

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
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.



August 27
Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of August 27

Monday: (St. Augustine) I Thes 1:1-5, 8-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: (Passion of St. John the Baptist) I Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139: 1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday: I Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: I Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: I Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: I Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember Lucy Fallon, Robert Hammond, Peter Lundin, and all Church of St. Timothy parishioners who have died. May they rest in peace for all eternity and may all those who grieve their passing from this life know divine comfort. A list of parish deaths and funeral information can be found on the homepage of the parish website by scrolling down to the "Funerals and Deaths" heading.

May 2023 Collection Report

This is the final report of the 2022/23 fiscal year. June was an exceptional month for donations. The parish received two one-time donations from parishioners that totaled almost \$100,000. It is important to note half of that, \$50,000, was immediately used as the deposit for the new boiler and temperature control system. See the insert in this bulletin for more information on that project. If you have any questions about this report, contact Cathy Sullivan, at 763.784.1329 or csullivan@churchofsttimothy.com. As always, thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Offertory Giving

Sunday envelopes	\$47,017
Automatic Giving	\$40,101
Loose plate	\$2,522
IRA, 401K, stock donations	\$122,751

June 2023 total general fund donations	\$212,391
June budget	\$98,900
Amount over monthly budget	\$113,491

Fiscal year to date July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$1,532,019
Year-to-date budget	\$1,476,000
Amount over year-to-date budget	\$56,019

Other Collections in June

Securing our Future (SOF)	\$4,360
Outreach	\$7,402
Other special collections	\$360

Parish News and Updates

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW will meet on Thursday, August 31. The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 in room 221 and the meeting will start at 7:15. All women of the parish are invited to share in this time of fellowship.

Calling All Singers!

St. Timothy's is a musical parish and you are invited to share your gifts! Our music ministry is seeking singers and other musicians for the Adult Choir, Women's Group, Living Stones (teens in grades 9-12, college), and Cobblestones (children in grades 2-8). The **Adult Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m., starting on September 6, and sings most weekends. Women's Group and Living Stones share a rehearsal time on Wednesday, (alternating about every two weeks), and sing about once a month. **Living Stones** rehearses 5:15-6:30 p.m., starting on September 6; **Women's Group** rehearses 5:45-7 p.m., starting on September 20. **Cobblestones** rehearses on Tuesday, 6-7 p.m., starting September 19, and sings about once a month.

Handbell Ministry!

The established **Handbell Choir** rehearses on Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., starting on September 12. If you enjoy hearing the Handbell Choir, and would like to learn more about ringing handbells, a **Beginning Handbell Choir** will begin this fall, with rehearsals scheduled for Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the church, starting on October 16. If you know your left hand from your right hand, and can count to four, we can teach you everything else! If you are interested in participating in any of these musical ensembles, please contact Therese Jorgensen in the parish office at 763.792.1614 or tjorgensen@churchofsttimothy.com

Adult Service Trip to U.S./Mexico Border in January

Last winter, twelve adults from St. Timothy's served along the border at two agencies that assist asylum seekers. If you might be interested in participating in such an opportunity in January 2024, plan to attend an information meeting either September 24, 9:30 a.m. or September 26, 6:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Novak, Director of Parish Faith Formation at cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com or by calling the parish office with questions.

Sponsors/Mentors Needed for OCIA

Do you love being Catholic and enjoy talking about your faith? You would be a perfect companion for a person going through our OCIA program! We would like to have several sponsors/mentors who would be able to attend the scheduled OCIA sessions (once/month until February, then more frequently) to be part of our conversations and discussions. Sponsors/mentors would also be available to accompany our candidates and catechumens to various parish events. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office for more information or to volunteer to serve in this meaningful ministry.

Faith Formation Registration

The deadline to register for children and youth 2023-2024 faith formation (including sacramental preparation) is Thursday, August 31. Register through the parish website; contact Kristen Raaen if you have questions about faith formation.

KC Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you to all who participated in the KC's first annual baby bottle drive in May and June. \$2,000 were raised for Birthright Center of Coon Rapids. Your generosity from spare change will help make a difference and support struggling families in our community.

Stewardship Highlight: Meals on Wheels

Did you know that about 10 million seniors in America are threatened by or experience hunger? Older Americans on fixed incomes who navigate increases in inflation often struggle to meet their basic needs and may risk hunger and malnutrition.

Meals on Wheels was founded in 1954 in Philadelphia and has continued to grow, providing homebound adults around the nation with nutritious meals and friendly visits.

For many years, the Church of St. Timothy has had a dedicated team of volunteers who deliver meals to seniors in our area. Here's what some of our parishioner volunteers say about driving and delivering for Meals on Wheels:



"We volunteer for Meals on Wheels because we believe seniors, particularly those who are physically and/or financially challenged, are one of the more underserved segments in our society. We believe this is a group of people that Jesus calls us to serve. As MOW drivers, we get a lot out of our connection with the participants and feel that driving and delivering a few days every other month is a small commitment on our part."

- Ron and Terry Heinz

"I started doing Meals On Wheels when I was working full time. I wanted to serve others and I found it hard to do anything consistently with my heavy work schedule. But I found that driving for MOW was one way I could reach out and help others. The routes are very organized and usually only take about an hour to complete. I see joy on the faces of many people I deliver meals to. Many people are really struggling and this is one small way I can help improve their day. I get back way more than I give. It's a blessing."

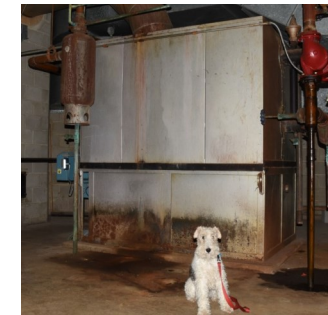
- Terri Pontious



Are you called to make a difference in lives of homebound seniors by offering healthy hot meals and an opportunity for socialization? You can serve others and make an impact by joining one of St. Timothy's teams of Meals on Wheels drivers! Several drivers have discontinued their service, so more volunteers are needed.

One team serves those in Blaine and Coon Rapids; another team serves those in Fridley, Columbia Heights, Hill Top, and Spring Lake Park. Teams drive every eight weeks, and volunteers drive as many days of the assigned week as they choose. Routes have 8-10 stops and usually take between 60 and 90 minutes to complete. Training is provided for new volunteers. If you are retired or if you have a flexible lunch schedule, this is a great opportunity to put your faith into practice through service. To join the team call the parish office or send an email to sttimothychurch@churchofsttimothy.com and let us know which of the two teams you want to serve on.

New Boiler Installed at the Church of St. Timothy



Fr. Joe's dog Cleo and St. Tim's old boiler



The new boiler installed in August 2023

As many of you know, the church boiler was installed when the church was built in the 1960's. The past few years there has been an increase in the number of repairs needed to keep it operational. This past winter there were two instances of the boiler not functioning for multiple days during very cold weather. In addition, the temperature control system in the church has not been working correctly which at times has caused it to be uncomfortably warm in winter and cold in summer. This overuse of the systems has driven up our electric and gas bills.

Consequently, the church boiler has been replaced with a high efficiency boiler and pumps as well as the entire temperature control system. The work has already begun and will be completed by this fall. The project is expected to cost \$163,300. The deposit was paid with a generous parishioner donation, and it is expected the balance will be paid using Securing our Future (SOF) funds. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Cathy Sullivan at 763.784.1329 or csullivan@churchofsttimothy.com.

Carnival Updates

We're gearing up for the Carnival Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9! It's shaping up to be a great weekend with tasty treats like egg rolls, mini donuts, and food from the St. Tim's grill. Entertainment highlights include performances by the Silver Ukes (a ukelele ensemble that includes parishioners), dancers from Dancin' Feet, the Backyard Band and the Mr. Winky Band. Visit www.churchofsttimothy.com/carnival-2023 for a full schedule and more details. Here's how you can help make our Carnival a successful fundraiser and community builder:

- Donate bottles for bottle blast! 4000 bottles (of juice, flavored water, wine, pop, condiments, shampoo, etc) are needed for this popular Carnival game. Bottle blast donations can be placed in the bins in the church or at the parish center entrance.
- Sell raffle tickets! Our goal is to make \$75,000 in raffle sales—we're making good progress but still need to sell more in these final weeks before the Carnival. The grand prize is \$10,000 and tickets sell for only \$5. Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses or at the parish office during office hours.
- Donate prizes for the cake walk! Beginning Thursday, September 7, baked goods like cakes, cupcakes, donuts, etc (either homemade or store-bought) can be brought to the parish office.

Thanks for helping make the 2023 Carnival a wonderful weekend for our parish family and our local community!

