

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 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 763.755.5027 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.



January 7, 2024
Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of January 7 (first week in Ordinary Time)

Monday: (Baptism of the Lord) Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10;

Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: I Sm 1:9-20; I Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: I Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: I Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: I Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: I Sm 9:1-4, 17-19 and 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: I Sm 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; I Cor 6:13, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember Loretta Domino, Roger Hammond, Elizabeth "Betty" Peter, Gerald "Jerry" Romano, Jean Wichmann 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.

Church of St. Timothy Staff Profile: Liz Gallagher

Liz Gallagher is the newest member of the Church of St. Timothy parish staff team. She began as weekend receptionist in September 2023.

She is also very active in parish life: she is a member of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW), the social justice outreach committee, and the food shelf garden team. Liz also serves as a Eucharistic minister and has volunteered at the annual parish Carnival. Liz is also one of three parishioners who is currently participating in a two-year Lilly grant-funded discipleship education program at the University of St. Catherine which has deepened her understanding of and connection to her Catholic faith and our parish.

Liz is originally from Roscommon, Michigan and moved to Minnesota in 1997. In addition to her weekend work at the parish, Liz works for Allina Health Systems in patient registration.

Liz is the youngest of four children. She lives with her sister Kieran, their dog Lexi, and their cat Pita. When she's not working, Liz enjoys crafting, woodworking, jigsaw puzzles, and playing games. In 2002, Liz was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) but, in her words, "I have MS, it doesn't have me. I refuse to give up and let it beat me."

She enjoys her involvement at the Church of St. Timothy and is enthusiastic about being a part of our parish community.

"St. Timothy's has made me feel at home and welcomed. I love feeling like and being a part of this family," said Liz.



Parish News and Updates

Welcoming New Minnesotans

Every year as the Christmas season comes to a close on Epiphany Sunday, we hear the Gospel stories about the long journey of the magi as well as the long journey of the Holy Family after Jesus' birth. Aware that there are many in our world today who make long journeys as refugees, St. Timothy's has a long tradition of supporting refugee families as part of our Epiphany celebration.

Donations of household items such as all-purpose cleaner, shower curtains, and brooms and toiletry items such as shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes can be brought to the parish office by noon on Friday, January 12. If you would like to give a financial donation instead of or in addition to in-kind donations, please scan this QR code to donate with your credit or debit card or write out a check to the Church of St. Timothy with "refugee assistance" in the memo line. Thank you for helping to welcome new Minnesotans.



Weekday Mass Intentions

Weekday Mass is celebrated Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (unless there is a funeral scheduled) at 9 a.m. in the church. Parishioners are invited to have Masses celebrated for a particular intention. This can be a meaningful way to pray for a deceased loved one, or celebrate someone on a birthday, anniversary, or some other milestone. If you would like to schedule a weekday Mass intention, contact Kelly Boxwell in the parish office.

Book Club for Adults

Pope Francis' "Walking With Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church." The book club will gather on Zoom on Monday, January 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you have questions about the book club and other faith formation offerings for adults, contact Cindy Novak, Director of Parish Faith Formation, in the parish office.

Worshipping Via Livestream

Did you know that St. Tim's continues to livestream our 5 p.m. Saturday Mass every week on our Facebook page and YouTube channel? The archived video of the recording is available if you can't be online at 5 p.m. This means you can watch Mass at your church home even if you are traveling or unable to attend in person due to illness or inclement weather. The worship aid is available on our website and parish app so you can sing along from home. If you have questions about accessing livestream Mass, contact Rhonda Miska, Director of Communications, in the parish office.

News from the KCs

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The KCs are hosting a breakfast in the hospitality center on Sunday, January 14 after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The menu will feature an egg bake, pancakes, French toast, sausage, and a choice of beverage. A free will offering will be collected. Come join fellow parishioners for a tasty breakfast and fellowship together.

Socks For Vets

Every year the KCs collect crew socks for veterans. They extend their gratitude to the parishioners of St. Timothy's for their generosity in donating 1,308 pairs of socks in the 2023 socks for vets collection.

The Feast of the Epiphany

The word epiphany comes from the Greek word *epiphainen* which means “to manifest,” “to be revealed,” or “to appear.” Epiphany marks the visit of the magi to the infant Jesus described in Matthew 2:1-12.

It is customary to write in chalk the letters “C+M+B” (the letters of the first names of the magi Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, according to tradition) in between the first two and last two numbers of the year on top of every door in their household on Epiphany. This is a way of blessing everyone who dwells in, enters, or exits their home that year.



On Epiphany, Christians reflect on the truth that the light of Christ shines forth to people of all nations. The revealing of Christ to the magi, whose language and ethnicity and traditions were different from those of the Jewish people, symbolizes God’s revelation to the entire non-Jewish world. Epiphany is a sign of God’s graciousness and inclusivity in welcoming all peoples to share in life in Christ.

Epiphany is celebrated in a variety of ways around the globe.

Ireland: Epiphany is celebrated as “women’s Christmas” when women rest from housework and cleaning to share a special meal together.



Europe: In Spain, Poland, and other European countries, parades featuring floats with magi seated on thrones fill the streets.

Latin America: *Dia de Reyes* (Kings’ Day) is celebrated throughout Central and South America with a sweetbread decorated with candied fruit called *rosca de reyes*. A small plastic figurine of a baby is hidden inside as a reminder of how Jesus had to be hidden from King Herod.

Czech Republic: In the capital city of Prague, participants in the Three Kings Swim dive into the icy waters of the Vltava River, clad in swim trunks and crowns.

England: The night before Epiphany is known as Twelfth Night and is a time for play and practical jokes, much like April Fool’s Day. On Twelfth Night families gather to sing carols, eat yule log cake, and drink wassail.

Philippines: Filipino children leave shoes outside the door to have them filled with sweets or coins the night before Epiphany.



Prayer: Lectio Divina

Is one of your resolutions for the new year to revitalize or begin your personal prayer life? During the bulletin inserts this month, St. Timothy’s will be highlighting different methods for prayer.

This series on prayer begins with the practice of lectio divina, which is Latin for “divine reading” or “holy reading.”



Lectio divina is way of praying with Scripture that isn’t about study or actively engaging the intellect in a scholarly way. The goal is not to read a large amount of Scripture but rather to deeply savor and reflect on a few words or phrases. The steps of lectio divina are *lectio* (reading or receiving), *meditatio* (reflecting or meditating), *oratio* (responding or requesting), and *contemplatio* (resting).

1. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten your mind and heart.
2. **Lectio:** Read the passage slowly paying attention to a word or phrase that stands out for you.
3. **Meditatio:** Mull over the word or phrase that stuck out to you. Repeat the word or words over and over, letting them sink into your heart and mind. Try to discover why those particular words attracted you. Read the passage again.
4. **Oratio:** Respond with a prayer according to how the words prompt you (a prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, sorrow for sin, petition, or love). Stay with those feelings; let yourself desire God. Read the passage a final time.
5. **Contemplatio:** Be with God, enjoying his presence and letting yourself be loved. Be alone with God in the great silence that is too deep for words. Rest.

(from “The Catholic Way to Pray” by Kathleen Glavich, SND)



“Diligently practice prayer and lectio divina. When you pray, you speak with God; when you read, God speaks to you.”

St. Cyprian