

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 Raen
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 Liturgy: Mass or Word and Communion service is celebrated Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. (rosary at 8:25 a.m.) unless there is a funeral scheduled. Daily Mass intentions are posted on the bulletin boards at church entrances.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. or call the office to make an appointment.

Prayer requests: Call 763.792.1618.

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.



January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of January 28 (fourth week in Ordinary Time)

Monday: II Sm 14:13-14, 30 and 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: II Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 –19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: (St. John Bosco) II Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: I Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; I Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: (Presentation of the Lord) Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: I Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; I Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

December 2023 Financial Report

Thank you to all of you who have responded generously by increasing your financial donations to our parish. As we reach the halfway point of our fiscal year, we are optimistic that a continued increase in donations will result in a balanced budget at the end of the fiscal year. If you have any questions about your giving, or if you would like to set up or change your online automated giving, please contact the parish office.

If you have any questions about this report, 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.

General Fund Donations

Sunday envelopes	\$84,167
Automatic Giving	\$40,845
Holy Day	\$2,954
Christmas	\$26,380
Loose plate	\$9,893
QCD, Donor Advised, one-time, or stock donations	\$12,128

December 2023 total general fund donations	\$176,367
December budget	\$151,000
Amount over monthly budget	\$25,367

Fiscal year to date July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	\$720,829
Year-to-date budget	\$653,500
Amount over year-to-date budget	\$67,329

Other Collections in December

Securing our Future (SOF)	\$31,938
Outreach – Includes Thanksgiving/Christmas basket donations	\$8,642
Other special collections	\$5,282

Parish News and Updates

Council of Catholic Women

The CCW will meet on Thursday, February 1 in room 128 of the parish center. The gathering will begin with the rosary at 1:30, a social at 1:45 followed by the meeting at 2:15. The gathering will include a baby shower for Birthright and Metro Women's Center. Attendees are invited to bring a donation of size 3T boys winter clothing and/or diapers (size 4, 5, and 6) to support those organizations. The gathering will also include a dice game so attendees are asked to bring a wrapped white elephant gift, valued at about \$5 (regifting is fine). All women of the parish are invited to come for fun and fellowship.

Palm Branches

Please return your old palm branches from Palm Sunday to the Church of St. Timothy by February 4. Palms may be placed in the baskets at the church exits and in the parish center lobby. Since the palm branches have been blessed, our staff will ensure they are burned as that is the appropriate and reverent way of disposing of them.



Adult Independent Learning Discussion Group

Have you listened to a faith-based podcast or read a good faith-based article lately? Are you following the Bible in a Year or Catechism in a Year podcasts? Are you doing a Bible study at home or reading about the saints? Maybe you have watched a faith-based movie. If so, this group is for you! Join other adults to share insights and resources, ask questions, and help each other grow in our faith. The group will meet monthly on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in room 221 of the parish center. The first gathering will be February 19. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office for more information.

St. Tim's Book Club for Adults

The club is reading "A Jesuit Off-Broadway: Behind the Scenes with Faith, Doubt, Forgiveness, and More" by Fr James Martin, SJ as our February and March selection. The author shares his experiences of being an advisor on a Broadway show about Judas' life. The club will discuss Act 1 and 2 for the February 5 meeting and the rest of the book at the March 4 meeting. Both meetings are on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Some copies of the book are available in the parish office. Contact Cindy Novak for the Zoom link.

Bible Study

Learn more and grow in your relationship with God as you study the Sunday Scriptures every Monday, 1:30-3 p.m. in the parish center, room 221. No previous experience or knowledge is needed. Come as often as you are able.

CCW Blood Drive

The Anoka County Bloodmobile will be at our Hospitality Center on Thursday, February 8 from 12:30 until 6:30 p.m. Your donation could help save lives! Walk-ins will not be accepted; please register online at redcrossblood.org. Call the parish office and leave a message for Kathy Petron with questions.

Youth News

High school youth are invited to register for second semester youth group topics on discerning lifestyle choices/making moral decisions, interpersonal communication skills, and practicing leadership. Please register by Tuesday, January 30 through the parish website. The second semester sessions begin Wednesday, January 31 and meets weekly from 6:30 until 8:15 p.m. If you have questions about youth ministry, contact Rick Craig at rcraig@churchofsttimothy.com

Intercessory Prayer

In this fourth and final part of St. Timothy's series on approaches to prayer, we highlight intercessory prayer: lifting up others' needs and concerns to God.

The Bible has many examples of people engaging in intercessory prayer, most notably in John 17 when Jesus prays for his disciples. Sacred Scripture also calls on believers to engage in prayer. St. Paul writes in I Timothy 2:1 "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, and intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people."

In intercessory prayer, we come before God in faith, believing in God's desire for all to live life abundantly. Even if our prayer isn't answered the way we hope, as intercessors we trust that God hears our prayers and works for good in ways we cannot often understand.

St. Tim's offers multiple ways to ask for prayer support and to serve as a intercessor for others' requests. The Catholic Council of Women group (CCW), the St. Tim's Active Retired Seniors (STARS), and the Knights of Columbus (KCs) all pray for prayer requests. To add your request to these prayer lines, contact Cindy Novak, Director of Parish Faith Formation at 763.784.0652 or cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com.

You may also contact Cindy if you are interested in praying for the needs of others, contact Cindy Novak, , at cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com or 763.784.0652 to be added to the group of pray-ers. Group members receive (via email or phone) a weekly list of prayer requests. Additionally, the parish online prayer wall can be accessed on our parish website. On the prayer wall you can add your prayer requests and also see others' prayer requests so you can intercede for them.

Intercessory prayer is powerful way to give and receive love in Christian community and to share one another's hopes, desires, and struggles.



"Intercession unites our hearts to people and places we pray for. Solidarity opens our hearts to identifying with the whole human family, reminding us of our common humanity."

(U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, page 419)

Cornerstone Call for Submissions

Eucharist: Gift of Love

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

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life, and we are in the midst of a national Eucharistic revival. The March 2024 Cornerstone will highlight our parishioners' reflections on the Eucharist and how the Real Presence of Jesus is at the heart of lives. Below are some prompts for your thinking and writing.

- The Eucharist is a communal meal where all are fed and nourished. When have you experienced communal meals in your life - perhaps at family or community celebrations or holidays - that have seemed eucharistic in nature?
- The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving" in Greek. How does your experience of the Eucharist connect with giving thanks?
- What are the significant memories of your first communion? What was your preparation for this sacrament like? How did you feel as you approached this milestone in your faith journey? What was your experience witnessing the first communion of your child, godchild, or grandchild?
- In *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "a Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented." How does the Eucharist influence how you seek to concretely show love to others? How does the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist impact your relationships with others?
- "The Eucharist commits us to the poor." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1397) How does the Eucharist relate to your effort to serve others through works of charity and justice? How does Christ present in the Eucharist connect to Christ present to our brothers and sisters in need?



**Submission
deadline: Friday,
February 16**

Please email your drafts to Rhonda Miska, Communications Director, at rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com or submit a hard copy to the parish office.