation. His carvings depicting biblical scenes and characters can be found in over sixty sanctuaries of various Christian denominations throughout Minnesota and overseas. Ron is the creator of the sculpture of St. Timothy, entitled “You’ve Got Mail,” that is on display in the back of the Church of St. Timothy sanctuary. We are grateful to Ron for generously sharing his sacred art to enrich our parish.