

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

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Who Was Saint Timothy? *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

St. Timothy was born in 17 AD in either the city of Lystra or Derby (in modern day Turkey). When Paul and Barnabas first visited Lystra, Paul healed a person crippled from birth which inspired many to accept his teaching. When Paul returned a few years later with Silas, Timothy was already a respected member of the congregation along with his grandmother (Lois) and his mother (Eunice). Timothy is said to have been acquainted with the scriptures from his youth (his mother and grandmother were Jews who became Christians). He may have been a bit timid based on 1 Cor 16:10 where Paul asks that he be put at ease if he should arrive there.

On his second missionary journey, Paul along with Silas meets Timothy. Timothy joins them as Paul's disciple and missionary partner. Timothy's father was a Greek Gentile. Thus he had not been circumcised. Paul ensures this was done (Acts 16:1-3) to make him more acceptable to the Jews whom they were evangelizing.

In the year 52, Paul, Silas and Timothy travel to Macedonia. St. Augustine will praise Timothy's zeal for being willing to forsake his home and country to follow Paul and to share his poverty and hardships.

When Paul went to Athens, Silas and Timothy stayed for a time at Beroea and Thessalonica before joining Paul later in Corinth. It seems Paul sent Timothy back from Corinth to Thessalonica to enquire about the community's faith development. Timothy reported it was going well. At a later time when he was with Paul in

Ephesus (56-57 AD), Paul sent Timothy to Macedonia with the idea they would rejoin in Corinth later which they did. After spending a year in Corinth, Paul sends Timothy to Troas to await Paul there. This is the last mention we have of Timothy from the Book of Acts. Tradition holds that Paul left Timothy at Ephesus in 64 AD to govern the church there.

Timothy's relationship with Paul was close. He is listed as co-author of 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon. Paul wrote to the Philippians about him, "For I have no one comparable to him for genuine interest in whatever concerns you." (Philippians 2:20). When Paul was awaiting martyrdom in Rome, he summoned Timothy to say a last farewell.

The book of Hebrews implies that Timothy was imprisoned at least once during his time in Ephesus. According to the apocryphal Acts of Timothy (written in the 5th century), he died in the year 97 AD. At this time, he is the 80-year-old bishop of Ephesus and he tried to halt a procession in honor of the goddess Diana by preaching the Gospel. Reportedly a mob of angry pagans beat him, drug him through the streets, and stoned him to death.

The two Letters to Timothy as well as the one to Titus, attributed to Paul, are called Pastoral Letters and are considered pseudepigraphic – attributed to Paul but not actually written by him. They concern issues that emerged in the Church after the time of Paul and Timothy.



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We need your input:

With postage prices going up again, we want to make sure that we are using the parish resources well.

Please send responses to rbolte@saint-timothy.org or drop a note in the collection.



- * Do you read the Companion?
- * If you read it, would you be as likely to read it online as you do if it is mailed to you?

Our Parish Family

New Families

Pablo and Norma Altamirana
Sam and Gayle Barnhorst
James and Katelyn Bell
Ana Maria Bravo
Andrew and Madison Dehel
Carlos and Marvella dela Cruz
James and Caitlin Depenbrock
Andrew and Ashley Espelage
Mitchell and Olivia Lendenski
Sean and Devin McCarty
Jacoby and Meghan O'Gwynn
Emery and Sheila Rolfes
Harry and Marion Schulte
Kenneth and Annette Stambaugh

Weddings

Barry and Laura Akins
Tucker and Carolyn Teepen

Baptisms

Hazel Ogden Clutsam
Lydia Joyce Ernst
Elsa Grace Anne Gripshover
Heidi Claire Jansen
Ty Nguyen Kiley
Wren Layne Lendenski
Olivia Jane Mullen
Sutton Mae Ann Reynolds
Joseph Raymond Rosenbaum
Emmerson Mae Seyfried
Elliot James Story
Valeria Izabella Zeferino

Deceased

Diane Marie Culyer
Donna Marie Good
Richard Holden
Peggy Sue Marquardt
John Thuman
Mary Helen Willenborg

View From the Pew

By Rosalie Hentz

Mary Jo Rehtin, the rightful author of View from the Pew requested help for this edition. So here is my feeble attempt because no one can quite fill those big shoes, and I found it difficult to choose a subject. Hope you feel better soon, Mary Jo.

As the cold of winter arrives in February, St Valentine's Day comes to help us warm our hearts. This legendary 3rd century priest and physician became the "Patron Saint of lovers". At that time, Roman Emperor Claudius, decreed that it was against the law to marry because he wanted men to be warriors, not husbands. Valentine therefore performed secret marriages. He was imprisoned and apparently cured his jailer's daughter of blindness. Before his martyrdom, he wrote a letter to her to stay in love with Jesus and signed it, "Your Valentine."

The Saint Valentine story gets lost in today's world of marketing. However, we all know that love is essential for life. But, celebrating love can be done without the help of Hallmark. Even if you find it difficult to speak your love, you can show you care and appreciate someone.

Some ideas might be to bake a special treat. Call a friend and chat. Surprise a neighbor with a visit. For your spouse you could perform a household chore. Wash/vacuum the car. Write a love note and sign it Your Valentine. Sing a special song or play some music and ask for a dance. Have a Mass said for the intentions of your spouse. Be creative and enjoy the moment!

Families can gather everyone and play a game "I love you because....". Take a night time walk and stargaze together. Watch a favorite family video. Start to read *The Velveteen Rabbit* out loud and each take turns. Create a treasure hunt and find paper hearts. Give Valentine 30 second hugs.

Call your parents, siblings, or favorite relative and thank them for the love they show you. Let your parish priests, deacons, staff, teachers know they are valued and loved. Greet everyone you meet with a smile and a Happy St. Valentine's Day.

And Pope Benedict XVI reminds us to "See the image of God in each person and thereby become a lover." That is what we all really need to do.

HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY!



Do You Need VIRTUS Training?

To schedule for an upcoming Virtus training class:

- ⇒ Go to **Virtus.org** and select the green box for "First Time Registrant"
- ⇒ Select option for "View a list of sessions"
- ⇒ Select the organization - **Covington, KY (Diocese)**
- ⇒ Register for an available class
- ⇒ If all classes are full contact Marylu Steffen at the Diocese 859-392-1500



Stewardship of Treasure

November 2022

COLLECTIONS:	\$ 98,473.48
4% TITHE:	\$3,938.94
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
DCCH Center Children	\$2,938.94
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$0
1% TITHE	\$984.73
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$0
Total to STYM/Outreach:	\$984.73
STYM	\$541.60
Outreach	\$443.13

December 2022

COLLECTIONS:	\$144,816.61
5% TITHE:	\$7,240.83
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection -	
Retired Religious	\$6,240.83

Thank you for your continued support of your parish.



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St. Timothy
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Dear Lord, through the intercession of St. John Paul II, we ask that you come to the aid of our youth. Through the many distractions and confusing messages present in our world, please help the young people hear your voice. May they grow ever closer to you!

St John Paul II., friend of youth, pray for us.

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Advent Adventures and Christmas Celebrations for the Youth Group

By Kristen Meiser, Youth Ministry

Advent is one of my favorite times of the year, and I was grateful for the opportunity to explore all of the beauty of this season as a youth group. We drew inspiration from Katie Prejean McGrady's teen devotional, "Advent and Christmas One Day At A Time For Catholic Teens." Each week we focused on a topic that would help us prepare for Christmas. These themes came to life through games and discussion and culminated with a Christmas Cookies and Confession party.

During the first week of Advent, we talked about HOPE! Hope is more than just wishing for good things or forcing positivity. Hope is looking forward to our future because we believe in everything that Jesus promised. Hope can be described as remembering our future.

To help us strengthen our memories we played a storytelling game and told the tragic tale of Bob the Fish who really loved mustard but will likely never eat a sandwich again.



The second week of Advent is focused on FAITH. Faith is a gift from God that enables us to believe in something beyond our world, something mightier than ourselves. This was best demonstrated with a game.

Everyone found a partner and one person put on a blindfold. I threw candy on the floor and told the seeing partner to guide their blindfolded buddy to as much candy as possible (and they could keep what they gathered).

Then we discussed how we are like the blindfolded person. We cannot know the big picture. We don't see everything that God sees, but we can have faith that He will be with us and guide us.





The third week of Advent was focused on JOY! When we believe in the promises of God (hope) and trust God's will for our lives, we find joy. Our joy is not dependent on our mood or circumstances. St. Paul told the Philippians to rejoice while he was in prison. Many saints were martyred while singing or praising God. Our joy does not make sense to others because it is bigger than just a feeling.

We attempted to build card towers to demonstrate how hope and faith build up our joy, but the cards did not agree with us.



The fourth week of Advent's theme is PEACE. It also was the week when we had our annual Cookies & Confession party. We talked about the peace Jesus offers and the GIFT we are given in confession. Teens had an opportunity to go to confession while we decorated cookies and played games. It was a great final gathering of 2022!





After a short break, we joined together for an Epiphany party! The group was divided into three teams (Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh) for a game of trivia and a race to bring their gift to baby Jesus. We discussed the importance of Epiphany and how God is calling all of us! We just need to keep our eyes open for the “stars” God puts in our lives.



It has been a great Advent and Christmas and I cannot wait for all that is to come. Here are some important updates and upcoming events:

- Middle School Youth Group will be moving their meeting time to **SUNDAYS at 3:30 pm**.
- Congratulations to all the 8th graders who will be confirmed in February! You are now welcome to join our High School Youth Group on Sundays at 12:30 pm.
- Beginning February 12, all 5th-grade students are welcome to join our Middle School Youth Group meetings.

Check the bulletin or the parish website for more information on our upcoming meetings and events.

Are you a VIRTUS-trained adult? Consider joining our Core Team and help me create opportunities for the Middle School and High School members of our parish to experience their faith each week! Send me an email for more information: kmeiser@saint-timothy.org

St Timothy Confirmation Giving Fair

by Carol Lense, Director of Religious Education

The Confirmation classes presented their Outreach Agencies the weekend of December 4th and 5th at The Christmas Giving Fair. Their efforts in supporting their Outreach Agencies is a great part of our Confirmation program, giving the students a chance to see how fortunate they are, and how what they do for others can make such a difference. They raised \$4156.77, which was sent to the Agencies before Christmas.

They did a great job representing their Agencies!

The Family Nurturing Center



Sunday 8 am with Mr. Davis



Wednesday with Mr. Lense

Be Concerned



The Covington Latin Students

The Diocesan Catholic Children's Home



The St. Timothy Catholic School Students

New Perceptions



Ms. Burkart's Sunday 10 am Class

St. Vincent de Paul



Mr. Southerland's Sunday 10 am Class



Welcome House



Ms. Burkart's Sunday 10 am Class

The Giving Fair is the final piece in the Service Learning portion of the Confirmation year. The students worked at the agencies in October and then created and shared flyers with family and friends near and far to start collecting donations.

At the Giving Fair they have the opportunity to share with our Parish Family all they learned about the Agencies, and provide an alternative to physical gift giving, donations to the agencies. This program gives the students a great experience in doing as Jesus did, serving others.

Confirmation is February 7th here at St. Timothy Church.

Angel Giving Tree



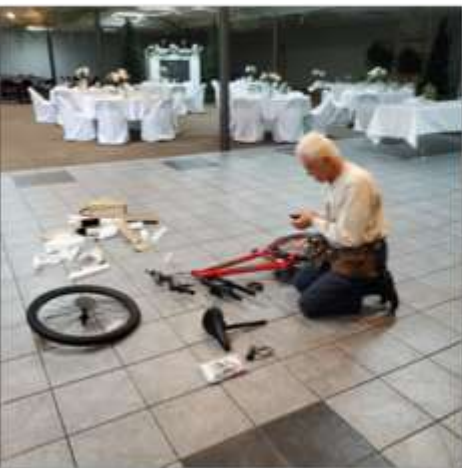
Writing the gift tags



The gifts begin to arrive



Sorting begins



Bikes are assembled



Awaiting delivery!



Checking the list once



Checking it twice



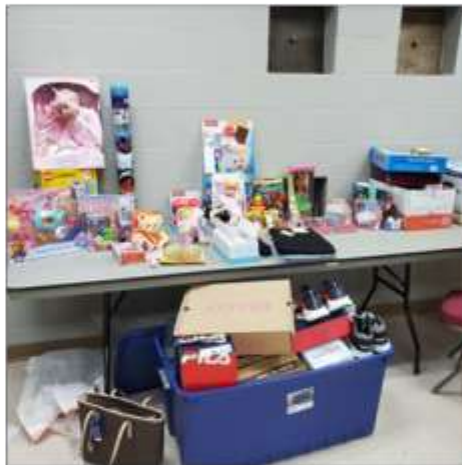
Santa sacks are packed



One final check



We are packed and ready for delivery to the families in Gallatin County and pick-up for our neighbors in Florence and Union.



In addition to each Santa sack, SVdP provides Christmas meals with ham or turkey for each family!

Extra items were donated to victims of the KY Floods

218 Thank you tags from the children!



Thank you to all the delivery drivers who transported Santa sacks and bikes to the 16 families in Gallatin County!

Lots of thank you tags from the children in Gallatin County, Florence and Union.



Student Philanthropy in Action!

Thank you to our

St. Tim Preschoolers and their Families!
The children in our 3 year old, 4 year old and KRP classes decorated the tree with their donations of hats, gloves, mittens, and socks. Some of these items went to our Christmas Angel Tree families and some were given to PIN Ministry for our homeless neighbors needing warmth this winter. Each of you have blessed another.

Thank you for warming our hearts!



Meet Sam Mayleben

He is a 7th grader at Gray Middle School and the son of Sarah and Christopher. As part of a ELA class project each student was asked to provide an outline, make posters and write a one page essay about a project to serve others.

In November/December, he held a canned goods drive to support our SVdP food pantry. He hung posters in his neighborhood and sent emails to friends and families. Sam was able to collect 109 lbs. of canned goods. These items were delivered to our pantry and distributed in the bags given to our Angel Tree families at Christmas.

Way to go Sam! You ROCK!!!!





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