

**CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY**  
707 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Blaine MN 55434

## 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.

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September 21, 2025  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

## Welcome to the Church of St. Timothy!

### Daily Scripture Readings

#### Readings for the week of September 21

Monday: Ez 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: (St. Padre Pio) Ez 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:18-21

Wednesday: Ez 9:5-9; Tob 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hag 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hag 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: (St. Vincent de Paul) Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45

Sunday: Amos 6:1, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; I Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

#### May They Rest in Peace

We prayerfully remember Theresa "Terry" Giesen, Mary Swenson, and all in our parish family who have died. May the faithful departed rest in peace, and may all who grieve their passing from this live know God's consoling presence.

### What's Happening at the Church of St. Timothy

#### Sunday, September 21

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

Faith Formation Kick-off - 10:30 a.m.

#### Monday, September 22

Quilt Group - 9:30 a.m.

Scripture Study - 1:30 p.m.

Worship Sign Choir - 6:30 p.m.

BeFrienders - 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, September 23

Strength/Balance Workout - 9:30 a.m.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 24

Blanketiers - 9 a.m.

#### Wednesday, September 24 (continued)

Blanketiers - 9 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation - 9:30 a.m.

Women's Group Rehearsal - 5:45 p.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 p.m.

#### Thursday, September 25

Strength/Balance Workout - 9:30 a.m.

Scripture and CST - 9:30 a.m.

#### Friday, September 26

No events scheduled at this time

#### Saturday, September 27

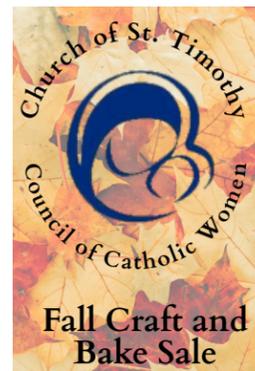
Confessions - 3 p.m.

Mass - 5 p.m.

### Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Craft and Bake Sale

The CCW will host their annual craft and bake sale on Saturday, November 1 in the parish center and hospitality center. If you are a crafter, you are invited to donate crafted items for the CCW craft table. Donations can be brought to the office before October 31.

Also, if you are a crafter interested in renting your own table at the fair, there are still a few tables/spaces available. Send an email to [sttimothysccw@gmail.com](mailto:sttimothysccw@gmail.com), visit [churchofsttimothy.com/fall-craft-and-bake-sale](http://churchofsttimothy.com/fall-craft-and-bake-sale) or call the office at 763.784.1329 to get connected with the CCW sale coordinator if you are interested.



## Parish News and Updates

#### October Book Club

"Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times" by Gregory Boyle SJ is our selection for the October Book Club meeting. A favorite author of many, Fr. Boyle's writing restores hope that there is a path forward through cultivating compassion. Books are available to borrow in the parish office. The book club will meet Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. Contact Cindy Novak in the parish office with questions.

#### Scripture Study Group

Join other parishioners to study the upcoming Scripture readings for the Mass every Monday from 1:30-3 p.m. in the parish center, room 223. Come share your faith and learn together, guided by trained facilitators. Grow as a disciple of Christ by enhancing your knowledge of Scripture. All ages are welcome. Come weekly or as your schedule permits.

#### Making Moral Decisions in a Complex World: Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching



Catholic Social Teaching (CST) has been called the Church's best kept secret, but it is a valuable resource for those seeking to live faithful, ethical lives and to help build a more just society.

A group gathers in room 224 and on Zoom every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. to look at themes of Catholic Social Teaching and consider how they can help our decision-making in our complex and conflicted contemporary world. For the Zoom link or links to recordings of gatherings (if you are not able to attend live) contact Rhonda Miska at [rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com](mailto:rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com)

### St. Tim's Overseas Project (STOP) Update

STOP is an initiative of the Social Justice Outreach Committee that supports human development projects around the globe. This initiative is rooted in our Catholic commitment to upholding God-given dignity of every human being, standing in solidarity with our global neighbors, and working for a more just and peaceful world. STOP offers grants to U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations through funds raised each year during Lent.

A total of \$19,692 was raised for 2025 STOP programs and has been distributed to the three STOP grant recipient organizations.

- Water 4 Life program to provide safe water for families (Ghana): \$5000
- Food for the Poor for second year of training farm program (El Salvador): \$9,582
- A Self-Help Assistance Program (ASAP) for tools and sewing machines for high school students learning a trade (Zimbabwe) \$5,110

If you know of an organization that could benefit from 2026 STOP funding, you can find the eligibility requirements and application on the social justice outreach page of the parish website.



## Act and Pray for Peace

As Catholics, we strive to follow Jesus through the priorities and decisions of our everyday lives. As members of the Church of St. Timothy Catholic Community, we affirm a commitment to outreach and peace as a core element of our shared mission.

On Tuesday, September 9, St. Timothy hosted a special prayer for peace service. It was a time to grieve the losses from the violence that has touched our local area in recent months, including the political shootings in June and the Annunciation shooting in August. In light of those tragedies, we gathered as a community of disciples to grieve, pray, and come together in the presence of Christ, the Prince of Peace, and Mary, Our Lady of Peace.

At the close of the service, Father Joe Whalen invited those present to visit the "Act and Pray for Peace" page on our parish website with resources on Catholic peacemaking. He also invited all to prayerfully consider taking this pledge.

## ✝️ Peacemaker Pledge ✝️

With the help of God's grace and the support of community, I pledge to be a peacemaker and strive for peace in my choices, words, and actions.

I commit to carrying out in my life the example of Jesus:

- By striving to recognize and honor that every human being is created in God's image and possesses infinite dignity
- By persevering in nonviolence in my speech and behavior
- By being thoughtful about the media that I consume and share, aiming always to charitably promote the common good
- By working to resolve conflicts peacefully
- By using my voice and power for good, working for social transformation towards a world that is marked by justice, human flourishing, and shalom for all creation.

God, I trust in your sustaining love. I trust I am strengthened by the prayers of all the holy women and men who have gone before us. Grant me the grace to live out this peacemaker pledge faithfully, for the good of all people and for your glory. Amen.

***"The peace sown by peacemakers brings a harvest of justice."  
James 3:18***

## Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park Saturday, September 27

Come learn about the importance of the Mississippi, the threats to the river, and how we can act to protect it. We will pray, reflect, and discuss how our faith compels us to care for creation and the impact this has on caring for all the poor and vulnerable among us.

This is a family-friendly event - youth are encouraged to attend!



Three options to accommodate schedules and mobility needs:

- Meet at the main parking lot of the park at 9 a.m. and join in the walk as a group to Cenaiko Lake. We will pray and sing as we go.
- Meet the group at Cenaiko Lake (parking is available closer)
- Meet the group at Pavilion #2 along the river at 10 a.m. for our speaker and shared prayer time

The park is located at 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids. Please note that there is a \$7 daily entry fee/vehicle to Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. There is free street parking outside the park. This event will take place regardless of the weather, so dress accordingly.



**"When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship in union with them."**

*Laudato Si', 87  
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Questions about this event? Contact Cindy Novak at [cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com](mailto:cnovak@churchofsttimothy.com) or 763.784.1329.