

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 763.792.1618
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 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St. Tim's!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of March 17

Monday: Dn 13:41-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: (Solemnity of St. Joseph) II Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-26; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday:

Procession with Palms: Mk 11:1-10

Mass readings: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Holy Week at the Church of St. Timothy

Journey with Jesus through the mystery of his passion, death, and resurrection with your parish family this Holy Week!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Masses
Saturday, March 23, 5 p.m.* and Sunday,
March 24, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



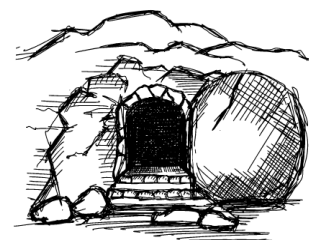
Holy Thursday (March 28): Mass of the
Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.*



Good Friday (March 29): Living Stations
of the Cross, 3 p.m.*
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.*



Holy Saturday (March 30):
Mass for the Great Vigil of Easter, 8 p.m.



Easter Sunday (March 31): Masses at
8:30 a.m.* and 10:30 a.m.

*= Will include ASL interpretation and be livestreamed on the Church of St. Timothy YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Parish News and Updates

Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community dedicated to being Christ to all people by sharing His love and hope in our diverse world. This is the draft of a revised mission statement for our parish. What do you think? Parish Pastoral Council members want to hear your feedback on what resonates with you and what you think could be strengthened. Parishioners are invited to give their feedback through an online form accessible on the website homepage. To offer feedback in hard copy format, stop by the parish office for a paper feedback form. The deadline to offer feedback is Sunday, March 31.

St. Tim's Facebook

Are you active on Facebook? Would you like some inspiration and connection to your parish family in your daily feed? Like and follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StTimothyBlaine for quotations from Fr Joe's homilies, photos from parish events, and much more.

Iconography: The Sacred Tradition of Spiritual Portraits

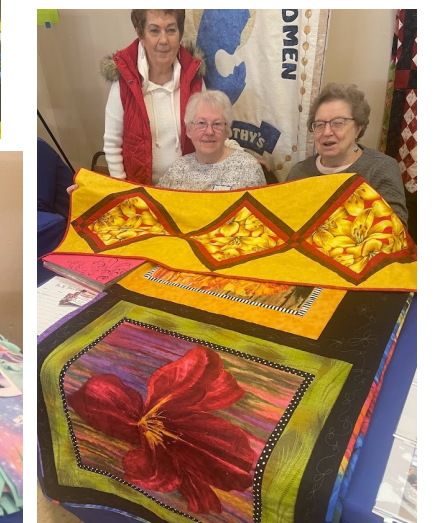
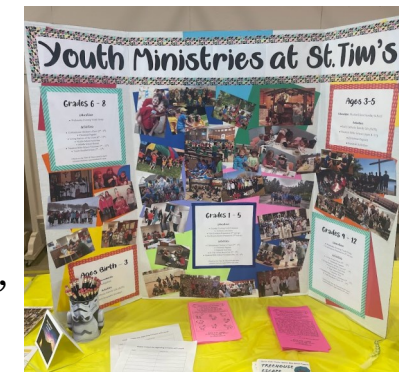
Judy Symalla is a Stillwater-based iconographer; she created the beautiful crucifix icon that was installed in our sanctuary in February. On Friday, March 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church, Judy will speak about iconography. The event is free and open to the public. Plan to attend this event and bring a friend! Please note that stations of the cross will not be prayed that evening.

Family Promise Service Opportunity

St. Timothy's is scheduled to provide support for Family Promise, an organization serving Anoka County families experiencing homelessness, the week of April 7 through 13. Parishioners are invited to provide a meal to a family in need that week. View details and sign up online through our parish homepage. If you have questions about Family Promise, contact the parish office and leave a message for Jamie Schlough.

Palm Sunday Ministry Fair

The Church of St. Timothy ministry fair will be held on Sunday, March 24 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (during the Knights of Columbus breakfast) in the hospitality center. Come learn about the many ways for people of all ages to get involved, serve others, share your gifts, and build relationships at St. Tim's!



Church of St. Timothy Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) advises our pastor, Father Joe Whalen, on St. Timothy’s day-to-day operations and long-term mission. They are charged with ensuring that the parish faithfully implements our mission. The PPC is an important body that provides leadership and guidance in keeping St. Timothy’s a vibrant community. The mission of our parish belongs not just to the clergy or to the staff, but to all members, and the PPC provides an opportunity for members to share leadership and practice co-responsibility. The PPC meets on the second Thursday of each month in the parish center. Members generally serve for three-year terms.

“As members of the faithful People of God, all the baptized are co-responsible for mission.”

- A Synodal Church in Mission, October 2023 Synod Synthesis Report

What PPC Members Say About Their Experiences of Service

“I have been on the Pastoral Council in the past. I joined again because I liked working with the other members and Fr. Joe in helping to determine the direction of the parish.”
– Dave Falkner

“I’d be lying if I said I wanted to jump right in when invited to join the PPC. I am a wallflower by nature and wasn’t sure what I might be able to offer. But I felt, if I was asked to join, God must have been calling me for a reason. PPC has taken me out of my comfort zone in such a good way. I have met new parishioners who are wonderful people. I have learned so much about the inner working of the church. It has helped me to grow my faith. I feel anyone who joins would also be able to have these same experiences.”
– Annie Burton

“I joined Pastoral Council to meet more members of the parish and be more involved. I have really enjoyed learning so much about how the staff supports our parish, about all of the clubs and committees that work hard to create the amazing community we have, and getting to know parishioners. I’ve also enjoyed getting to discuss and offer suggestions on how to handle various situations within the parish.”
– Laurie Martinson



Are you called to serve on St. Timothy’s PPC? The parish is looking for two new members to join in the coming months. If you are interested in considering serving, call or email the parish office and leave a message for Gerald Arel by Sunday, April 7.



Today’s scriptures speak of God making a new covenant: “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.” Covenants center around relationships. A covenantal relationship is all-encompassing.

One might wonder what a covenant has to do with the care of creation. The covenant has everything to do with creation care because our covenant is between God, humans, and all that is. We enter into a relationship that is both a gift and a responsibility, to love and care for everything God loves and cares for.

God writes this covenant into our hearts. Though we often walk away from our covenant, God relentlessly pursues us. God remains faithful. God’s new covenant is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. “And when I am lifted up from the Earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

In African anthropology, relationships are not only between humans, but also between humans and God, and humans and nature. Everything is connected—therefore, everyone and everything requires reverence and care. Most African communities believe that humans are from nature and, therefore, must keep a very close and reverent relationship with nature. Moreover, it is imperative to protect and nurture nature.

A few years ago, after roads had been flooded in Kenya, I overheard some elders lamenting how the younger generation had become detached and disrespectful of nature and that nature was upset with us. The elders planned to perform cleansing rituals because the flood waters had brought down branches of ancient trees.

One branch landed as if planted in the middle of a road, blocking traffic. The elders saw it as a message from the forest to perform reconciliation rituals, but the young people hurriedly cleared the road. The same week, more rainfall and a similar scenario happened at precisely the same spot.

As a child in Kenya, I heard stories that our ancestors would never cut down trees, till the land, or plant, or harvest crops without first asking for permission from the Great One. They believed that the land and forest belonged to the Creator. Unfortunately, the younger generations have lost the belief that God speaks through nature.

But when Jesus asked God for a sign, God answered, and the crowd heard the voice in the sound of thunder. The crowd exclaims, “An angel has spoken to him.”

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis impresses on us our responsibility to care for our common home and for the poor—our covenant between God, humans, and all that is. Additionally, in *Laudate Deum*, he says, “How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!” ■

-by Sr. Susan Nchubiri, MM

Questions for Reflection

What elements in your life help you to feel most deeply your own relationship with nature?

How can you nurture that connection?