

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.



February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of February 18 (first week of Lent)

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: (Chair of St. Peter) I Pt 5:1-4; Ps 22:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130: 1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember Louise Burlager 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.

Pope Francis Is Listening! Synod Listening Sessions



The Global Synod on Communion, Participation, and Mission continues, and all U.S. dioceses are hosting listening sessions during Lent. Archbishop Hebda is hosting two Zoom gatherings where participants will gather in small groups and participate in "Conversations in the Spirit" as they were practiced by Vatican Synod delegates last October. The Zoom sessions will be held on Sunday, February 25 from 2-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 27 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Register and receive the zoom link by visiting bit.ly/SynodListeningFeb25 or bit.ly/SynodListeningFeb27

At the sessions, attendees will prayerfully engage the following questions:

- Where have I experienced or witnessed ways in which Church structures, leadership, or life have encouraged and fostered our shared mission? Where have I experienced or witnessed ways in which Church structures, leadership, or life have hindered our shared mission?
- What is needed to help us all respond to our shared baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?



The feedback from attendees will be shared with the USCCB, who will compile a national report to send to Vatican Synod leaders ahead of the October 2024 Vatican Synod Assembly. Your voice and perspective matters!

There will be an optional preparation meeting for these listening sessions held in room 224 of the parish center on Thursday, February 22 from 2-3:30 p.m. Rhonda Miska, Director of Communications, and Lisa Amman, Deputy Director of Engagement for Discerning Deacons, will offer an overview of the Global Synod and the topics explored at the October 2023 assembly including ecumenism, co-responsibility in mission, LGBTQ persons, women and the diaconate, and digital ministry. Both Rhonda and Lisa were present in Rome during the October 2023 synod assembly.

Parish News and Updates

Feed My Starving Children

The Knights of Columbus will volunteer packing food at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Coon Rapids and St. Tim's parishioners are invited to serve. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 27 from 4:30-6:15 p.m. Register through the homepage of St. Timothy's parish or at bit.ly/STT_FMSC. Learn about FMSC's work at www.fmsc.org.

Friday Nights at St. Tim's

St. Tim's is the place to be on Lenten Fridays! The KCs host fish fry dinners in the hospitality center every Friday from 5-7 p.m. Stations of the cross are prayed in the church at 7 p.m. Come for a tasty meal, fellowship, and time of prayer.

Icon Creation and Installation

St. Timothy's YouTube channel now includes a five-minute video of the creation and installation of our new crucifix icon. It shows the steps from sanding the linden wood to hanging and centering the 75-pound piece of art in the sanctuary. To view it, visit www.youtube.com/StTimothyChurchBlaineMN.

Family Ministry Event: Escape!

Is your family clever enough to solve the puzzles and escape the room? Find out on Saturday, March 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the parish center. The event will begin in room 224 with a short message about the event's theme, then participants will head out for a family adventure. Upon completion, participants will return back to 224 for refreshments and another activity to take home to keep our theme alive during Lent. All families are welcome—various levels of challenge will be provided. Scan this QR code to register by February 28. Contact Kristen or Cindy in the parish office with any questions about this event.



Adult Independent Learning Discussion Group

Have you listened to a faith-based podcast or read an interesting faith-based article lately? Are you doing Bible in a Year or Catechism in a Year? Maybe you are doing an at-home Bible study at home, reading about the lives of the saints, or have watched a faith-based movie. If so, this group is for you!

Gather with other adults to share interesting insights, ask questions, share your resources, and help each other grow in our faith. The group will meet monthly on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in room 221 of the parish center. The group's first gathering will be held on February 19. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office for more information.

Lenten Faith Sharing Small Groups

It's not too late to get connected to a Lenten small group! If you are interested in participating in a weekly small group to share prayer and Scripture reflection during Lent, please contact Cindy Novak in the parish office.

Youth News

Youth Mission Trip Info Session

A group of high school youth and chaperones will go on a mission trip to Paintsville, Kentucky this summer. Parents and youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to attend an information session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28 in the parish center to learn more. Contact Rick Craig in the parish office with questions about the mission trip or other youth ministry offerings.



The Church of St. Timothy's New Crucifix Icon

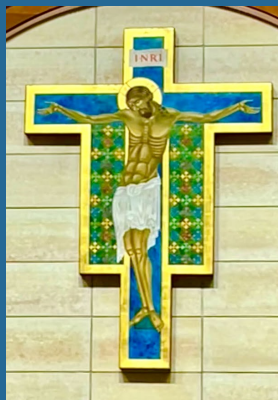
The crucifix was created by Stillwater-based iconographer Judy Symalla. It is a legacy gift from Jan Trustheim, longtime parishioner and staff member. We are grateful for their generosity in bringing our community this beautiful piece of sacred art that now graces our sanctuary.



From left: Pam Quarve (Jan's daughter), Judy Symalla, Julie Rennaker (Jan's daughter), Father Joe Whalen



Family and friends of Jan Trustheim attended the blessing of the new icon at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 11.



This Sunday we begin a six-week period leading up to the major feast of the Christian calendar – the feast of the Resurrection. It is a time of deep soul-searching, both individually and collectively. How have I, personally, lived up to my covenantal relationship with God? How have we, collectively, responded to the Creator God who has placed us in this world to “till the ground,” to care for the garden? The Hebrew root underlying the English “to till,” has a wide range of meaning and can also be rendered “to serve.”

If one thinks of tilling the ground as a form of service, one is led to envision a relationship to the Earth involving service or caring for, as opposed to ruling over it. Then Lent becomes a time to evaluate our service of God's Earth in the individual practices of our life and in our collective efforts in the realm of public policy.

In the past several decades we have become increasingly and painfully aware of how we have failed as a human race to serve and care for God's earth. If we were not yet aware a decade ago, we have been forced to awareness in the last few years in the face of disasters of enormous proportions due to climate change.

We have witnessed extreme weather events including devastating floods, prolonged droughts, raging wildfires, violent storms, deadly heat waves.

We observe species extinction due to the effects of climate change and human activity on habitats.

We are painfully aware of our inadequate response

to the urgent need to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy sources.

Conscious of our serious failure to serve the Earth—God's Earth—we hold hope in the covenant of today's readings, “I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

As we turn to the gospel selection, we find Jesus in the wilderness, the same wilderness where the tribe of Israel entered into covenant with God, and where, like the Israelites, Jesus' commitment was tested. “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.”

Unlike the Israelites in days past, Jesus passed the tests. From there, “Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.’” ■
- by Sr. Helen Graham, MM

Questions for Reflection

What's one way perhaps you have failed to care for the earth, and are in need of reconciliation?

What's one way you can serve the earth during Lent?