

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 - 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.



October 1, 2023
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Stewardship 2023: Celebrating God’s Gifts, Responding Generously

There is much to celebrate as we look back on the past year in our parish community. With God’s grace, we have continued to live our mission vibrantly: loving and serving our neighbors locally and globally; building community through our many ministries; forming children, youth, and adults in faith; and worshipping God through beautiful and reverent liturgical celebrations.

However, we also look back on the year aware of the challenges of this moment. On the reverse of this page is the annual financial report. Fiscal year 2022/23 ended with a \$-44,295 deficit. The current fiscal year’s budget was approved by the parish finance committee (PFC) with a \$-91,139 budget deficit and included the following cuts to our expenses:

- The director of stewardship and development position was eliminated.
- Hours were reduced for the front office receptionists.
- Three full-time employees voluntarily agreed to take a four-week unpaid furlough to help reduce the parish’s salary expense.
- There were no salary increases for any employees.

Even with these cuts, PFC members were not fully comfortable with the current fiscal year deficit amount. However, they recognized that any further budget cuts will significantly affect established parish ministries and programs. As good stewards, the parish simply cannot continue to pull from the reserve funds for regular operating expenses, particularly given significant maintenance expenses on the horizon.

The PFC acknowledged that we are at a crossroads as a parish. Those parishioners that are donating to St. Timothy’s have stepped up and are giving more. For this, we are tremendously grateful. Yet the reality is that far fewer people are giving. In 2018, 1340 households donated to St. Timothy’s. So far in 2023, 979 households have given. That’s over a 25% decrease in five years. In addition, our expenses continue to increase. A February 2023 study of nationwide church giving pointed out that, adjusting collections for inflation, parishes have 11% less spending power than what they did in 2018. Most financial experts agree that is likely to continue and increase.

Balancing our budget each year is an important and proactive move to assure St. Timothy’s can continue to be a vibrant and thriving parish for many years to come. To eradicate our deficit in the current fiscal year, we are asking all households to consider donating a minimum of \$2 per week more. If you are able to give more, please do so. At the same time, the parish staff commits to continuing to keep our expenses down while looking at ways to encourage inactive parishioners to reengage with the parish. We thank you for all the ways that you contribute to our parish mission, and we give thanks to God for His goodness and fidelity to us all.

Father Joe Whalen, Pastor
Cathy Sullivan, Director of Administration and Finance



	2022-2023	2023-2024
	Actuals	Budget
Operating Income		
Sunday Envelopes and Autogiving	\$1,198,634	\$1,196,000
QCD's and Stock Donations	\$252,046	\$175,000
Loose Plate Collection	\$31,339	\$40,000
Large or Unusual Donations	\$50,000	\$0
Carnival and other events	\$135,066	\$130,000
Interest Earned	\$39,078	\$25,000
Catholic Appeal Refund	\$3,539	\$500
Faith Formation Fees and Donations	\$43,559	\$53,445
Distribution from Endowment Fund	\$16,100	\$16,100
Funeral Memorials	\$3,739	\$4,000
Sacramental Fees	\$16,040	\$26,800
Music/Liturgy Donations	\$620	\$3,400
Vigil Candles Revenue	\$3,315	\$3,200
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,756	\$1,600
Restricted Gifts - Operations	\$3,720	\$0
Maintenance/Grounds Donations	\$3,650	\$1,500
Gift Shop	\$1,265	\$1,200
Pastoral Care/Befriender Revenue	\$2,650	\$2,400
Total Operating Income	\$1,808,116	\$1,680,145
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$1,224,467	\$1,172,695
Maintenance, Utilities, and Insurance	\$248,106	\$177,050
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$130,228	\$144,427
Administration	\$112,839	\$127,500
Carnival and other events	\$54,599	\$60,000
Faith Formation and Pastoral Care	\$54,622	\$60,700
Liturgy and Music	\$26,799	\$27,562
Gift Shop	\$540	\$1,000
Property Taxes	\$311	\$350
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,852,511	\$1,771,284
Net Amount	(\$44,395)	(\$91,139)

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2023:

- Securing our Future (SOF) - \$812,487
- Outreach Fund—\$88,875
- Scholarship Fund—\$51,353
- Undesignated Funds—\$1,496,656

Total Donations to Funds:

	2021/22	2022/23
Outreach fund	\$102,446	\$82,680
Securing our Future (SOF) fund	\$65,650	\$56,154
STOP	\$17,848	\$17,529
Other special collections	\$21,001	\$28,695
Scholarship Fund	\$6,240	\$2,671



2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Annual Report

Maintenance Projects:

Anticipated needed maintenance projects are expected to total **\$1,032,800** over the next three fiscal years. That total does not include repairs to fix the arches on the hospitality center. It does include the following projects:

- ♦ Completion of the church boiler and temperature control system
- ♦ Parish center tuckpointing and trim painting
- ♦ Parish center air conditioner replacement
- ♦ Window replacements in the church, parish center, and rectory
- ♦ Anticipated 89th Avenue street assessment
- ♦ Parish center and church roof replacements.

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of October 1

Monday: (Memorial of the Guardian Angels) Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: (St. Francis of Assisi) Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-7, 12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: (Our Lady of the Rosary) Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Adult Faith Formation at the Church of St. Timothy

Contact Cindy Novak, Director of Parish Faith Formation, with questions about the following opportunities for adults to grow in faith and build community.

2023 Feast of St. Francis Program

On Sunday, October 1, St. Timothy's will host a "Feast of St. Francis" program

from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 224 of the parish center. The program was created by Catholic Climate Covenant, a U.S. Catholic organization committed to educating about the Church's teaching to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. This year's program theme, "The Way of Francis: Seeking Peace and Justice for all of Creation!" will help center us within Catholic social teachings on creation care and peacemaking. Come share in prayer, readings, discussion, reflection, and action.

Adult "Short Course" Offerings Tuesdays and Wednesdays

All adults are welcome to our "short course series" offerings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during faith formation sessions. The three-part series is on "Raising Catholic Kids" and begins October 3 or 4. Tuesday's sessions will be at 5:15 and at 7 p.m.; Wednesday's will be offered at 7 p.m. Check the parish website for a schedule with dates and topics. We expect lively discussion plus socializing and snacks.



Bible Study/Faith Sharing Group

Do you want to understand the Bible better and get more out of Mass? Come study the upcoming Mass Scripture readings with skilled facilitators every Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish center, room 121. Come weekly or as your schedule permits.

Racial Justice Study Group

Are you looking to learn more about race and its impact on different aspects of our lives? Would you like to learn how to live more justly and what our Catholic faith calls us to do regarding advocating for justice? This group will use readings, documentaries, and may occasionally be able to attend speaker events. To join, register through the Racial Justice page of our website.

Faith Feeds

Enjoy a potluck meal as you discuss contemporary faith issues over a three to four week period. Members will read a short reading before meeting. Groups can choose to meet in the parish center, or in members' homes, or a restaurant—your preference! The first three-week session will meet weekly between October 15 through November 4. Register through the parish website.

Parish News and Updates

Family Bible Study

St. Tim's is beginning a Family Bible Study opportunity twice a month. The first session will be Saturday, October 7, 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the parish center. Families with children and youth of all ages are invited to share in an active learning environment using music, games, art, discussion, and reflection to discover meaning in Scripture. Walk-ins are welcome but advance registration is appreciated. (This does not commit you to attending every session! Come when your schedule permits.) Register through the family formation page of the website.

Nursery Now Open

There is now nursery care available during the 10:30 Sunday Mass for children ages 1 - 5. The nursery is located on the lower level of the parish center. Contact Kristen Raaen in the parish office with questions about the nursery.

KC Breakfast

The KCs are hosting a breakfast in the hospitality center on Sunday, October 8 after both Masses. The menu is egg bake, pancakes, French toast, sausage, and a choice of beverage. A free will offering will be collected.

Council of Catholic Women's News

The Council of Catholic Women will have their business meeting on Thursday, October 5. Rosary will be at 6:30 in room 221 and the meeting will start at 7:15. All women of the parish are invited.

Winter Coats for Children

The KCs are giving away winter coats to the child of any parishioner at the hospitality center on Sunday, October 8 and Sunday, October 15 after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. A free will offering will be accepted, however there will be no cost for any child who needs a new winter coat.

Anoka County Bloodmobile

The Anoka County Bloodmobile will host a blood drive in the hospitality center on Tuesday, October 3 from 12:30-6:30 p.m. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated; make an appointment at redcrossblood.org. Blood donors help save lives!

Young Adult Discussion Group

Young adults ages 18-25 are invited to a weekly discussion group for a four to five week period. The first session will be four weeks in mid-October through the beginning of November. This group will be self-facilitated with easy-to-use facilitator's guide and all materials provided. Sessions will be about 90 minutes long. During the first session, material will be used from "Wholemakers", a Catholic curriculum designed for young adults to explore and deepen their understanding of creation care and climate action. This session will focus on Sustainability and Simple Living. To be part of this group, please complete the form on the Young Adults page of our website. indicating your preferences for meeting location, time, and day. Contact Cindy Novak with any questions.

BeFriender Information Session

The BeFrienders are St. Timothy parishioners that extend compassionate companionship, caring presence, and listening support to people who are in stressful life situations or experiencing grief and loss. BeFrienders receive extensive initial training and ongoing support in the context of a warm community of parishioners. To learn more, come to an information session on Monday, October 2 from 7-8 p.m. in the parish center. Contact Maggie Philbrook in the parish office if you have questions about the BeFriender Ministry.

