

# THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

July-Aug 2024

## Security Amid Division *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

No one is likely to be unaware that our country is seriously divided. Politically, politicians are threatened with losing their next primary if they work with politicians on the other side of the aisle. Religiously, denominations (including Catholic) are dividing into separate religions. Families struggle to avoid such topics lest family members stop speaking to each other or even refusing to be around certain other family members.

It seems that in the midst of the uncertainties of life, we are grasping for absolutes. Our world keeps changing. It's a challenge to figure out what we need to do. The economy and so our financial security seems unreliable. People predict both growth and depression at the same time. The sources of news we respected in the past are now labeled as "fake news" and there are so many sources of information on the internet that it seems impossible to know the truth. So much has changed with the internet, computers, and emails that we can all too easily be fooled and lose money or even control of our identity. Life seems scary!

The temptation is to hold fast to what we think is true. Maybe even going back in some ways to what we know from the past as a source of comfort and security. What we hold to so tightly begins to become for us what is obviously true. We expect others to agree with us. We seek the apparent safety of others who agree with us. People who hold a different view not only disagree with us, but seemingly threaten our sense of security and safety.

There can only be one truth. If what we hold is true, and we know it is, people with other views threaten our equilibrium. They

seem to us almost spokespersons for evil. We hold to "our truth" and fight that enemy who holds their falsehoods.

This is the outcome when we try to provide our own security. When our sense of equilibrium is based on our understanding of truth, it is always on sandy ground and we fear the storms.

Can we trust God to be our security? God doesn't fix our world. God doesn't confirm our ideas as right. God doesn't guarantee we will not be hurt.

Jesus spoke truth to the world of his time; a truth still valid for us. He didn't give an academic treatise or a complete moral code to follow. His truth was "spoken" as much with his life as with his words. Jesus' authority wasn't anything the people recognized as authoritative at his time but rather a truth that came from his heart. Only those who could listen with their heart could know and accept his truth.

Jesus' authority came from within not some external power. Jesus began his ministry hearing the words, "you are my beloved Son" at his baptism. He began his final journey to his passion in Jerusalem hearing those same words on Mt. Tabor. He knew the love of his Father and he knew no power could take that away. He knew, no matter what circumstance, including His own crucifixion, could keep him from being united with His Father and allowing the love of His Father to flow through Him. He could still forgive the very people crucifying Him.

When challenged and questioned by religious leaders of his time, he didn't waver for choosing to care for the poor, sick, or outcast regardless of the threat.

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He challenged the religious leaders not over some theological argument but on the grounds they couldn't deny; love of God and neighbors, especially those in need. Jesus' foundational rock wasn't something he could point to outside himself but the solid ground of the Father's love flowing from within.

That solid foundation is available to us also. We will not find it in another person or in a political or religious argument, nor in human power to try to shape the world according to our personal

beliefs. We too can only find it in that intimate relationship we are invited to have with our Father. God's love is eternal and ever present to us. Regardless of our circumstances, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Our hope is not in getting the world to give us security but in finding that rock within us that comes from our union in the love of God. Looking for truth and security from the world around us only perpetuates the divisions and fighting we worry about. Trust in God's love in us is our only hope in this world and for eternal life.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### June 2024

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ 86,741.78</b>
<b>5% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$4,337.09</b>
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection - Peter's Pence	\$3,337.09

### July 2024

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ 103,911.75</b>
<b>4% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$4,156.47</b>
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
Hope Ministries	\$3,156.47
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$156.47
<b>1% TITHE</b>	<b>\$1,039.12</b>
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$156.47
<b>Total to STYM/Outreach:</b>	<b>\$1,195.59</b>
<b>STYM</b>	<b>\$657.57</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>\$538.02</b>

## Our Parish Family

### New Families

Abeguil and Virginia Aguilar  
 Rocky and Karen Begley  
 Jeremy and Andrea Bey  
 William and Barbara Boccomino  
 Brent and Sarah Brunelle  
 Tim and Theresa Cady  
 Christopher and Jennifer Carroll  
 Holly Carver-Lemus  
 Sarah Couch  
 Eric and Allison Ford  
 Cathy Griffith  
 Nicholas and Katie Hoffer  
 Maria Shajan and Biolin Joseph  
 Robert and Amanda Mangine  
 Robert and Pichcha Neal  
 Christopher and Jennifer Ormond  
 Mark and Michele Romito  
 Steven Scheifers  
 Joseph and Erin Schneider  
 Sebastian and Alexandria Torres  
 Tyler and Catherine Vivi  
 Rob and Michelle Wagner

### Baptisms

Declan Charles Artrip  
 Brooks Anthony Bleser  
 Colson Richard Brock  
 Katelyn Nicole Chauca Quizhpi  
 Walter Scott Haag  
 William Timothy Macaulay  
 Harrison Bryant Mitchell  
 Maya Ann Mitchell  
 Macie Rose Montgomery  
 Blair Annalise Muenchen  
 Rosalina Camille Schmitz  
 Juan Jose Silverio-Villa  
 Ezra Andrew Vandiver  
 Evan Mitchell Wilmes

### Deceased

Gary Baker

### Weddings

David Jeremy Fister & Lisa Marree Salmon  
 Brandon Douglas Staggs & Katie Marie Staggs

# View from the Pew

By Jayson Putnam



There's no better feeling than sharing news with someone special. You know, that person who cheers with you, high-fives you, sits with you, holds you or cries with you. Life can be such a roller coaster at times, but having special people who can meet you during the ride to comfort you is priceless.

But sometimes those important people aren't able to be there when you need them. Sometimes they're working or out of town or maybe they've even passed on from this life at the moment you have something to share. When these times happen, where do you turn?

Well here at St. Tim's you're in luck when these times happen. There is ALWAYS someone here to comfort you, sit with you, listen to you or just be present with you. ALWAYS! Any time of day or night you can come to our church. The code 4-4-4-4 will open the door to our Adoration Chapel, which is on the side of the church closest to the school, whenever you have great or sad news, exciting or scary news or if you just need some quiet in the middle of the storm of life.

Our chapel is always ready for you. The automatic lights turn on as you enter. There are kneelers and seats. There are books to read if you just want to spend time sitting with Jesus. There are even rosary's hanging on the sides of the central kneelers for your use while you're there.

The code is easy to remember—just think of the four gospels, the four winds (Rev. 7), the four corners of the earth and the four quadrants of a compass. Jesus himself spoke of the four winds in Matthew 24 and Mark 13. These readings seem to relate the number four to being “everywhere”—just like Jesus who is awaiting you

in the Adoration Chapel. He really IS there and you should be too! I'm not sure where the reasonings for the code actually came from (if there are any!), but these things made sense to me.

If you can't attend a Mass, you can find him there. Can't reach someone to share great and exciting news, you can find him there. Can't find anyone to console you during a tough time, you can find him there. Can't focus or heading down a tough path,

you can find him there. Unsure how to navigate the storms of life, you can find him there. I personally found him there after our son, Aiden, had his strokes many years ago. I found peace and comfort during the most challenging times of my life that I felt I had no control over. I found Him there.

Want to go, but nervous or unsure about it? Send me a message at [Jayson.putnam@gmail.com](mailto:Jayson.putnam@gmail.com) and I'll meet you there.





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## PSR Classes Start Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>! It is not too late to register.

**PSR Schedule** For the week of

**Sept 08** - Classes on Sunday and Wednesday

**Sept 15** - Class on Sunday

**Sept 22** - Class on Wednesday

**Sept 29** - Classes on Sunday and Wednesday

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, School Office, and can be emailed to you by request. Please reach out to Carol S. Lense with any questions [clense@saint-timothy.org](mailto:clense@saint-timothy.org)



### Want to learn more about Jesus and the Church?

You are welcome to join our RCIA classes which start in September.

We offer a relaxed, welcoming, no pressure atmosphere  
for adults to learn about Jesus and His Church.

For more information contact the parish office at 859-384-1100

or Debbi Cranley at [debbi@cranley.net](mailto:debbi@cranley.net).

Altar  
Servers



**Saturday, September 14**

**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Server Training for New and Existing Servers.**

**New Servers must be in 4th grade or above.**

**No registration required, just show up.**



If you are looking for a way to strengthen your Catholic knowledge, check out the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute. This is a free resource given to us by the Diocese.

Use this link - <https://Franciscanathome.com/diocese-covington> and click on the big blue button at the bottom right of the screen stating that your Parish has already registered. Under "New to Franciscan at Home?" click on **Create New Account**. Once you have entered all the \*required information for your account, the next step is to **Sign Up** for Free through your Institution by selecting **Diocese of Covington** and **St. Timothy Parish and School** as the Institution.

- ◆ There are some great online classes available to you.
- ◆ The classes are laid out in segments, 6 to 10 per class.
- ◆ You can print a supporting page for the complete class, watch a video ( 6-11 minutes usually) then reflect on it, and write in an answer to the activity for that video.

The topics are listed as tracks, with options like the Sacraments, Eucharistic Renewal, Parenting, Marriage Renewal, Theology of the Body, etc. Tracks are offered in English, Spanish and many other languages.

Each track may have 2 or more classes, and most classes have 6 to 10 video segments.

*I have enjoyed these classes, and recommend them if you have the time and inclination. Please let me know if you have trouble signing in, or want direction on a good class choice, or have any questions.*

Carol S. Lense, Director of Religious Education 859-384-1100 ext: 1105



The Diocese, in conjunction with Franciscan Institute is offering **Mentor Workshops** this fall. This is available for anyone who is interested in exploring being a Mentor for classes through the Franciscan Institute. These classes are available to all, and paid for by the Diocese.

*Mentors would be those who are interested in interacting and providing some guidance to others taking classes, and possibly leading small group studies. If this is something you are called to do – please join us!*

**Being Guided and Guiding Souls** - Saturday, Sept. 14, 28, and Oct. 5, - 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
St. Timothy Parish in Union (Southwest Deanery). This is a three-part Workshop.

**Personal Vocation and the Mentoring Relationship** - Saturday, 11/9, 11/30 + 12/21, - 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Diocesan Curia Offices, Bishop Howard Auditorium (N. Kenton County Deanery). This is a three-part Workshop.

**Building the Mentoring Relationship: Asking Good Questions** - Saturday, 1/11, 1/18 - 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
St. Pius X Parish Meeting Rooms, PMR 1, 2 & 3 (Northern Kenton County Deanery). This is a two-part Workshop.

**Building the Mentoring Relationship: Empathic Listening** - Saturday, 2/8 + 2/22 - 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Diocesan Curia Offices, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Covington Deanery). This is a two-part Workshop.

Register for the In-person Mentor Training Workshops through Camino at <https://covdio.org/register/>  
Please contact Carol S. Lense with questions [clense@saint-timothy.org](mailto:clense@saint-timothy.org)

**St. Timothy  
YOUTH  
MINISTRY**



**End of Summer Kayak Trip  
Morrow, OH - Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>**











# Saint Timothy Catholic School

## *Join Us!*

### October 6, 2024

### Mass & School Open House

Our second annual Purple & Gold Open House will be held after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Come visit our school, meet our staff, explore our campus, and find out what makes St. Timothy Catholic School the perfect place to learn!



# YOU WERE MADE FOR MORE

*Come and See.*

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal.

Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church?

Join Christopher West & Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

St. Timothy, OCT. 2, 2024

*Get your tickets in the parish office or online here:*



\*Suitable for ages 13 & up — Bring your youth!

## FAMILIES OF ST. TIM'S

Are you looking for a Catholic community to help raise future saints (and maybe become one yourself)?

**This Group is for you!**

### Meetings:

**Park Playdate (Families)**

*First Saturday 9:30am*

**Abide (Moms Group)**

*Third Tuesday 8:00pm*

**Bourbon, Books, & Brew (Dads Group)**

*Fourth Tuesday 8:00pm*

Email Kristen for more information:

[kristenmary.meiser@gmail.com](mailto:kristenmary.meiser@gmail.com)



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# World's Longest Yard Sale

August 3, 2024



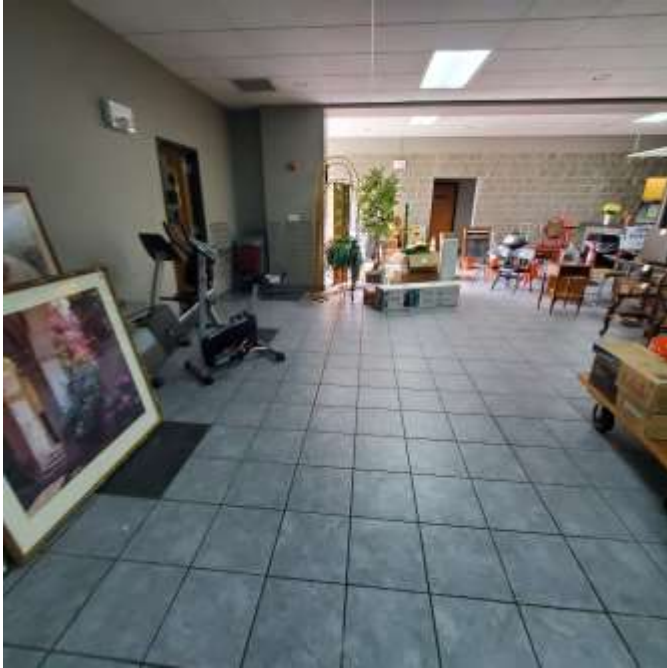
The weather was perfect!



We had an army of people who came out to help our seniors sort and price items the entire week before the event. With our parishes donations this booth raised almost \$3000.

Thank you!





**Lots and lots of shoppers came out to visit the 34 vendors to purchase their new treasures. Some came from as far away as Oklahoma. Many had carts and wagons to haul their goods back to their cars.**





**3 of are fabulous chefs who cooked up burgers and hot dogs for the many hungry shoppers. This booth raised over \$1300. Thank you Nikki and Chris Schnitzler and John Strassburger and all the others!**



**All monies raised from booth sales Senior booth, parking and food go to support our International Mission "Project Sheluka." This young lad is pumping water from a pump like the ones being installed in Zambia. Last year we were able to purchase 110 wells for remote villages around Zambia.**



## Update - August 2024

There have been a few noteworthy developments since I last wrote in June. Recall in early June we shipped over a ton of hardware to Zambia needed to build 120 sandpoint wells and pumps. Presently the crate and pallet are in the Port of Durban South Africa and await loading onto a truck to complete the last leg of the journey to Zambia.

When I initiated this shipment I was still hoping to receive the duty free import exemption by the Republic of Zambia. Prof Imasiku Nyambe and I have petitioned the Ministry of Finance for over a year, completing one complex form after another. It became a matter of principle. Every last piece of material that we ship is for charitable distribution and was purchased, discounted or donated by many of you! Every dollar saved at Customs is a dollar applied to helping the people we serve. In July the Prof and I drafted a letter to the Minister of Finance making this case. I am happy to report that as of 9 August 2024, Project Sheluka has been granted duty free import status!

Thank you Honorable Mr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance , Republic of Zambia!



## Mission Trip 2025

Come learn about our trip to Jamaica!

June 14 - June 20, 2025

Informational Meeting in

Brodnick Hall on

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

At 6:30pm





## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Needed - Will YOU Help **"Feed the hungry?"**

Perhaps it is because we are in the midst of the three year National Eucharistic Revival driving a renewed reverence for and in the Eucharist, but our parish is experiencing a growing demand from residents living in several senior living facilities to regularly receive the Eucharist. Almost two years ago, we started holding weekly Communion services for the newly opened Legacy senior living facility. As that facility filled up, so too did the number of faithful increase in the weekly Communion services offered in their chapel. Several of our parishioners have since been volunteering to hold Communion services each Thursday since December, 2023. For many years other parishioners have been visiting individuals in Colonial, Boonspring and Story Point. And two other facilities, Provision Living and Scheper Ridge, have residents asking to receive the Eucharist on a regular basis. This is a great blessing for our parish to bring Christ to those who wish to receive Communion as it is a blessing that so many are reaching out to receive the Eucharist. But, as we hear Jesus' words in Matthew's Gospel, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Matt. 9:38), we need trained Eucharistic Ministers to help "feed the hungry", those who wish to live their Catholic faith.

Because this ministry of supporting the faithful who are now living in several of these senior living facilities has grown so much, we need to coordinate our efforts to satisfy their needs. And we can only do that with Eucharistic Ministers from our parish willing to bring Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to those to who wish to receive Holy Communion.

If you are able to help in this growing ministry, please leave your name and contact information with the Parish Office, and I will follow-up with you so we can satisfy the growing demand to receive the Eucharist.

*Deacon John Leardon*

The **SVDP pantry is in desperate need of the following food items**. Your donations help us support our local community. **Please place items in the Blue Barrel** in the gathering space.

Any additional items donated are Greatly Appreciated!!

- **Instant Mashed Potatoes**
- **Canned Chicken**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Instant Oatmeal**
- **Jelly**
- **Saltine Crackers**
- **Shampoo**
- **Deodorant**



**The St. Timothy  
Knights of Columbus  
Are Looking for You!**

Looking for a way to give back to your  
Parish and Community?

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS TODAY!**

The Knights are open to  
any Catholic Man over 18

For membership information visit  
[www.kofc-st-timothy.org](http://www.kofc-st-timothy.org) or contact  
TJ Mueller - [tjmueller17@gmail.com](mailto:tjmueller17@gmail.com)



### **St. Timothy Men's Group**

The St. Timothy Men's Group meets on the **2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 7:30 am** in **Brodnick Hall**. To receive the email with the meeting details, contact: **Greg Egbers** at [gegbers@fuse.net](mailto:gegbers@fuse.net) or **859-240-6679**.



# SAVE THE DATES!



Friday, September 20th

6pm-11pm

Rucca & Crown Watts Band

Saturday, September 21st

5:30pm-midnight

Dylan Vaughn & The Sly Band

Sunday, September 22nd

12:30pm-6pm

FAMILY DAY!

FREE CIRCUS SHOWS presented by

Cincinnati Circus! 1pm & 3pm

ALL DAY ride wrist bands!!

Donations  
**NEEDED**

\*Kids Games Prizes

\*Alcohol



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Wishlist



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PAGE!



<https://tinyurl.com/tc9k7282tt>



**DON'T MISS  
PRESALE  
WEEKENDS!**

**Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st  
Sept. 7th & 8th**

## **DERBY DUCKS**



**\$25 chance to WIN \$250  
\$50 chance to WIN \$500  
\$100 chance to WIN \$1,000**

**DISCOUNTED  
RIDE TICKETS!  
\$1.00  
PER TICKET**

**TSHIRTS \$15  
BEER MUGS \$4  
TICKETS 30 FOR \$25**



## **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**<https://tinyurl.com/bdz9vxj2>**



**ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE A VOLUNTEER T-SHIRT  
WATCH FOR DETAILS WHEN YOU SIGN UP!**

Like the Apostles, is Jesus asking YOU to  
“spend just one hour with ME?”

**We NEED the following for Adoration times listed:**

<b>Noon - 1 pm</b>	<b>Need 1 person</b>
<b>1 pm - 2 pm</b>	<b>Need 2 people</b>
<b>2 pm - 3 pm</b>	<b>Need 1 person</b>
<b>5 pm - 6 pm</b>	<b>Need 1 person</b>
<b>6 pm - 7 pm</b>	<b>Need 1 person</b>
<b>8 pm - 9 pm</b>	<b>Need 1 person</b>
<b>9 pm - 10 pm</b>	<b>Need 1 person</b>

**We just need 8 people to answer His request!**

**Please contact: Miriam Burkart 859-746-1443**

**OR**

**MiriamBurk@icloud.com**

**and make a commitment to  
BE with Jesus for one hour.**

