

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

Sept-Oct 2024

A Time of Generosity *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

The time roughly between Halloween and Christmas is a time when people's generous spirit shines most brightly. Most churches, civil organizations, and many assorted groups of people take up various collections at this time of year. Canned goods and other food items, clothing, baby items, Christmas gifts, and cash are all collected more at this time of year than any other time.

Food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other non-profits who help out the poor or otherwise disadvantaged have their shelves filled. It is not unusual for people to have to call around to find an agency that is willing to take what is being collected. Even non-profits call each other at times offering to share what they have because their shelves and storage areas can hold no more.

There are a lot of warm feelings connected with this time of year. We know it is a time to be thankful for all we have and we show our thankfulness by being generous. It's a time of gift giving; we get caught up in giving gifts, often more than planned, to family and friends and buy gifts for those in need at the same time. The stores know how to stoke those feelings of warmth by playing Christmas music. TV stations and radio stations know that we respond to these feelings and have Christmas specials and 24/7 Christmas music interspersed with commercials appealing for your donations.

Should we really give in to this "time of giving?" The feelings of Christmas do come and go. All those agencies who aid the poor and disadvantaged will tell you after Christmas the giving drops off precipitously. In a few months they are begging for gifts as their shelves grow empty. What's the point of this one time of year to be generous?

Paul tells us that Jesus said, "It is better to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. When we

give at Christmas, it is a hope that we will get beyond the sentimentality of the season and learn the value of giving. Jesus' statement makes no sense in a world where we try to make ourselves happy by buying ourselves things and being able to afford to go places that cater to us in various ways. Our world's values tell us if we could just have a little more, if we could afford to do this or that; then we would be happy. And if we want to make others happy and have them love us, we have to give to them in the same way. Whatever we have, is never enough; we need still more.

Is it really better to give than to receive? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. How can we be cheerful in giving away what is supposed to make us happy? If we are able to take time to reflect and pray during this special season, we will discover how good it is to give. There is a sense deep within our being that makes us feel good when we give without strings attached. It's not just a sentiment but an affirming feeling that acknowledges the goodness deep within us. It is a sense that we have touched a good that is in us but beyond us; we've encountered the presence of God!

If we can get beyond all the sentimentality of this season and be in touch with that ultimate goodness deep within us, our desire to be generous will not fade. The more we recognize that deep affirmation of our own goodness, the more we become the cheerful giver. We will know that it truly is better to give than to receive. It is more deeply affirming to know our own goodness and connection to God than to have something for ourselves. In this season of giving, which we often allow to be so busy, we will need to choose to take time to pray and reflect on our gift giving.



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Stewardship of Treasure

August 2024

COLLECTIONS:	\$ 102,946.00
5% TITHE:	\$5,147.30
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection - Domestic Needs	\$4,147.30

September 2024

COLLECTIONS:	\$ 124,093.00
4% TITHE:	\$4,963.72
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
Welcome House	\$3,000.00
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$963.72
1% TITHE	\$1,240.93
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$963.72
Total to STYM/Outreach:	
	\$2,204.65
STYM	\$1212.56
Outreach	\$992.09



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

Need 1 more person for the following hours:



Noon - 1:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Just need 4 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.

Our Parish Family

New Families

Fidel and Fabiola Cobarrubi
 Robert and Jennifer Cote
 Jacob Davids
 Hilario and Rosa Franco
 Brady and Ashlie Gray
 Donald Grothaus
 Angela Jeffrey
 Luis and Marlene Matias
 Joshua and Sydney Nooy
 Richard and Bethany Osborn
 Christopher and Carolyn Peterman
 William and Jennifer Phipps
 Aaron and Barbara Pyke
 Diego and Reina Salazar
 Austin and Caitlin Sereday
 Chris and Candis Simspom
 David and Erin Starbuck
 Laura Tenfelde
 Pedro Tineo
 Ricky Veal
 Ernestor and Martha Vera

Baptisms

Alice Bianchi-Lunnemann
 Roan Daly
 James Isler
 William Isler
 Patrick McCarty
 Joseph Niemeyer
 Ruth Powell
 Gail Royalty
 Lee Sleep
 Estelle Stauffer
 Tyler Thomas Windham

Deceased

Robert Gosney
 Barbara Sanders

Weddings

Jonathan Todd Baeten & Hailey Logan Gillispie
 Andrew Nathan Nash & Victoria Lynne Kremer
 Mason Alexander Morgan & Hope Kingsley Siemer
 Justin Mark Butler & Danielle Singleton

View from the Pew

By Jayson Putnam



Sometimes we all need a break. Life is messy and chaotic and exciting and challenging and lonely and full of things that are unfair. Sometimes a short getaway can be recharging and refocusing in a way that feels like we were away for much longer than it actually worked out to be. Taking the long way home some days is nice and can end up being the breath of fresh air that we need and are seeking in the middle of our daily life. I have found more peace than I could have ever imagined by taking the path less traveled.

Did you know we have a path less traveled right here at St Tim's? Seriously! There's an actual gravel path that begins at the end of the rectory driveway, right near the basketball goal that would lead us to believe that Fr Rick and Fr Michael are sometimes out shooting some hoops.



This gravel path meanders around and passes to the left of the rectory greenhouse and leads up to a beautiful memorial for Ella-Reid Mason and what some people know as the entrance to Fr. Rushman's Garden of

Gratitude and to the barn. Did you know the path actually goes farther than that? You can actually drive all the way around the entire barn. Yes—YOU!

Once the gravel road turns and begins to lead up towards the barn doors there is plenty of grass parking on the left before you get to Ella's memorial, which on it's own is a peaceful and beautiful place to visit in the summer as the wind gently blows and flowers are everywhere. If you or someone with you has any physical challenges I would encourage you to drive around the right side of the barn and park your vehicle back near the fire pit. That's right—A FIRE PIT! Did you know WE had one of those?!

Let this path less traveled lead you to the back left corner area of the barn, no matter where you park. In that area you will find another path that leads into some woods. It is the ultimate path less traveled at St. Timothy but you can change that. And that path can change you.

That path into a small area of woods leads you to the edge of our property and safely brings you back towards your church. That path contains an outside Stations of the Cross. Why would you want to go there? The reasons can be many. When the storms of life are raging and your suffering is real, making the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It allows you to take a spiritual pilgrimage into the sights of Jesus' last few hours of his life. This spiritual pilgrimage reminds us we are not alone in our struggles. Jesus chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death.

Walking this path less traveled can be for you. You are ready. You have the tools already--believe it or not. Doing the stations takes around 30 minutes. Each station is numbered and has a brief description above a picture.

The easiest way to do them is to bring your smartphone and use this link that I have found useful:

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php?id=1>

No smartphone or no desire to use it? Simply read the description at the top of each station then talk directly to Jesus about what that moment must have been like for him. Say an Our Father, a Hail Mary and the Glory Be. And, "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen." Move on to the next station.

When you are finished feel free to rest on the hand-hewn benches that surround our brick firepit and be proud of the spiritual pilgrimage you just completed—and your deeper connection to Jesus.

May you find the peace you seek in the storms of life in your outdoor Stations journey with Jesus. He will be with you. He suffered for each of us and knows our pain. Let St Tim's path least traveled be just what you need when you need it. Go to him in your storms—you can't mess it up—I PROMISE. You can do it. You are ready.





Formation

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Altar Servers



Saturday, November 9
9:00 - 11:00 AM

If you were unable to attend the September 14th Server Training, we are offering a follow-up session for **New and Existing Servers**. Lead Server training will not be offered at this session. New Servers must be in 4th grade or above. **No registration required, just show up.**



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.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS
BISHOP BARRON'S

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Augustine & Aquinas

November 20th & December 11th
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
IN THE SCHOOL STREAM LAB



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 of Covington, in partnership with Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute is offering FREE In-person Mentor Training Workshops.

Personal Vocation and the Mentoring Relationship Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 9 & 30, and Dec. 21, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia Offices, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Northern Kenton County Deanery). Discuss the meaning of personal vocation and the pressing need for integrating personal vocation into all Catholic formation. *This is a three-part Workshop.*

Building the Mentoring Relationship: Asking Good Questions Workshop

Saturday, Jan 11 & 18, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

St. Pius X Parish Meeting Rooms, PMR 1,2&3 (Northern Kenton County Deanery). An important part of being a mentor is getting to know the person under your care. Explore various kinds of questions related to this work of discovery. *This is a two-part Workshop.*

Building the Mentoring Relationship: Empathic Listening Workshop

Saturday, Feb 8 & 22, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia Offices, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Covington Deanery). Empathic listening is the counterpart skill that enables mentors to truly understand another person intellectually as well as emotionally. *This is a two-part Workshop.*



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The Confirmation Classes Are Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Helping our Neighbors in Need

On Mission Monday our students worked at an Outreach Agency – now they are looking to collect donations to help our Neighbors.

Look for these awesome students at our Christmas Giving Fair – the weekend of December 7th and 8th.

We will be in Brodnick Hall with light snacks and information for you about their Agency, and how you can help our Neighbors share the Joy of Christmas – and share in God’s Love for all!

**You don’t have to wait for the Giving Fair
YOU CAN GIVE NOW!**

GivingFair2024.givesmart.com



**The Sunday 10 am Class with Ms. Burkart
Worked at Welcome House**



Sunday 8 am Class with Mr. Davis Worked at H.O.N.K.



The St. Timothy Catholic School Students Worked at Matthew 25 Ministries



The Wednesday Night Class with Mrs. Cahill
Worked at Saint Vincent De Paul





Diocese of Covington
Office of Youth Ministry

SUMMIT 24

A High School Eucharistic Retreat

Pilgrims of Hope

Faith. Food. Friendship. Fun.
Journey to the **SUMMIT** with us!

Location: TMU

NOVEMBER

15 - 17

2024

(not an overnight retreat)



www.covdio.org/Youth/



St. Timothy Catholic School

VETERANS

DAY



CELEBRATION



11.11.2024

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Join us for Mass, Honor Walk, and Breakfast.

Starts at 8:00am in the Church

Ends at 10:00am in the cafeteria

If your a veteran and would like to attend please email

a photo and contact Katelyn Roberts at:

kroberts@saint-timothy.org



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

St. Timothy Catholic Church
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
12:00pm-2:15pm & 3:30pm-6:00pm
Blood drive will be in Brodnick Hall

Schedule online at: <https://hoxworth.org/groups/sttimothy>
or call Hoxworth at (513)451-0910

All donors will receive a Cincinnati Cyclones hoodie!
(while supplies last)



All Types Welcome.

Hoxworth
BLOOD CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI 

THANKS to your SUPPORT we brought in approximately \$59,640 after paying most of the expenses.

OKTOBERFEST 2024

BIG THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



2024 SAINT TIMOTHY TRUNK OR TREAT





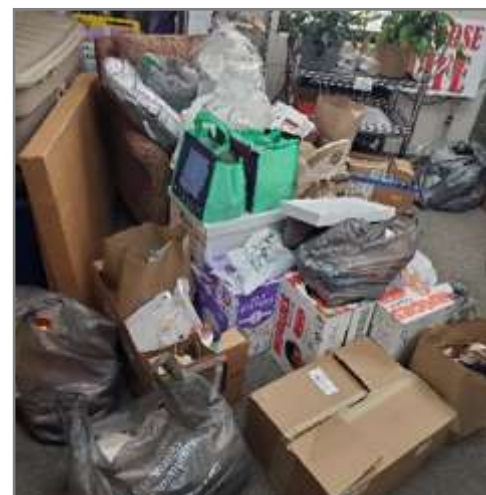
Ladies Night Out

In August we had a movie night along with wonderful snacks and desserts and good conversation. In September we had an evening planned to celebrate all things Fall and plan the parish baby shower. Unfortunately, Hurricane Helene had other plans.

On Saturday, October 26 we will be hosting the Parish Baby Shower. Punch, cake, shower games and opening packages are all part of the party plans. All the items will be shared with Rose Garden Missions, and Care Net. We will share photos in our next Companion.

6 women and 1 elementary aged young lady came together with sewing machines in hand to make 14 baby burp cloths and 20 pocket bags for new moms. These will be placed in a basket along with other baby items to be distributed to Rose Garden Mission, Care Net and the Diocese Baby Shower in November.

During the winter months we will be meeting on the 4th Saturday of each month from 1-3:30pm. Women of the parish over 18 years old are invited and encouraged to join us.



Fr. Ruschman's Garden of Gratitude

Our garden will be closed as of Tuesday morning. It has been a summer of heat and drought. Our sprinklers could not keep up. I am in awe of the harvest we had all summer and early fall. I am grateful to all the people young and older who came out to work in our garden. I am blessed to have the best 3 drivers, Randy Burns and Kenny and Theresa Shelton, who delivered our produce to Rose Garden of Hope and Healing. I am beyond thankful to our garden gurus, Bob Kordenbrock, and Kate Schmitt. I am thrilled we had some strong men to help haul the carts full of food and load them onto the truck. Pat Tenbrink weighed our bins each week and kept track of all we harvested and she was our secretary making sure our gardeners knew what was happening and when. I am beyond thankful for Todd Baeten and Baeten Nursery for supplying our vegetables and other needed supplies. We will finish our season with a celebratory meal of Thanksgiving in early November.

Community Day of Service Event We need your help!

Want to be a part of a community-wide service event? We are partnering with several churches in the area to provide opportunities to give back in the Florence/Union area. The event starts at 9am where you can learn about various nonprofit agencies and how you can help. Opportunities to make cards for cancer patients, blankets, and other activities will take place at Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 144 Buttermilk Pike. After lunch at 12:30pm until 3pm, St Timothy will be hosting, along with another organization, to make insulated bedrolls for the homeless. I am looking for 10-20 people who can help tape materials together, roll them up and tie them. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space. Let's show other churches in the area we are St. Timothy Proud! Students participating will receive credit for service hours.

Grant Speakers

October we welcomed members of *Welcome House* to speak at all of our Masses. They shared information about their clients and how with a bit of help they can overcome homelessness. Our grant funds will help their clients to receive ID cards and Birth Certificates. These will enable the clients to get jobs, social security payments, enroll in schools. We are blessed to be able to help these moms and families move forward to greater independence and happiness.

Our next Grant speaker, *Henry Hosea House*, will be here the weekend of November 23 and 24. Come hear what the agency does to provide a warm and caring place for men and boys aged 16 and older at their Soup Kitchen.





Christmas is Coming!

We are just a few short days away from our Angel Giving Tree to begin. This year we have 46 clients from SVdP and 16 clients from Gallatin County. We also have several families receiving food for the holidays. All in all, we will be helping about 200 school aged children with clothes and a couple of items to open on Christmas morning. If your family would like to sponsor a family please contact Pat at 859-384-1100 or pseuberling@saint-timothy.org. I will need to know before Nov. 4th when we open the wish list items to the parish for their help and support. Please prayerfully consider helping bring hope to these families.

Project Sheluka Update

Thanks to your support we are now actively installing sandpoint wells and hand pumps on the Matebele Plain! And by "we" I mean our long-serving Foreman, John Simasiku and his two assistants.

John has moved all materials to a cache in Kalenge Village, the site of our proof-of-concept in 2019 and Prof. Nyambe's home village. This staging will enable John to install as many wells as possible before the rains return. (The rain did not return last year, throwing Zambia into a national energy and food emergency.)

I hear from John at times when a rare cell signal is found. After one week in the bush he has installed 13 wells as of Sunday October 20, serving over one thousand people. John reports that "The people are starving for water and these pumps bring great happiness."

For the full update go to ProjectSheluka.org and click on UPDATE OCTOBER 2024

Thank you once again for making this possible.





2024 ThanksGIVING Shopping List



Donate as many or few items as you like, but please, **only items that are listed.**

CANNED GOODS:

- Meats—tuna, chicken, corned beef, ham
- Beans—all varieties
- Fruits— all varieties including applesauce
- Veggies—all varieties
- Soups/Gravies
- Chili, Beef Stew, Ravioli

PERSONAL HYGIENE:

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush
- Laundry Detergent

OTHER:

- Mac & Cheese/Rice
- Boxed Potatoes—all varieties
- Noodle Sides—all varieties
- Stuffing Mix
- Crackers
- Cake Mix & Frosting
- Muffin Mixes
- Boxed Dinners
- Dry Pasta/ Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Fruit Snacks /Snack Bars
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Gravies

- ♦ A gift card to a grocery store to purchase a turkey, ham or other meat for the Thanksgiving meal would be welcomed also.
- ♦ Please bring donations to any mass on the weekend of November 9 and 10. Leave outside your car for pick up by the Boy Scouts. If the weather is damp or wet, please place bags in a large plastic garbage bag to avoid bags ripping in transport.
- ♦ We are also **in need of people to help** sort items, date the boxes and cans and box all the items after the 11:30am Mass on November 10th in Brodnick Hall. This is a great opportunity for families to help our SVdP Pantry people and help our food challenged neighbors.



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Greater Need

By Michael Vogt

Winter is coming and many of our neighbors are not prepared.

Volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul are committed to assisting individuals and families in our community who are in need. For many, it's a temporary situation, but for some it's a lifelong struggle.

"In my life I want to become better and do a little good."

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Many people come from places where they have little or no experience with cold weather. If you have winter clothes that you no longer need, a donation to one of the St. Vincent de Paul stores would "do a little good."

Many people are looking for work, often in construction, food services, cleaning, and other industries. Work boots, jeans, and gloves are in short supply. Many of our neighbors do not have furniture and housewares. A donation of items that you don't use anymore would "do a little good."

St. Tim's Pantry feeds dozens of families each month with your generous food contributions. Somehow, when the shelves are almost bare, you always come through. We have never had to turn anyone away.

"We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying in the service of the poor, in the arms of Providence, and with genuine renouncement of ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ."

St. Vincent de Paul

Also, the SVDP stores are a great place to shop. If you've never visited a store, you may be surprised by the price, variety, and quality of products, especially when you don't need a brand new item.

Purchases at our stores provide critical support for food pantries as well as other essential programs. So, while you can find a variety of upscale items — at discounted prices — you're also helping our neighbors fight hunger, find proper clothing, become self-sufficient, and break generational cycles of poverty.

With four locations in Northern KY, you'll find it convenient to donate or find your next favorite item.

- **Erlanger**, 2655 Crescent Springs Pike
- **Florence**, 7110 Turfway Rd.
- **Cold Spring**, 3970 Alexandria Pike
- **Falmouth**, 518 Barkley St.

If you're looking for an opportunity to "do a little good," consider becoming part of our ministry. Or if you'd like to donate, [please contact Debbie Curtin, 513-532-6958](#). You can also go on St. Tim's website to donate either one time or monthly.

"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another . . ."

St. Vincent de Paul

FYI: The SVDP Blue Barrel in the gathering space now has a list of items that are most needed for the Pantry.



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.

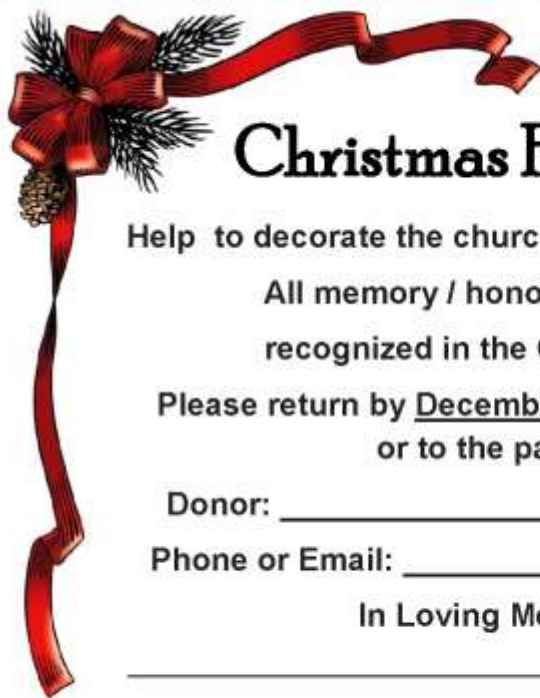
Almost two years ago, we started holding weekly Communion services for the newly opened Legacy Living senior living facility. As that facility filled up, so too did the number of faithful increase in the weekly Communion services offered in their chapel. Several of our parishioners have since been volunteering to hold Communion services each Thursday since December, 2023.

For many years other parishioners have been visiting individuals in Colonial, Boonespring 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 Lynn Proffitt in the Parish Office, and I will follow-up with you so we can satisfy the growing demand to receive the Eucharist.

Deacon John Leardon



Christmas Flower Fund

Help to decorate the church for the Christmas season.

All memory / honor donations will be recognized in the Christmas bulletin.

Please return by December 1st in collection basket or to the parish office.

Donor: _____

Phone or Email: _____

In Loving Memory / Honor of:

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Breakfast
with
Santa!

Saturday,
Dec. 14

**Details
Coming
Soon

YES ON 2

PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST!



WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES

- ✓ Enable the General Assembly to provide increased resources for additional education opportunities in local communities
- ✓ Encourage healthy competition in education, improving quality and outcomes for students in public, private, and homeschool
- ✓ Create an opportunity for the legislature to consider school choice policies that will work best for Kentucky families
- ✓ Empower more families to seek education opportunities that more closely align with their own values and beliefs
- ✓ Recognize the shortfalls of a one-size-fits-all approach to education by encouraging innovation and choice for the good of students

WHAT AMENDMENT 2 DOES NOT DO

- ✗ Eliminate the General Assembly's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public schools or take money away from individual counties or rural schools
- ✗ Close any public schools in the Commonwealth or decrease teacher pay
- ✗ Require the state to adopt a certain type of school choice program
- ✗ Increase government control or regulation over homeschool or private school instruction
- ✗ Require parents or private schools to accept school choice resources



EVERY STATE surrounding **KY** has a school choice program.

