

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY
707 89th Avenue NE
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Church of St. Timothy

Our Mission: We are a supportive and vibrant Catholic community. We value God's presence in the Eucharist and we are committed to outreach and peace in order to bring Jesus' love to this diverse world.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Father Joe Whalen
Deacon/Marriage Ministry	Joe Frederick
Receptionist/Administrative Assistant	Kelly Boxwell
Lead Receptionist	Jill Hanson
Bookkeeper	Joy Heifort
Coordinator of Liturgical Music	Therese Jorgensen
Coordinator of Middle School Ministry	Kayla McLellan
Communications Director	Rhonda Miska
Senior Pastoral Associate for Life and Learning	Cindy Novak
Children/High School/Safe Environment	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 p.m.

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 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.



December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to the Church of St. Timothy!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of December 21

Monday: I Sm 1:24-28; I Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10; 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: II Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: (Christmas Mass during the day) Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: (St. Stephen) Acts 6:8-10 and 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday: (St. John, Apostle) I Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-2, 8
 Sunday: (Holy Family) Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday, December 21

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 22

Quilt Group - 9:30 a.m.
 Narrow Gate Scripture Study - 1:30 p.m.
 Confessions - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23

Confessions - Noon
 Advent Reflection - 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 Pageant Music Rehearsal - 6 p.m.
 Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

Parish Office Closed
 Pageant
 Christmas Eve Masses at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Thursday, December 25

Parish Office Closed
 Christmas Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

Confessions - 3 p.m.
 Mass - 5 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Come celebrate the birth of our Savior! Invite your friends and family, to join in the celebration at the Church of St. Timothy!

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24

3:20 p.m. "Tell Me A Christmas Story" pageant *livestreamed*
 4 p.m. Mass *This Mass will be livestreamed and have ASL interpretation*
 10 p.m. Mass (musical prelude at 9:15)

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Mass (musical prelude at 8:10) *ASL interpretation*
 10:30 a.m. Mass (musical prelude at 10:10)



Parish News and Updates

Year End Giving

IRS standards require the Church of St. Timothy to treat all contributions received in 2025 as 2025 contributions for tax purposes. The following contributions will be recorded in 2025: anything mailed with a postmark in 2025; donations hand delivered to the parish office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31; donations initiated online through our website or given at Mass on or before December 31, 2025. Contact the parish office with any questions about your financial giving. We are thankful for our parishioners' generous support of our parish mission.

CCW Red Cross Blood Drive

Did you know that every two seconds someone needs blood for surgeries, cancer, chronic illnesses, emergencies, and other medical challenges? Your donation can help meet this need and provide life-saving care! The Council of Catholic Women will host a blood drive in the hospitality center on Monday, December 29 from 12:30 until 6:30 pm. If you are over 16 and have not given blood in the past six weeks, please make a difference and donate blood! Walk-ins are not accepted; appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org. If you have questions, call the parish office and leave a message for Molly.



Christmas Altar Flowers and Decor

To make a financial gift towards Christmas flowers and décor, donations can be made via check to "Church of St. Timothy" with "Christmas flowers" in the memo line. Include a note with your name, donation amount, if the gift is in honor or memory of someone, and that person's name.



Reconciliation Opportunities

If you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Christmas, it's not too late! Confessions will be heard on Monday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 23 at noon in the sanctuary near the Holy Family statue.

Preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas

Come help adorn the church for our celebration of Christmas! All are welcome to come "deck the halls" of our sanctuary on Monday, December 22 at 9:30 a.m. (after the 9 a.m. Mass). Contact Bill in the parish office with questions.

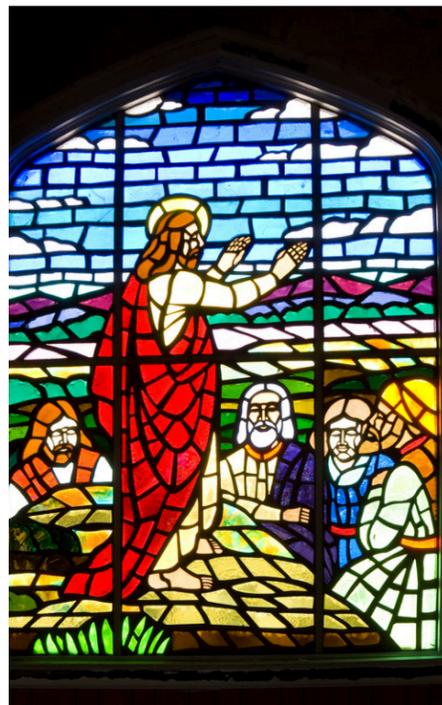


Office Hours

Please note that our parish office will be closed in honor of Christmas from Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, December 28. The parish office will also be closed in honor of the New Year's holiday from Thursday, January 1 through Sunday, January 4.

Gospel of Matthew

A new liturgical year always begins on the First Sunday of Advent, which this year was on Sunday, November 30. We are now in Year A in the lectionary cycle. That means through the end of November we will primarily hear readings from the Gospel of Matthew proclaimed at weekend liturgies.

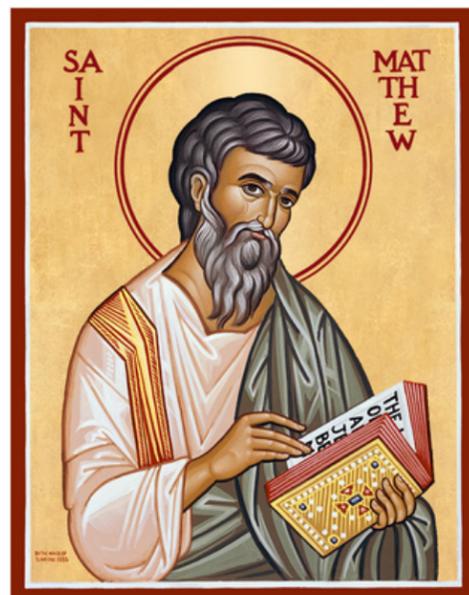


If you look in your Bible, you'll see that Matthew is the first book of the New Testament, though Paul's letters were written before any of the four gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is followed by the other three Gospels: Mark, Luke, and John. The English word "gospel" translates the Greek word *evangelion*, which means "good news."

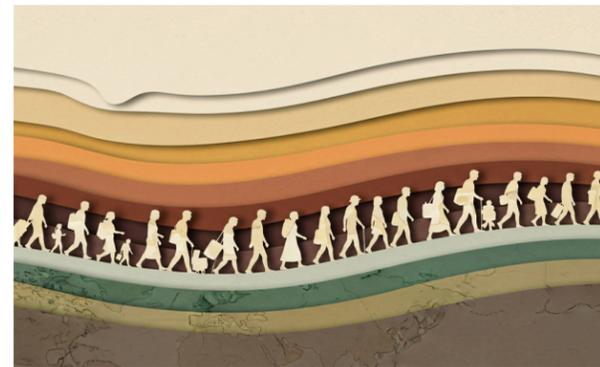
Matthew's Gospel emphasizes Jesus as Messiah from the lineage of King David. Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount, shows how Jesus gave divine teaching on a mountain, just as Moses had delivered God's teaching on a mountain. Matthew repeatedly shows how Jesus words and actions fulfill Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah.

Biblical scholars propose that the Gospel of Matthew was composed in Antioch, the capital of Syria, which had a mixed population of Greek-speaking Gentiles and Jews. They think it was written between 80 and 90 AD, around the same time that the Gospel of Luke was written.

Traditionally the book is attributed to the tax collector Matthew, one of the Twelve. Scholars believe the author was probably a Jewish Christian who was familiar with Mark's Gospel, which had already been written.



Faith & Immigration Justice Small Groups



According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, one in every 67 people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes. 40% of these are children. Who are they? What are the avenues for them to seek legal status, and how are shifting federal policies changing who can come and who can stay?

Faith & Immigration Justice, an eight-session program by JustFaith Ministries, explores immigration-related questions like these. During the program, small groups explore immigration policy and hear stories from immigrants, learning to combat harmful misinformation and embrace what our Catholic faith says about dignity of the human person.



The Church of St. Timothy is forming two Faith & Immigration Justice small groups that will meet for eight Tuesdays:

January 6, 20, 27; February 3, 17, 24; March 3, 17

One group will meet from 1-3 p.m. in the parish center; one will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. The cost to participate is \$25 and covers all materials. Register by contacting Cindy Novak at 763.784.1329 or cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com.

Come join in a brave space for prayerful, meaningful conversation across differences. Deepen in your understanding of migration and discern together how to respond to what you learn.

JustFaith Ministries creates transformative programs that inspire action to address the root causes of injustice while serving with love. Since 2001, over 70,000 people have completed a JustFaith Ministries program. Learn more at www.justfaith.org.

