

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

Aug-Sept 2023

FLOWERS *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

“As for man, his days are like the grass; he blossoms like a flower in the field. A wind sweeps over it and it is gone; its place knows it no more.” (Ps 103:15-16)

“Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?” (Lk 12:27-28)

I have a smart plug I named “Green January.” It’s a statement of hope in the middle of January that the seeds I plant in the rectory basement will become the flowers that will bloom around the campus throughout the spring-to fall season. That hope is shared by the many people who help with the planting, keep the plants watered, and help with the trimming. Many parishioners comment on how beautiful the flowers are when they bloom.

It is now fall. The flowers are now focused on producing the seeds for next year and are less focused on growing or blooming. For some, already, their days have come to an end. They depart but they have gifted us: we have grown in our appreciation of beauty and their seeds give up hope for next year. But this year’s particular flowers will be uprooted and forgotten.

As the biblical quotes above point out, we are like the flowers of the field; we too bloom and wither. This seems morbid and an unwanted reminder of our limits. Nonetheless it is a reality, an important part of our life. Knowing where we are headed gives us perspective and clues to the meaning of our lives today.

In the sacristy there is a book called “The Ordo,” the order. It gives the details priests need for each Mass and season of the year. While that is on the right side page, on the left is the necrology, the list of all the deceased priests of our diocese since it first was formed. There are many priests I have known, many that I have heard of, and many whom I have never heard of. As I make a point to pray for them, I also remind myself that someday I will be among those whom no one alive remembers.

Like the flowers that live and die leaving behind the gifts of beauty and hope; so do we live and die and leave behind gifts. We often focus on material things like leaving behind an inheritance for our children and maybe a trust fund for our grandchildren. We don’t think about the reality that these things will be forgotten.

“Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” (Ps 90:12)

Recognizing the limits of our own life and the limits of anyone’s memory of us, we are led to ask, “What is life about?” Like the flowers, we contribute to a gift that is not our own but can come through us. To bring the love of God into the world, it cannot be about us. If we are seeking to stand out, to be remembered for what we did; we have already received our reward. If we seek to love without seeking return, we share something greater than ourselves. In dying to ourselves, we spread the seeds of new life and eternally share in the life of God who is love.



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Our Parish Family

Stewardship of Treasure

July 2023

COLLECTIONS:	\$92,073.52
4% TITHE:	\$3,682.94
Priest Education	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
Catholic Charities	\$2,682.94
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$0
1% TITHE	\$920.74
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$0
Total to STYM/Outreach:	\$920.74
STYM	\$506.40
Outreach	\$414.33

August 2023

COLLECTIONS:	\$112,536.46
5% TITHE:	\$5,626.82
St. Augustine	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection -	
Domestic Needs	\$4,626.82

New Families

Erik and Alycia Adkins
 Kenneth and Augusta Bailey
 Scott and Jessa Bolon
 Joseph and Laura Chillo
 Brian and Allyson Donnelly
 Maureen Endress
 Gustavo and Barbara Espinoza
 Justin and Stephanie Fister
 Nathan and Tiffany Fugua
 Bernadino and Marcela Garcia Espinosa
 Arturo and Cosbiareli Garibay
 Zachariah and Meredith Johnson
 Arthur Kinsey
 Andrew and Rachel Lobeck
 Mitchell and Cayla Masarik
 Mason Morgan
 John and Kimberly Mosley
 Samantha Murphy
 Daniel and Lucia Peregrino
 Victor and Alejandra Peregrino
 Nelson and Laurie Rennekamp
 Michael Sperl
 Clarence Tincher

Baptisms

Thiago Misael Aguilar
 Evelyn Louise Banks
 Theresa Ruth Biery
 June Marie Bockweg
 Margaret Joan Johnson
 Hudson Raymond Leport
 Quinn Taylor McDevitt
 Anjali Harsh Patel
 Rudra Harsh Patel
 Ivan Peregrino
 Olivia Renee Volpenhein

Weddings

Virginia Speck & Matthew Wagner
 Brooke Shea & Leighton Schrand
 Lauren Ackley & James Epplen
 Payton Welch & Matthew Hirko
 Ashley Hoard & Jason Warndorf
 Kathleen Huber & Thomas Tuemler

Deceased

Earlene Hollman	August Matracia
Tom Kurtz	Joyce Reed
Paul Loechle	Carolyn Rennekamp
Barbara Maher	

OCTOBER



Pray the Rosary in October

The month of October each year is dedicated to the **Most Holy Rosary**. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. Join fellow parishioners in honoring our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary prior to the following Mass times in October:



- 4:30 pm Mass - arrive at 4 pm to pray
- 8:00 am Mass - arrive at 7:30 am to pray
- 11:30 am Mass - arrive at 10:45 am to pray

We will **not** pray the Rosary prior to the 9:30 am Mass.

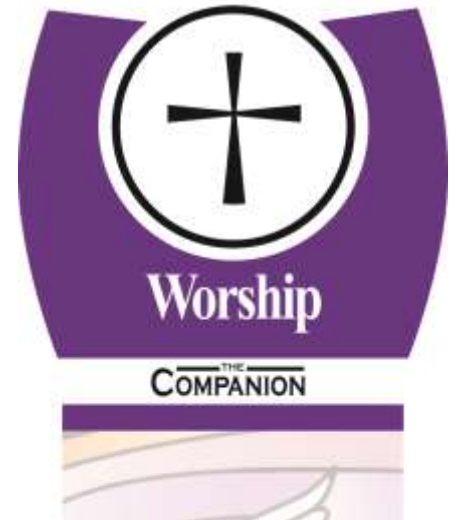
Please consider leading a Rosary and sign up at:

<https://signup.com/go/OKFMXOo>

Volunteer Rosary leaders may be individuals, families, or small groups.

From God's Own Lips

By Rosalie Hentz



Do you remember learning to pray? Sometime someone taught you the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary or perhaps even the prayer Now I lay Me Down to Sleep. Probably your parents were the first teachers, and the prayer you learned was very important. Did that teacher ever tell you that the Our Father was actually from God's lips? Jesus taught it to His disciples Himself. How blessed we are to have the prayer!! Besides being said in Mass it is said all over the world and has even been put to music and song.

Matthew 6:9-13 tells us that after instructing them not to pray as the Gentiles or the hypocrites, Jesus teaches them the Our Father. Just think, we are instructed to call God, our Father because we are His children and by saying the prayer, we follow God's will. St. Albert even says that when we say the Our Father, God's ear is by our lips. What a beautiful thought to think every time we say it. It truly is a wonderful prayer and hallowing God's name sets God apart as the Holy One who offers us eternal life with Him.

AND since God forgives us our sins, big and small, we are to follow

His example and extend forgiveness to anyone who sins against us. That includes insults, hurts, and other things we perceive as injury to us. Many times that can be a difficult thing to do, but since we ask for forgiveness, it makes sense that we must forgive others. Sounds like a big challenge, but when you think of what Jesus suffered for us, any of our suffering is minute. So we also ask not to be led into temptation and be delivered from evil. As our present times emphasize worldly pleasures, quick fixes, and making "ME" so important, those words are extremely important as it seems temptations are everywhere.

Our heavenly Father extends His love to everyone and invites us to be with Him for all eternity. What a loving way to show that love is eternal, and all with the prayer given to us by Jesus. The Father does listen to us with His ear at our lips when we say this special prayer. And St. Edmund reminds us "It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distractions."



The Cathedral

By: Maria Brockman

I see Her in the sunlight
Her beauty catches my eye
Inside and out, She's lovely
A cathedral standing high.

Some mock Her for Her beauty
Her teachings, Her old ways
But to those who really understand Her
Their hearts are set ablaze.

They see what a gift She is
And thank God every day
For giving them a blessing
To guide them to the Way.

Though the skies grow stormy
Lightning and thunder all around
She's seen this weather before
And has faith in the One that's crowned.

Even as the wind blows
And the earth begins to shake
The firm foundation She's built on
Will survive the rattling quake.

And then He will come for Her
The Bridegroom for His Bride
To carry Her home safely
Where forever She'll reside.

Do you want to adopt a Priest and pray for him? Do you want to learn more about being a Spiritual Mother? The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests program is looking for Spiritual Mothers to adopt our diocesan priests and deacons and pray for them. We already have over 300 women in our Diocese who have adopted priests as their sons. **There are NO meetings and NO cost.** Our ceremony for the adoption is a ceremony here at St. Tim's Parish. Please call Linda Zimmer for details about the 5 Commitments to our program and our Ceremony date (TBD). To make your reservation and receive your priest- son's name, hear the details about our 5 commitments, **NO Meetings and No Cost**, and our Ceremony Date (TBD), please call **Linda Zimmer at 859-384-3891**. I'd love to hear from you.



Would you like to
be a Spiritual
Mother of a Priest
or Deacon?



PSR - Parish School of Religion

By Carol Lense, Director of Religious Education

PSR Classes are well under way for the 2023-2023 school year. We will have about 360 students enrolled this year, with 60 students preparing for Confirmation and 80 students preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

The Children's Liturgy would like to add an additional Liturgical Minister to our 9:30 Mass rotation. If you might be interested, please reach out to me at 859-384-1100 or clense@saint-timothy.org

Confirmation Events:

Mission Monday is October 9 for the PSR students and the St Timothy Catholic School students will be going out on October 31 to work at and support our Outreach Agencies.

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Giving Fair- December 2nd and 3rd. Come visit after Mass to hear from them first-hand about the great things they did to support their agency and see how you can help as well.

First Reconciliation:

We have 80 students preparing for First Reconciliation. What an exciting time in their Faith Journey. Confession is a Sacrament that shows God's love for us, in his forgiving of our sins, and love and desire to help us live our best life. Please keep our students in your prayers, especially on November 14, as they get their first chance to celebrate this Special Sacrament.

If you are interested in joining our Catechist or Liturgy team, please reach out to Carol S. Lense clense@saint-timothy.org.



St. Timothy YOUTH MINISTRY



This Summer was a BLAST! We went hiking, had a movie night, went kayaking, and prepared for a fantastic new year of youth ministry at St. Timothy's.

We had perfect weather for our annual Red River Gorge Hike. Our group hiked down to Grey's Arch and stopped to enjoy the nature along the way. We ended the day with pizza and games at Miguel's.



Movie Night was also stellar!

Over 20 teens/tweens joined us for pizza, popcorn, and the out-of-this-world film, WALL-E.



We ended our Summer programs with a Kayak Trip

in Loveland, OH. The trip down the river was full of fun and adventure (we even passed the Loveland Castle). Thank you to all the parents and chaperones who made these summer trips possible.



Just a few weeks later we had the opening meeting for our new year of youth ministry. We ate ice cream, met our discipleship groups, and discussed this year's theme: **ASK | SEEK | KNOCK**



Taken from Matthew's gospel, **ASK SEEK KNOCK** reminds us to stay curious in our journey of faith. Jesus says that when we ask we will receive, when we seek we will find, and when we knock the door will be opened.

This seems especially appropriate as we begin forming our discipleship group. At every meeting, we will have a large group game with pizza and then gather in a small group to dive deeper into our faith. These groups are led by incredible mentors.

If you haven't joined our youth group yet (and are in 6th-12th grade) come give us a chance! You can find our schedule in the bulletin, on the parish website, or email Kristen at kmeiser@saint-timothy.org.

And hopefully, you saw our t-shirts and some familiar faces at Oktoberfest! Several of our teens were volunteering and many middle schoolers worked in the Shine Bright Booth.



The Families of St. Timothy's Group

If you're looking for a Catholic community to help raise future saints and maybe become one yourself, this group is for you!



FAMILY PLAYDATE

FIRST SATURDAY | LOCATION TBD

Email marleyacecilia@gmail.com to receive updates.

ABIDE: MOM'S GROUP

THIRD TUESDAY | PARISH OFFICE KITCHEN

Email marleyacecilla@gmail.com to receive updates.



BOURBON BOOKS & BREW: DAD'S GROUP

FOURTH TUESDAY | PARISH OFFICE KITCHEN

Email marleyacecilla@gmail.com to receive updates.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27th

6pm–8pm



TRUNK DECORATING CONTEST
CAMEL APPLES,
SOFT DRINKS & ADULT BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



**Interested in hosting a trunk?
RSVP by October 23rd to
jhoppius@saint-timothy.org**



**THIS IS A POPULAR EVENT!
4–5 BAGS OF CANDY
RECOMMENDED**

**CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED &
CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE
GATHERING SPACE**



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Scouts and Parishioners

A Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project was to restore the Stations of the Cross and place them in a safe space for prayer and reflection. These were made by a prior Eagle Scout and moved when the school was built. Thank you Aaron Milner for bringing these back to our parish!



The live edge benches were designed and placed by the Mark Brown Family around our firepit. Along with help from Tom Roddinghaus, the Brown, Hoeben, and Seuberling families and with a gift of gravel stones from Ben Terlau our pit is really shaping up. If you have any dark mulch to donate we sure could use it!

Please come check out their efforts to provide peace and harmony for our parishioners. These are located behind the metal pole barn behind Father's house.

Garden Helpers Come in All Sizes

Our garden brings parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren together picking zucchini, digging potatoes, picking tomatoes and green peppers. A favorite job for the children is washing the potatoes where no one stays dry for long. Of course, we all finish with a cold bottle of water and an ice cream! Thank you to all the volunteers who make this garden grow and produce. We are grateful for your help and your knowledge. Total August yield: 3934 lbs. with a year-to-date total of 8249 lbs. of fresh vegetables for our neighbors in need. **What an awesome ministry God provides for us at St. Timothy!**





Back to School Drive for Be Concerned

We collected paper, pencils, notebooks, pencil bags, folders, crayons and colored pencils, markers and an assortment of backpacks, rulers, scissors, erasers and other school supplies. These we donate to Be Concerned for them to disperse to area schools where families may need help in purchasing all the needed school supplies for their children.

Thank you, members of St. Timothy, for always looking out for our neighbors.



Catholic Charities Service Project – July 29

God is Great! The day was beautiful and sunny. In July we supported Catholic Charities once again to enable them to purchase another gazebo to place near the laundry area and the office. Residents will now be able to watch their children on the playground, wait for their laundry



to process or meet with a counselor in a shaded area outside for 3 seasons. Many hands made light work and St. Timothy brought out our builders and painters of all ages. We stained an massive amount of privacy fencing along with the major build of the gazebo. Thank you volunteers for sharing your time, and talents and sharing a meal with some of the residents. **You are awesome!**

Patriotic Rosary

Come join parishioners for 30 minutes in praying the rosary for the leadership of our country to make good decisions that support our Catholic values. **We meet every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm.** We are usually outside of church, or sometimes at the flagpole. When weather is bad we are down in Brodnick Hall or in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome. Bring a chair to sit in. Rosaries are optional. See you there!



The World's Longest Yard Sale

The first Sunday in August brought shoppers and vendors from many states to our paved parking lot to buy and sell their wares. We were able to raise \$6,718 to donate to Project Sheluka. Joe Meiman Jr, President of Project Sheluka, will be able to build and place 11 pumps in the Zambia area. These pumps are fabricated in the area. This provides the Zambian people to earn a living while providing water to thousands of villages. Joe told us the Headman of the Village said, "You have been to our village many times. We continue to be amazed that someone on the other side of the world cares about us. People unknown to you. I want you to know that what they are doing is changing lives of everyone in this village. I want to thank you and them. "

He can't wait to tell about the people of St Timothy in Union Kentucky, on the other side of the world, who joined together to raise the funds to spread the change throughout the Matebele Plain.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to work at the event and to help the night before marking the vendor spaces. Thanks to the Men's Group for manning the food booth to feed the vendors and workers. Also, thanks to the Senior Group who worked tirelessly all week long pricing items, displaying them and for working on the day of the sale. We have our own awesome village to make this happen. Please consider helping us next year!



The clean up crew came a week later to help load the items that did not sell.

Thank you to these wonderful people to come get everything in the St. Vincent de Paul truck. You are a blessing!

Missing from the photo are Phil Seuberling, Tom Rottinghaus and Kristen Meiser.





Gratitude in Action: The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

By Mike Vogt

We often wonder what causes people to volunteer their time and money and talent for charitable organizations like Saint Vincent de Paul. One answer – perhaps the key answer – is gratitude.

***“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought,
and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”***

G. K. Chesterton

The virtues are a call to action. Gratitude is a recognition of all that we have to be thankful for, especially life itself. The virtue of charity is an act of gratitude.

There are more than 40 St. Tim’s Vincentian volunteers, joined by parishioners, who express their gratitude by helping their neighbors in the variety of ways.

- Volunteers provide food from our pantry, which is supported by donations from parishioners.
- When possible, we assist with financial support for gas, utilities, and rent, again from funds donated by parishioners.
- Beds, sheets and blankets, housewares, clothing, and furniture (donated by parishioners) are available through SVDP stores.
- Volunteers provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.
- With the help of the Knights of Columbus, winter coats are collected and distributed to neighbors in need.
- The simple act of visiting someone in their home and listening as they explain their situation can be a great consolation to many.

“Gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy.”

Jacques Maritain

There are organizations that participate in acts of charity. The Society differs from many other charitable groups by placing these acts of charity on a spiritual foundation. SVDP Volunteers seek spiritual growth for themselves and our neighbors, through works of charity.

Of course, the thing about gratitude and charity, as with other virtues, the giver receives more than the recipient.

In 1877, SVDP President Baudon, wrote:

“... our object is not only to relieve material misery, a very laudable purpose in itself, but to aspire, especially, through the practice of that most sublime of virtues “charity” to render ourselves better and more fervent Christians, and to make our poor enter on the same path ...”

Especially in difficult times, we tend to become more aware of the need to help our neighbors and look out for one another. Rapidly increasing costs for food, fuel, utilities, and rent have make this year especially difficult for families struggling to make ends meet. We appreciate your generosity. You can be sure that your contributions are carefully managed to get the most from each contribution.

If you’re interested in being part of our ministry, or if you’d like to donate, [please contact Debbie Curtin, 513.532.6958](#). (You can go on Saint Tim’s website to donate to SVDP.)

“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in...”

Matthew 25:35

Knights of Columbus International Bowling Tournament



On the weekend of **April 6-7 and the weekend of April 13-14, 2024** the Knights of Columbus International Bowling Association Tournament will be held in Northern Kentucky. The host bowling center is Bellwood Bowl in Newport and the host hotel is the Hilton in Florence.

This tournament is open to Men and Women. You do not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to bowl in this Tournament, but you must have a Grandfather, Father, Brother or Uncle who is a current member of the Knights of Columbus. The Women can bowl with the same stipulation. They will be "Associate Members" per the rules of the Tournament. Two members must be a member of the Knights of Columbus or be a relative as stated above. **Entries will close on February 29, 2024.**

St Timothy Council 15211 is the host Council for this Tournament. There will be a 50-50 raffle as well as a bowling ball raffle each day of the Tournament. There will be a Hospitality Room on Saturday the first weekend of the Tournament at the Hilton hotel. This will be sponsored by Knights of Columbus Field Agent, Greg White.

For further information or questions, contact Dick Wendeln, Director, Knights of Columbus Bowling Association at: mr300800@aol.com



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 or contact TJ Mueller - tjmueller17@gmail.com

All Saints Day Mass

And Memorial Celebration for All Souls

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us



St. Timothy Parish will celebrate its annual **All Saints Day Mass and Memorial Celebration for All Souls on Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM.** During a candlelight procession after Communion, we will read the names of parishioners and immediate family members of parishioners who died since November 1, 2022. If you have a family member that died this past year who was not buried from our church, we may not have that name. If you would like to have that name included at our memorial service, please send your name, your loved one's name, relationship, and date of death to Lynn Profitt in the Parish Office at lprofitt@saint-timothy.org or call (859) 384-1100. Families may take home their personalized candles after the ceremony. We will also remember loved ones that died prior to this year by adding their names in our **Parish Book of Remembrance which will be available in the Gathering Space beginning October 21.** If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Server and you would like to participate at this Mass in one of these ministries, please call the number above. Please join us for this special commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

St. Timothy Bereavement Ministers

Covington Diocesan Division
World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A.

“OUR LADY’S BLUE ARMY”



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For the

106th ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2023**

11 AM – 1 PM

**OUR LADY’S FARM
FALMOUTH, KY**

11 AM	Rosary Procession
11:30 AM	MASS

For more information or if you wish to be part of the Mass
please contact JEAN GEIMAN at 859.442.7053

EVERYONE is welcome!

OUR LADY’S FARM, 5820 HWY 159 N Falmouth, Kentucky 41040