

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 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.



March 10, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Lent



## Welcome to St. Tim's!

### Daily Scripture Readings

#### Readings for the week of March 10 (fourth week of Lent)

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

#### May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember Paul Thomas 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: Nancy Kuehn

Nancy Kuehn has served as interpreter for the deaf at the Church of St. Timothy for over 30 years. You have likely seen Nancy sharing her gifts of American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation if you watch the livestream or the recording of our weekly Mass, or if you sit near her chair in the sanctuary at a Mass where she is interpreting.

Nancy was born and raised in Minneapolis. She has been married to her husband John for 56 years, and they have one son. Nancy has been a parishioner at St. Timothy's for about 35 years.

"I love St. Tim's! We are welcoming and inclusive. People are willing to do what they can for deaf members and other peoples who have disabilities," Nancy said about her involvement in our parish family.

"My passion to learn ASL was from my cousin who was totally deaf. I found the language to be both beautiful and expressive," she said. She underwent interpreter training in St. Paul in 1980-1981, and was mentored by Jean Haeg, a former ASL interpreter at the parish. Nancy also leads the worship sign choir that meets on Monday evenings in the parish center, guiding participants in learning ASL through interpreting worship songs.

"The sign language class on Monday evenings makes me so happy. I love teaching people to sign with beautiful worship music. We laugh and we have a great time. The people in the group are like my second family," she said.

When Nancy is not interpreting, she enjoys drawing, painting, and gardening.



## Parish News and Updates

### Coffee and Conversation

Enjoy the company of other parishioners each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in room 224 of the parish center for coffee, a treat, and conversation with other parishioners. All are welcome.

### Icon Presentation by Judy Symalla

On Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in the church, Judy Symalla, the iconographer who created our beautiful new crucifix icon, will share about iconography and the steps involved and the symbolism behind in creating an icon. Come learn more about this ancient and meaningful tradition of sacred art. There will be no Stations of the Cross that evening.

### KC Fish Fry Dinners

There are still two more fish fry dinners this Lenten season: Friday, March 15 and 22. Come to the hospitality center between 5-7 p.m. for a delicious meal. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 for children between 6-12, and free for those age five and under. Baked good from the Ladies Auxiliary will be available for purchase.

### Donations for Easter Flowers and Decorations

With St. Timothy's celebration of Easter coming up soon, you are invited to make a financial gift towards flowers and decorations for the sanctuary. This can be a wonderful way to remember or celebrate a special loved one. To contribute, please write out a check to "Church of St. Timothy" with "Easter flowers" in the memo line. Along with the check, include a separate paper with your name, donation amount, and the name of the person/people you are remembering or honoring with your donation. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary beautiful this Easter season.



### Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

Plan to journey with Jesus through Holy Week at the Church of St. Timothy.

- Palm Sunday: Saturday, March 23 at 5 p.m. (livestreamed and with ASL); Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Thursday (March 28): Mass at 7 p.m. (livestreamed and with ASL)
- Good Friday (March 29): Living Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7 p.m. (Both livestreamed and with ASL)
- Holy Saturday (March 30) Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:30 a.m. (livestreamed and with ASL) and 10:30 a.m.

## Youth News

### Old Testament Videos Created by Parish Youth

High school youth spent fall 2023 studying the journey of the Hebrew people and created three videos that share stories from the Old Testament. The videos - "Journey to the Promised Land," "Tabernacle to Temple," and "Jesus' Family Tree"- can be found on the youth ministry page of the website and on our YouTube channel.

### Youth Mission Trip 2024

High school youth of the parish are invited to consider joining in the 2024 mission trip from Saturday, June 22 through Sunday, June 30. The group will serve in Paintsville, Kentucky in partnership with St. Michael's Catholic Church. There is also a need for chaperones/drivers who are at least 21 years old. The deadline to register is Monday, April 1. See the youth ministry page of the website for more details.



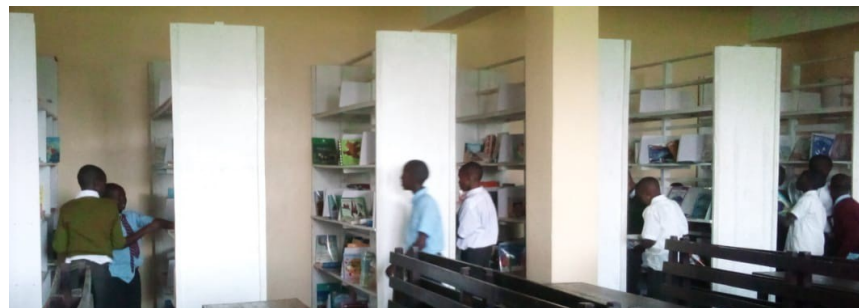
## St. Tim's Overseas Project STOP Highlight

### Kenya: Family African Network Support (FANS)

Lent is a holy season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. For half a century, the Church of St. Timothy has dedicated our Lenten giving to overseas projects that support integral development and human dignity. St. Tim's Overseas Project (STOP) is an initiative of the social justice outreach committee. This year, two projects are in Kenya and one is in the Dominican Republic.



Since 2005, Family African Network Support (FANS) has supported the community of Kapcheptoror in Kenya. FANS received STOP support in 2015 and used those funds towards beginning construction on a community center. The center includes a clinic, gathering space, computer lab, and library. FANS has also developed a community well and a community restroom.



*Photos: The entrance to the community center clinic; installation of electrical wiring at the community center; children of Kapcheptoror studying and looking at books in the community*

To give to STOP:

- Write a check to "Church of St. Timothy" with STOP in the memo line
- Scan the QR code to make a donation with your credit/debit card



**Thank your for your solidarity with our global neighbors!**



Despite what we experience in the world today, the readings challenge us not to despair. The Psalms encourage us to believe that better days are ahead as we move from darkness to light. These experiences can transform us into believers.

In this process of personal transformation, it is helpful to realize how wonderful God's love is, knowing that God was willing to give his only Son so that we might have eternal life. The unfathomable depth of God's love is awesome to consider. God sends us his Son to illumine our path in the darkness, especially when we have no sense of direction. I wonder if we can mirror this care for one another and for our world.

This Lenten season, I am reminded of many changes taking place in Nepal and other parts of the world. On my arrival in Nepal in 1977, when it was easy to view the snow-covered Himalayan mountains and drink from the mountain waters that flowed from the north to the south. But that is no longer possible.

The fertile fields around the Kathmandu Valley have been taken over by brick factories and homes and streets and shops are ubiquitous. A valley, once self-supporting, is now dependent on hundreds of trucks that snake the landscape each day, transporting supplies to feed its ever-growing appetite.

Once-fertile village fields that harvested the food for surrounding villages have been washed away and the village population can no longer exist on the meager yields. Due to climate, social, and political instability, many extended families and traditional ways of living are being quickly disbanded and destroyed. Families become internally displaced, and then, with no other

option, move out of Nepal. These newly created refugees begin a journey that could take them any place in the world to survive. But we know that many do not survive.

I have witnessed the weeping and sorrows of those who leave and those left behind. But I have also seen a resilience: a will to continue with the hardships, forged by a desire to experience a better way of life—a life that is lived not only for self, but above all, for another. This is the flame that burns and excites and drives and will not be extinguished.

The Epistle today reminds us of the great love God has for us and how this has saved us. God created us for good works and to love and care for one another as God has loved and cared for us. The readings ask us to share this great gift of God's love and care with one another and make it our way of living also. So, how do we care for one another and for all of creation? In a suffering and broken world, what am I willing to offer for the sake of another? God so loved the world that he gave us his only the Son. What am I willing to give? ■

*- by Fr. Joseph Thaler, MM*

#### Questions for Reflection

What is one way you can care for creation by caring for another person?

How might care for nature help another person in your life to experience a better way of life?