

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

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| <b>Pastor</b>   | Fr. Joe Whalen    |
| <b>Deacon/Marriage Ministry</b>                           | Joe Frederick     |
| <b>Receptionist</b>                                       | Kelly Boxwell     |
| <b>Middle/High School Faith Formation; Youth Ministry</b> | Rick Craig        |
| <b>Receptionist</b>                                       | Jill Hanson       |
| <b>Bookkeeper</b>   | Joy Heifort       |
| <b>Coordinator of Liturgical Music</b>                    | Therese Jorgensen |
| <b>Communications Director</b>                            | Rhonda Miska      |
| <b>Director of Parish Faith Formation</b>                 | Cindy Novak       |
| <b>Pastoral Minister</b>                                  | Maggie Philbrook  |
| <b>Children’s Ministries/Safe Environment Coordinator</b> | Kristen Raaen     |
| <b>Maintenance Director</b>                               | Barry Schuetzler  |
| <b>Director of Liturgy and Music</b>                      | Bill Steffl       |
| <b>Director of Administration and Finance</b>             | 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.



September 24  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



# Cornerstone Call for Submissions Listening and Love

The Cornerstone is the parish newsletter, edited by our Communications Director, and published three times each year. All parishioners are invited to submit 300-400 word personal reflections for the Cornerstone.

The global Catholic Church is in the midst of a three-year Synod on Synodality, convened by Pope Francis, that emphasizes becoming a listening Church and strengthening the ways all the baptized journey together. Pope Francis asked, "Let us ask: In the church, are we good at listening? How good is the hearing of our heart? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected or judged? Let us not soundproof our hearts."

Below are prompts for reflection as you consider writing for the Cornerstone.

- When have you been listened to well? Who in your life has shown you through their compassionate, patient listening that you are loved?
- When have you listened to someone else and found it challenging or risky? What has been an experience of listening to someone who is different in some way? What did you learn and how was God present in that encounter?
- Often God speaks to us through others. When have you experienced hearing the voice of God through someone else's voice?
- Pope Francis has spoken of "mutual listening where everyone has something to learn." How might God be calling you to listen with more care and more humility, especially to voices of those on the margins?
- When have you experienced speaking and listening across some boundary - perhaps a language barrier or some other challenge? How can care, kindness, and respect be communicated even when spoken language is limited?



## Submission deadline: Tuesday, October 24.

Please email your drafts to Rhonda Miska, Communications Director, at [rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com](mailto:rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com) or submit a hard copy to the parish office. Contact Rhonda with questions about the Cornerstone.

# You can make a difference as a BeFriender!



BeFrienders are compassionate companions and bring a caring presence to those in need of listening support.

BeFrienders provide a listening presence to individuals or families in stressful life situations, the elderly/homebound, those who are ill, and those experiencing grief and loss.

BeFrienders receive extensive initial and ongoing training support.

*"The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares."*

Henri Nouwen

**Come to an information session on Monday, October 2, 7-8 p.m. in the parish center to learn more. Contact Maggie Philbrook at 763.784.1329 with questions about BeFriender Ministry.**



# Welcome to St. Tim's!

## Daily Scripture Readings

### Readings for the week of September 24

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ez 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: (St. Vincent de Paul) Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: (Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels) Dn 7:9-10, 13-14;  
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: (St. Jerome) Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

### May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember Lois “Dolly” Anderson and all in our parish family who have died. May they rest in peace and may the grieving know God’s consoling presence. A list of parish deaths and funeral information can be found on our parish website.

## A Message from Father Joe Whalen about St. Timothy’s Carnival

The annual parish carnival has once again come and gone. This year, as each year, the carnival cannot happen without the dedication and commitment of hundreds of parishioners who volunteer their time. So please join me in offering a huge thank you to everyone who gave countless hours to planning, preparing, and implementing carnival activities.

Please offer your special thanks to carnival co-chairs Nancy Borg, Patty Mehok, and Tom Vesely. They stepped up four years for a three-year stint as carnival co-chairs, and now will be stepping down. St. Timothy’s owes them much gratitude for their leadership and faith-filled commitment to making the carnival a welcoming community event that provides entertainment, enjoyment, and a means of supporting our parish. Thank you Nancy, Patty and Tom for your steady-hands leadership of our carnival team over these past several years.

We now begin looking for a new chair or team of co-chairs to lead future carnivals. Could that be you? If you have carnival experience and are interested in helping continue this wonderful event as chairperson(s), please reach out to me or Cathy Sullivan, Director of Administration and Finance, in the parish office.

We will have final results of carnival earnings as the bills are collected and paid over the next few weeks. Those results will be shared in the bulletin as soon as they are finalized. We expect the earning results will be similar to previous years, which is a big help to sustaining our budget for the coming year. Beyond that, the carnival continues to serve as an opportunity for people from St. Timothy’s and our surrounding community to come together, meet new people, enjoy good food and fellowship, and have fun. Once again, that mission was accomplished this year, thanks to the large cadre of dedicated, caring people who contribute their time and skills. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s carnival. It does not happen without you!

# Parish News and Updates

## October 1 Blessing of the Animals and Feast of St. Francis Program

St. Timothy’s annual blessing of the animals will be held Sunday, October 1 at 1 p.m. in the Robbie Raaen Memorial Garden outside the parish center entrance. Bring your cats, dogs, and other pets to receive a blessing!

That same day we will host a “Feast of St. Francis” program. The program was created by Catholic Climate Covenant, a U.S. Catholic organization. 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 peace. Come engage in prayer, discussion, reflection, and action. The event will be held on October 1, 6:30-8 p.m. in room 224 of the parish center.

## 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 will experience an active learning environment using music, games, art, discussion, and reflection to discover meaning in Scripture. Advance registration is appreciated—this does not commit you to attending every session! Come when your schedule permits. Register through parish website on the Family Formation page under Faith Formation tab.

## Adult Service Trip to U.S./Mexico Border Information Meeting

Serving others can change your life and deepen your faith. This service trip will immerse you in seeing Jesus in others, and in being Jesus for others. The trip will be January 27 to February 4, 2024. To learn more, attend a meeting September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Novak in the office with questions.

## Bible Study and Faith Sharing Group Starting October 2

Gather with other parishioners to study the upcoming Mass readings every Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish center, room 121. Experienced facilitators will help the group discover new insights about the readings while participants will have an opportunity to share their faith and pray together. Grow as Christ’s disciple as you learn from and about Scripture. Come weekly or whenever your schedule permits. All ages are welcome.

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Plan to attend our monthly OCIA sessions (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) beginning Monday September 25, 6:30-8 p.m. in room 102 of the parish center. This is for any person who may want to learn more about being Catholic or who wants to receive sacraments in the Catholic Church.

## Youth News

### Youth Group Gatherings Begin

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend youth group Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Come to the main parish center doors; bring a Bible.

### High School Retreat October 13-15

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a weekend away to dig into the topic of finding peace in our lives. The cost is \$75 and includes transportation and meals. High schoolers who have not yet completed a weekend retreat and want to be confirmed this spring need to attend this retreat. The deadline to register is October 2; register through the parish website.

The youth group is seeking an adult with marketing/branding experience to mentor youth in an outreach project. If you can assist, or if you have questions about youth ministry, contact Rick Craig at rcraig@churchofsttimothy.com or 763.792.1617.