

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 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.

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Faith Formation Kickoff
September 16, 2023



All registered faith formation
families welcome!



September 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Becoming a Listening Church: A Global Synod on Communion, Participation, and Mission

The Catholic Church is in the midst of a three-year global Synod. What does that mean? The word *synod* comes from two Greek words that mean “with” and “journey” - so a synod is a shared journey of the People of God. The People of God is not just bishops and priests, but all who are baptized and share in the Church’s mission.



Pope Francis convened this Synod on Synodality, which began in October 2021, with the themes of communion, participation, and mission. This journey is to prayerfully reflect on and dialogue about how the Church can better radiate communion, share co-responsibility in mission, and embrace structures of governance that strengthen a missionary synodal Church.



Dr. Cynthia Bailey Manns

Up to this point in Church history, only bishops have been able to vote at synodal assemblies. However, earlier this year Pope Francis announced that, for the first time, lay people—including women—will be voting members at the Synod assembly that will be held in October 2023. A Catholic from our Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, Dr. Cynthia Bailey Manns, has been selected by Pope Francis as one of these voting members.

The Synod on Synodality began with listening sessions held among Catholics around the world, reflecting Pope Francis’ vision that the Church more fully become “a listening Church.” Many themes, concerns, and hopes emerged from those listening sessions. One of those themes was the call to “rethink women’s participation” which emerged on every continent as a “critical and urgent” question. Moreover, according to the recently released *Instrumentum Laboris*, which sets the agenda for October’s synod gathering, “Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women’s inclusion in the diaconate to be considered” (B 2.3 #4). The *Instrumentum Laboris* can be accessed through Global Synod page of our parish website.

In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul commends St. Phoebe to the church in Rome, introduces her as a deacon (*diakonos*) of the church at Cenchreae, and asks that they “receive her in the Lord” (Romans 16:1-3). As our global Church seeks to grow in communion, participation, and mission, we invite you to pray for St. Phoebe’s intercession for all those who will gather in Rome in October for prayerful conversation and discernment.



St. Paul gives the Letter to the Romans to Deacon St. Phoebe

“I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a deacon of the church in Cenchreae, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a benefactor to many and to me, as well.” - Romans 16:1-2

JOIN THE ST. TIM'S COMMUNITY TODAY!



If you are looking for a church home that offers meaningful worship and opportunities to build community and grow in your Catholic faith, we hope that you will consider joining us and enriching our parish family.



Register by scanning the QR code or going to the parish website at www.churchofsttimothy.com



Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of September 10

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: (St. John Chrysostom) Col 3:1-11; Ps 145: 2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17
Friday: (Our Lady of Sorrows) I Tm 1:1-12, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27
Saturday: (Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian) I Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-25

Back to School Prayer



Jesus, you invite all of us to learn and grow throughout our lives so we can better love and serve You. We pray for those who are beginning a new school year and starting a new journey of learning and growth. Calm any anxieties or concerns that come with this transition with Your peaceful and gentle presence.

Bless teachers with wisdom and patience. Bless students with curiosity and zeal. Bless parents and others who support students with compassion and care. Fill all of us with delight, awe, and wonder and enlighten our minds as life-long learners. Amen.

July 2023 Finance Report

Some parishioners have asked why this report is delayed from the actual calendar month end. The collection report is not printed until all parish financials have been fully reconciled each month. This means that parishioners are seeing final totals, versus preliminary amounts as it used to be in the bulletin. In addition, at times the printing schedule and space constraints in the bulletin will delay the collection report. If you have any further questions, 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.

Offertory Giving

Sunday envelopes	\$65,162
Automatic Giving	\$37,984
Loose plate	\$2,326
IRA, 401K, stock donations	\$13,985

July 2023 total general fund donations	\$119,457
July budget	\$108,300
Amount over monthly budget	\$11,157

Other Collections in July

Securing our Future (SOF)	\$5,125
Outreach	\$6,344
Other special collections	\$913

Parish News and Updates

St. Tim's Book Club for Adults

Book Club is back and will begin meeting on the first Monday of each month. The club will meet in-person October 2 and November 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in room 128 of the parish center. We will meet on Zoom December through March, and then back in-person for April and May. Our first book this year will be Richard Rohr's "The Universal Christ." We will read Part I for the October meeting and Part II for the November meeting. This book is available through the Anoka County Library system; there are also a limited number of copies available to borrow at the parish office. Contact Cindy Novak to learn more.

Catechism in a Year Discussion Group

Whether you are following the "Catechism in a Year" podcast or not, you are welcome to attend and discuss topics from the Catechism of the Catholic Church with this group. The group will meet Monday, October 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in room 221 of the parish center to discuss topics from Part Three: Life in Christ, such as the moral conscience, virtues, mercy, sin, grace, and justification—along with other questions or insights about the catechism shared by members.

Rosary Group

Join others to pray the rosary in our monthly prayer group. The rosary group will meet in room 221 of the parish center on Tuesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. Families, couples, youth—all are invited! Whether you have prayed the rosary for years or have never prayed it before, you are welcome. There are handouts with all the prayers and easy instructions. Bring along your special intentions so we can all pray together.

US/Mexico Border Service Trip

All adults in our parish are invited to consider traveling to McAllen, Texas in January 2024 to volunteer at Catholic ministries that serve asylum seekers. You do not need to be able to speak Spanish, just an open mind and heart to encounter others. If you would like to experience the reality of our southern border firsthand and serve those in need, consider this unique and powerful opportunity.

Informational sessions will be held on Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m. or Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. for those who are interested in learning more. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office with questions about the border service trip.



Outside Opportunities

Young Adult Movie Night

St. Stephen's (525 Jackson St, Anoka) is hosting a movie night on September 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Young adults from 21-39 are invited to come watch "Father Stu." Contact Dylan at 574.370.6859 to RSVP or with questions.

Zoom Bible Study

A group made up of parishioners from several area Catholic parishes will gather for the Cornerstone Scripture Study beginning at the end of September. The group will meet on Zoom from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursdays and will focus on the prophets. To learn more, call the parish office and ask to be connected to parishioner Pat Montain.

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