

# THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

Oct-Nov-Dec 2023

## St. Timothy History *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

We have the advantage of being a new parish and having parishioners who have been here from the beginning. We have an official history, the list of events as recorded in our parish's annual report. I've requested copies of official documents from our diocese to include that part of our history. This will provide a framework for the 35 years of St. Timothy's existence beginning with Bishop Hughes announcing the formation of our parish in January of 1989.

I need your help. More than just a dry statistical history, I would like us to make it more interesting and personal. I am asking

all who will to write a story of some experience you have had as part of this parish. Any interesting, meaningful, moving, exciting, etc. experience you have had involving yourself, family, or friends would be appreciated. We would like to put them into the timeline and make this history available online to all who might like to know us as a parish better and/or enjoy reading it. This will be a gift to future generations to know how we came to be.

I am also looking for someone with the expertise to make this available online.

## Volunteering?

To whom does the church belong? The human leadership structure is well known; pope, bishop, priest. But this leadership is skeletal. It is the average person who is part of the parish community that puts flesh on those bones and makes the church real. The experience of community as well as the face of the church to the larger community depends so much on the members of the parish.

I suspect that the larger the church community, the easier it is to assume that "someone else will do it." This pertains both to how we minister to each other as members of the parish as well as how we reach out in concern for disadvantaged people in the larger community. In our recent series of teaching Masses, we were reminded that one of the most powerful moments of the church's liturgy is near the end when usually the deacon states the Mass is ended and sends us forth to be Christ's presence in the world.

So why do we hesitate to volunteer? It isn't that the tasks are so difficult or take a lot of time. I suspect we just "don't get around to it." (Reminds me when my dad was involved in the American Legion, they had round coins with the word "toit" written on them.) Sometimes too I think we are hesitant to commit because something else may come up that we'd rather do.

The sad outcome is that those who don't volunteer do not have a sense of ownership or pride about their parish. They often don't have the sense that we are about God's work in our world. They miss the joy that comes from giving of ourselves simply as a gift to others.

As the New Year begins, lets each step up to do the ministry Christ sends us to do each week. There is something for everyone to do if we open our hearts to the love Christ has given us to share.



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# Our Parish Family

## Stewardship of Treasure

### September 2023

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$84,914.24</b>
4% TITHE:	\$3,396.57
Priest Education	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
<b>PIN Ministry</b>	<b>\$2,396.57</b>
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$0
1% TITHE	\$849.14
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$0
<b>Total to STYM/Outreach:</b>	<b>\$849.14</b>
STYM	\$467.03
Outreach	\$382.11

### October 2023

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$112,810.29</b>
5% TITHE:	\$5,640.51
St. Augustine	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection -	
Seminarian Educ.	\$4,640.51

### November 2023

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$93,557.42</b>
4% TITHE:	\$3,742.30
Priest Education	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
<b>Emerg. Shelter of NKY</b>	<b>\$2,742.30</b>
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$0
1% TITHE	\$935.57
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$0
<b>Total to STYM/Outreach:</b>	<b>\$935.57</b>
STYM	\$514.57
Outreach	\$421.01

## New Families

Marian Adto  
 Nathan and Mary Artrip  
 Sharon Bailey  
 Ancel and Jennifer Baxley  
 Greg and Callie Cady  
 Jacob and Rachael Ellis  
 Lindsay Fowler  
 Christopher Allan Frank  
 Juliana Fuller  
 Christine Greenman  
 Francisca Hernandez  
 Brennan and Abby Ivory  
 Anthony and Cynthia Knapp  
 Maggie and Mitch Miller  
 Ramon and Bertha Mireles  
 Michael and Julie Moore  
 Natalie Neufelder  
 Charles and Julie Nieman  
 Elizabeth Pilarski  
 Bryan and Kristi Rose  
 Michael and Amber Ruger  
 John and Mary Schoener  
 David and Sonja Simmons  
 Daniele and Serena Vestrucci  
 Steven and Brittany Withrow

## Baptisms

Maverick Ace Cooper  
 Alexander Joseph Durcholz  
 Caleb Michael Ellis  
 George Edward Kozak  
 Cassian James Metzger  
 Kate Eloise Staff  
 Liam David Underwood

## Weddings

Arturo Garibay &  
 Cosbiareli Gonzalez-Mujica

## Deceased

Stephen Cuntz  
 Michael Richard Dorgan  
 Michael Dunn  
 Mary Joanne Egbers  
 Richard Holden  
 Larry Lense  
 Joyce Niehaus  
 Francis Nimmons  
 Ronald Schierer  
 Linda Smallwood  
 Robert Tyszkiewicz  
 Bob Vezina  
 Mark Warning

## Holiday Mass Schedule

### 4th Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 23, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 24, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**

### Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas

**Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve, 4:00, 6:30 and 10:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, December 25 Christmas Day, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**Saturday, December 30, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, December 31, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Monday, January 1 New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.**

### Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, January 6, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, January 7, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**

## View from the Pew

By Mary Jo Rehtin



By now we are well into the Christmas Season and looking ahead to the new year. The new year is often a time for reflection on the way our lives have been and resolutions about how our lives ought to be. I have a few thoughts on some things you might like to try.

Keep a gratitude journal. We all have things for which to be grateful. Get into the habit of writing down 3 or 4 items each day in your journal. Don't overlook the small things like finding something you have been looking for or running into a friend you haven't seen in a long time. God is always working in our lives in big and small ways. Pay attention and be thankful. It is nice to read through your journal from time to time and remember God's goodness.

Get in the habit of a regular prayer time. Set aside a period of time to spend with God. I recently heard a speaker who suggested that each morning you sit on the side of the bed for 3 minutes and be silent in God's Presence. Ask God for a particular gift to give away that day, like patience or listening or compassion. A prayer that I have recently used is the Surrender Prayer. It is a novena with the refrain "O Jesus I surrender myself to You, take care of

everything". It is comforting to turn everything over to God. Think about how you might build in some prayer time.

Pray for others. I cannot tell you how much it means to me when people stop me and say they are praying for me. It does my heart good. There are different ways to approach this. Make a list, make a prayer bowl containing the names of those for whom you pray, pulling out a name each day for a special prayer. One person I know has a prayer board with little hooks on it. She places tags with names on the hooks as a reminder to pray for those people.

Find ways to help others. Do an outreach project here at church. Visit someone who is unable to get out much. Do a random act of kindness. Open a door for someone. Be creative. The possibilities are endless.

Finally, recognize the effect you have on others. Every loving act you perform, every kindness you extend to others is a reflection of Christ's Presence. You have the ability, dare I say the responsibility, to make the world a better place. Let's work on this together. Happy New Year.

## Teaching Masses

Starting in October 2023, Fr. Rick and Fr. Michael incorporated into 5 separate Masses, a teaching session about the Mass.

The Masses that included these teaching sessions were recorded and are available on our website at <https://www.saint-timothy.org/>.

On the website you will find not only the video recordings but also an outline of the material used for the teaching sessions.





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YOUTH  
MINISTRY



# St. Timothy Youth Ministry

By Kristen Meiser, Youth Minister

Youth Group has had a busy Fall. In our general meetings, we discussed discipleship and the invitation Jesus offers each person to follow Him. You can join us most Sundays at 12:30 in Brodnick Hall. Check the bulletin or parish website for exact dates.



In November, the Youth Group helped with the Thanksgiving Food Drive by sorting and dating all the donated items. It was a tremendous job and we had a great turnout.



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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YOUTH  
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At the end of November, five of our teens had the opportunity to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). Thanks to the generosity of our parish, these girls were among 12,000+ Catholic teens in Indianapolis. They learned more about their faith, experienced Christ in the sacraments, and so much more. It was an unforgettable experience.





One of the attendees, Clara Howard shared, “This experience has really helped me to be closer to God and it has taught me a lot about myself. The speakers at NCYC helped me to explore my relationship with Catholicism and grow in my prayer life. The culture of NCYC is unlike anything else. Everyone had silly hats and pins to swap! The kindness and friendship I found in everyone I met showed me what it truly means to be a member of the Church. I am so thankful for this experience and I want to thank everyone that contributed to this amazing weekend.”



Finally, please consider registering your child/grandchild for our Summer Mission Trip. All incoming 8th graders and older can attend. See the flyer below.

From June 16 to 22, we will be serving in Dover, DE with Catholic Heart Workcamp in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and the local parishes.

The theme for this year’s Mission Trip is **HERE & NOW**. It was inspired by 1 Timothy 4:12, “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”

Throughout the week, teens will learn more about what it means to be the Church **HERE & NOW**. This is a theme Bishop Iffert also shared with our group at NCYC. The Church is looking to our youth as both the present and the future. They should not wait to get involved and make a difference. The Church needs them **HERE & NOW**.

Get involved and make a difference this Summer! Email Kristen Meiser ([kmeiser@saint-timothy.org](mailto:kmeiser@saint-timothy.org)) for more information.

**MISSION TRIP**

LOVE | SERVE | CONNECT

JUNE 16-22 | DOVER, DE

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Fr. Ruschman's Garden Appreciation Dinner and Awards

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Director

The Father Ruschman Garden held the end of the year Appreciation Award dinner on November 15 in Brodnick Hall. Approximately 35 people were in attendance.

### Here is the 2023 Fr. Ruschman Garden Recap:

Planning meeting held on March 6 ~ Plowing on March 11 ~ Planting on March 27

Second planting April 8 ~ First Harvest May 16

Officially closed the Garden on Monday October 31

Volunteers: 477 YTD, averaged 8-9 volunteers each day in the garden

24 weeks of harvesting ~ Producing 11, 281 lbs. of vegetables

Delivered vegetables to:

Abraham's Pantry

Florence Christian Church

Be Concerned

Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing

Your efforts fed nearly 1000- 1200 people every week

You worked in cold, rain, heat, and cold again.

### Special Thank You's go to:

Fr. Rick and the parish for continuing to let us use the land for a garden

Father Ruschman for your love of gardening

Bob Kordenbrock for his garden knowledge and working with the children using the seeder and giving rides on the tractor

Kate Schmitt for her garden and flower growing knowledge and teaching young children how to work in the garden and not being afraid to be wet!

Pat Tenbrink – for her record keeping shared with our parish

Drivers: Randy Burns and Ken and Theresa Shelton delivering vegetables

Joe Meiman for use of his Tractor to till in the spring

To our anonymous donor for the cooling rags for keeping our volunteers alive and hydrated in the heat

Our shoppers who filled the fridge with water and ice cream and popsicles to hydrate and refresh our volunteers

Todd and Jonathon Baeten for their seedlings, support and access to products needed and for lending a hand in the garden

For the regulars who showed up most every Monday and Thursday all spring, summer and fall

For all the people who came just a few times, we are grateful

Thank you to all the spouses for sharing your partners with the garden workers

If I missed anyone, forgive me. **I am grateful for all of you.**

We ended our season with a "pitch in" dinner held in Brodnick Hall. Fr. Ruschman joined us and shared the story of how the garden came about.

The **Golden Hoe award** began in 2013. This year the award went to: Randy Burns. The **Mini Golden Hoe award** started in 2015. This year that award went to: The Brown Children: Gabe, Cecilia and Evelyn. The **Golden Glove award** is new in 2023. It is given to a new comer to our garden. That award went to: Kenny and Theresa Shelton.

**Congratulations to ALL our winners!**



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## WWMIN Community Baby Shower

Our Boone County Diocese churches joined forces to provide a community baby shower for area moms in Need. Each church held a collection for much needed baby items. On October 19, we opened the doors at St. Paul to 150 moms who were grateful to receive the many items donated. In addition, we had various agencies available to help with additional resources to help the mom and mom to be. There were swag bags, prizes, demonstrations and dinner available for everyone who came to the event. We hope to continue to hold these events every year.







## K of C Coat Drive

We held a coat drive to collect gently used and new coats to be distributed to people in need throughout the fall and early winter season. We collected and received a large number of coats! Under the direction of Al and Bonnie Kovacic, they distributed 239 coats to the children in our Angel Giving Tree; 201 for SVdP clients and 38 to Gallatin County clients. Be Concerned received 20 coats and 100 coats were given to SVdP in Crescent Springs for their coat drive. The balance has been given to clients new to our area who are in need. In addition, they received cash gifts to purchase coats totaling \$5610. **Thank you St. Timothy Parish for helping our Knights care for our neighbors in need!**



## 2 Grants Speakers

We hosted 2 nonprofit agencies, **PIN Ministry** and **Emergency Shelter of NKY**, who came to speak at our Masses in October and November. They were both recipients of our grant award.

PIN Ministry will use their funds to purchase needed supplies to help the homeless. St. Timothy held a collection and then packed 150 blessing bags to be distributed to our area homeless neighbors. Thank you to everyone who donated to the agency. Also, thank you to the 80 people who came out to pack the bags and make sandwiches.

Emergency Shelter of NKY will use the funds to purchase a system to connect their overnight clients with area professionals: doctors, VA, Housing opportunities, Federal agencies, Social Security, etc. We will be cooking a meal in January to help feed the 80 guests who will be staying the evening. Date is yet to be determined.

### PIN Ministry

150 Blessings bags and 250 PBJ's were delivered to PIN Ministry in November. Thank you to everyone who donated items, who came out to sort and pack the blessing bags and make the sandwiches. Also, thanks to Lois and Bill Anderson for delivering the items. I have been told these were welcomed gifts to the people Pin Ministry serves.





Service

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive!

### SVDP: Pictures Tell Our Story



**St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers** are able to provide support for our neighbors in need only because of your generosity.

As you can see from these pictures, this assistance ranges from groceries and gas cards to help with rent and utilities. In addition, our four Northern Kentucky stores offer a selection of furniture, clothing, and housewares that are donated by charitable supporters of our mission.

During holidays, we provide families with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners as well as presents for the children. It is especially at this time of year that we fully appreciate the importance of your continued support for St. Vincent de Paul.

## Angel Giving Tree

A big **THANK YOU** goes to Challenge Girls. They spent one of their evening meetings decorating boxes to be used as decorations for Breakfast with Santa and under the Angel Giving Tree thank you trees. Great job ladies for making both events look very festive!



Thank you the **Outreach elves** who came to write tags and help place them on 8 tables in the gathering space for parishioners to take. We will be providing Christmas to 61 families with 194 children. That meant 1337 tags were written and placed on the 8 different tables. Thank you to everyone who took a tag. You are a blessing to all of the children we served!!!



## Christmas Items Arrive at Santa's Workshop!

In a world where so much hatred and anger and division exists, I am blessed to witness true heartfelt goodness, kindness and love. **Thank you St. Timothy parish** for your generosity and your Catholic hearts to help others in need. God absolutely had his hand in everything I worked on, He was everywhere I looked. Such a blessing to be a part of this parish. From myself and all members of my Outreach Committee, Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year. ~ Pat Seuberling



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

## Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Oct 12-18, 2024

Travel with Deacon Dave Philbrick for 7 days to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and other sites in Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Puebla, San Juan Teotihuacan, and Acolman.

Trip will include 4 or 5 star hotels in downtown areas, transportation with luxury bus, all breakfast and dinners, guided tours, and daily Mass.

Cost \$3,599 per passenger.

For more information on this trip visit Proximo Travel on the web at [www.ProximoTravel.com](http://www.ProximoTravel.com) or call (855) 842-8001



## 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**.



# 5th Grade DARE Graduation





# Merry Christmas



**From Saint Timothy School!**



*Merry  
Christmas*

## **Christmas Raffle**

**ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN  
THIS BEAUTIFUL NATIVITY SCENE!**

**\$10.00 PER TICKET**

**\*DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE JANUARY 5TH  
AT THE "BEAST FEAST"**

**\*\*WINNER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT\*\***





Save the Date  
St. Timothy Catholic School



# Thunder *Royale*

JANUARY 20TH, 2024 7-11PM  
GAMES, DRINKS, MUSIC | RAFFLE PRIZES

10268 US-42, UNION, KY 41091

Presented by the Parent Advisory Committee

For questions please contact [SaintTimothyThunderRoyale@gmail.com](mailto:SaintTimothyThunderRoyale@gmail.com)

# Saint Timothy Feast Day Celebration

with  
Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington


**January 27th | 4:30-7 PM**

Celebrate the feast day of our patron  
with Bishop Iffert. Mass will be  
followed by a light dinner and  
talk in Brodnick Hall.  
Childcare will be available.



**RSVP by January 15**





Saint Timothy Catholic School  
Presents

Disney  
**FROZEN** JR.

February 2nd and 3rd 2024

Both shows at 7 PM

St. Henry Drees Home Theater

Tickets go on sale in January!



# Saint Timothy Catholic Church



# SOCK

RSVP

\$35

admission

# HOP

by  
February 4th

February 10th, 2024

7:00pm - 10:00pm

Saint Timothy School Gym

Food & Drinks Included

*\*adults only\**

DRESS IN YOUR BEST 50'S ATTIRE AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!!

REGISTER ONLINE OR BY DROPPING THIS REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT  
TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR COLLECTION BASKET

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