

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY
707 89th 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
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Coordinator of Liturgical Music	Therese Jorgensen
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Children's Ministry/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 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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Faith Formation Kickoff

2025



September 28, 2025
 Twenty-sixth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time

Welcome to the Church of St. Timothy!

Daily Scripture Readings

Readings for the week of September 28

Monday: (Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels) Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: (St. Jerome) Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: (St. Therese of the Child Jesus) Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: (Holy Guardian Angels) Neh 8:1-7, 12; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: (St. Francis of Assisi) Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hab 1:2-3 and 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; II Tm 1:6-8, 13-24; Lk 17:5-10

What's Happening at the Church of St. Timothy

Sunday, September 28

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

Monday, September 29

Quilt Group - 9:30 a.m.

Scripture Study - 1:30 p.m.

Worship Sign Choir - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30

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

Cobblestones Rehearsal - 6 p.m.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1

Coffee and Conversation - 9:30 a.m.

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1 (continued)

Middle/High School Faith

Formation - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 2

Scripture and CST - 9:30 a.m.

Faith Formation Advisory

Committee - 6 p.m.

CCW Rosary - 6:30 p.m.

CCW Monthly Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

Friday, October 3

No events scheduled at this time

Saturday, October 4

Blessing of the Animals - 2 p.m.

Confessions - 3 p.m.

Mass - 5 p.m.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: October 2025 Intention



Each month, Pope Leo XIV selects a particular intention and invites Catholics and other people of good will around the world to join him in prayer for that specific concern. Learn more and view the monthly intentions at www.popsprayerusa.net. The papal prayer intention for the month of October is:

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Parish News and Updates

Council of Catholic Women

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 2. All women are invited to attend. The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. followed by refreshments being served at 6:45 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching

St. Tim's fall series on making moral decisions in a complex world continues on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30. The sessions are held in room 224 with the option of attending on Zoom or watching the archived recorded video.

Even if you haven't attended or watched sessions up to this point, you are invited to jump in as your schedule allows.

Each gathering includes prayer, learning about a theme of Catholic Social Teaching, and a saint who serves as a model of courageous, faithful living.

The topics for the remaining sessions in the series are the following themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

October 2: Call to Family, Community, and Participation

No gathering on Thursday, October 9

October 16: Rights and Responsibilities

October 23: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

October 30: Dignity of Work/Rights of Workers

November 6: Solidarity

November 13: Care for Creation

November 20: The Common Good

For the Zoom link or recordings of the sessions, contact Rhonda Miska at rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com.

Blessing of the Animals

As the Season of Creation draws to a close and we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology, join in prayer and celebration with your fellow parishioners and our special animal friends.



Bring your pets to receive a blessing. The blessing will be held in the Robbie Raaen Memorial peace garden (in front of the parish center) on Saturday, October 4 at 2 p.m. The blessing will take place in the hospitality center if there is rain.

New Carpeting

Installation of new carpeting in room 224 and in some of the classrooms on the first floor of the parish center has begun. Thank you to the CCW who generously provided funding for the much-needed new carpeting in these spaces.

2026 Border Immersion Trip

Are you curious about what is happening at our southern border? How does immigration affect the daily lives of people living on the U.S. side of the border? What is a Catholic response to the needs of migrants? Learn and serve at the border during our trip January 25-31, 2026. Find out more at an information meeting Tuesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. in room 224. Contact

Cindy Novak if you are interested in the trip but unable to attend the meeting.



Cornerstone Call for Submissions

Sowing Peace, Harvesting Justice

The Cornerstone is our parish newsletter, edited by our Communications Director, and published three times each year. All St. Tim's parishioners are invited to submit 300-400 word personal reflections for the Cornerstone.

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

In a world marked by violence and division, Christians strive to hear the voice of Jesus announcing "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). The November 2025 Cornerstone will highlight our parishioners' experiences of and reflections on the connection between peace and justice, and our efforts to be faithful disciples of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Below are some prompts for your thinking and writing.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Do you agree? How can we remember that we belong to each other? What practices support this remembering?
- In responding to the shooting at Annunciation, Pope Leo XIV referenced the words from Isaiah: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks." How does this image speak to you?
- In September 2025, parishioners were encouraged to take the peacemaker pledge, including in the September 21 bulletin and shared on our Facebook page, in our email newsletter, and website. Did you take the pledge? What impact has it made for you? What aspect of the pledge do you find most challenging?
- What experiences have you had of working through conflict in ways that led to the deepening of relationship and greater understanding between people?
- In his homily at the prayer for peace service at St. Timothy, Father Joe preached about the angel's words to Mary: "Do not be afraid." What is the relationship between fear and violence? How do you work to face fear so that you can be peacemakers in our relationships and our world?

Submission deadline: Monday, October 20.

Please email your drafts to Rhonda Miska, Communications Director, at rmiska@churchofsttimothy.com or submit a hard copy to the parish office.

October 4-5: Jubilee of Migrants - Pilgrims on the Way

National Migration Week is held September 22-28 this year, and the World Day of Migrants and Refugees is held on October 5. The theme for these events is "Migrants: Missionaries of Hope" to highlight the courage and tenacity of migrants and refugees who bear witness daily to hope for the future despite difficulties. Join Pope Leo XIV and Catholics around the world in praying for our migrant brothers and sisters in the world.

A Prayer for Migrant Families

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families.

We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life.

Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to a place of safety and peace.

Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by violence and injustice.

As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek.

Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

