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NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

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Who Can Really Encounter God? By Fr. Rick Bolte

Grace is not a thing we get, as we may have learned in grade school, but a relationship. Yet we can't see, touch, or hear God in a human way, how can we have a relationship? Bishop John recently shared with the priests of our diocese his first real encounter with God. Rather than trying to retell his story, I'll share with you my own.

When I was in the college seminary, I switched spiritual directors for reasons that had nothing to do with my spiritual growth as far as I knew. My new spiritual director agreed to accept me as his directee on the condition that I would spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day.

The seminary had been built before the Second Vatican Council and so there was a crypt below the chapel with four altars where each priest could say their own Mass. After the council, priests concelebrated one main Mass and the crypt was no longer used. The seminarians got permission to remove the four altars and to have the small room empty except for a tabernacle with Christ's Presence and a few small rugs on the floor. This is where I chose to spend my hour.

I typically went to the crypt late at night after most seminarians had gone to bed and I was unlikely to be disturbed. The first five days I managed to stay mentally busy. I said prayers I wanted to say, I talked to God about what I was struggling with, and I did some spiritual reading. It was on the sixth day that things changed.

I remember that night going to the crypt and just sitting there. I had nothing more to say and my reading was not inspiring me at the time. I decided to or maybe it just happened that I just sat there simply aware of God's Presence. Sometime during that hour, I had a deep experience of knowing God was with me. It was wonderful and indescribable!

It was a gift and I was not in control! Even to try to think about what was happening would be to leave the encounter. I was so joyful but to form words would also be to regain control and leave. I began to babble (speak in tongues). I don't know how long the encounter lasted that night but I have carried with me ever since that awareness of God's Presence with me.

I share this story because I want you to know that such encounters are not rare or only for special saints (I'm not one). When Bishop John shared his experience, there seemed to be a certain acknowledgement in the room among the priests that many of them knew what he was talking about from their own experiences. I know that God wants such deep encounters with everyone!

That is why I am so happy to have a 24/7 adoration chapel. Any time, day or night, you can come and spend time in God's Presence. No one can will themselves to have this deep encounter. There's nothing we can do to guarantee this encounter with God. But, God wants to be in deep relationship with you! In fact, our efforts will only get in the way. The most we can do is choose to be in God's Presence, to spend time with God, and learn to quietly be with God.

In our typical world, we are busy, distracted, and in control. Our awareness of God can be limited to our mental concepts and ideas. We can question our faith and even God's existence since it relies so much on us and our ability to believe. But there is so much more God has to offer! I very much encourage everyone to make use of our 24/7 chapel. It certainly is there for us to spend time with God when life is overwhelming. But I'd say even more for any of us who simply want to be in God's Presence. Remember 4444 gets you in.



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Stewardship of Treasure

March 2023

COLLECTIONS: \$96,977.07
5% TITHE: \$4,848.85
City Heights \$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$500.00

Diocesan Collection - International Needs \$3,848.85

April 2023

COLLECTIONS: \$109,229.24 4% TITHE: \$4,369.17 \$500.00 **City Heights** \$500.00 St. Vincent de Paul Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000) HONK \$3,369.17 \$\$ to 1% Tithe \$369.17 1% TITHE \$1.092.29 \$\$ from 4% Tithe \$369.17 Total to STYM/Outreach:

\$1,461.46 STYM \$803.80 Outreach \$657.66



Meet Our New Events Coordinator

Hello! My name is Jamie Hoppius, your new events coordinator. I have been a Boone County resident my entire life and currently reside in Florence. I am a proud mom to Charlie (11) & Ella (9). In 2020 we became part of the Saint Timothy family when we enrolled our children in school here. I love serving and helping in our community.

One of my deep passions has been volunteering for Cinderella's Closet since 2017. I am so excited to be at Saint Timothy and serving along with each and every one of you! Please reach out to me if you are interested in volunteering... Oktoberfest is right around the corner! Blessings

jhoppius@saint-timothy.org





A BIG THANK YOU...

To **Brynne** [brihn] **Wesselman** for her years of service to St. Timothy as School Receptionist, Parish Events Coordinator, and KRP teacher!

Our Parish Family

New Families

Matthew and Jenna Ballman
Laura Banks and Leonard Leuenberger
Darlene Berte
Elizabeth Buckingham
Blake and Ashley Dawson
Kenny and Karen Holbrook
Sharon and John Howard
Steve McIntosh
Harsh and Maria Patel
Roberto and Karla Perez
Tamera Rivera
Patrick and Romila Rodrigo
Jeffrey and Kathy Walters

Eric and Leocadie Wichmann Robert and Stephanie Wilke

Baptisms

Bryce Christopher Ahting
Ehmet Thomas Flick
Charles Everett French
Rowen Elizabeth French
Aaliyah Granados Hernandez
Angelo Hernandez
Wanda Laws
Noelle Grace Molitor
Jalias Ruiz
Andersyn Mae Steinhauser
Brooklyn Kate Steinhauser
Cody Stuart Story
Noah Oliver Vogelpohl
Marlowe Todd Vokas

Deceased

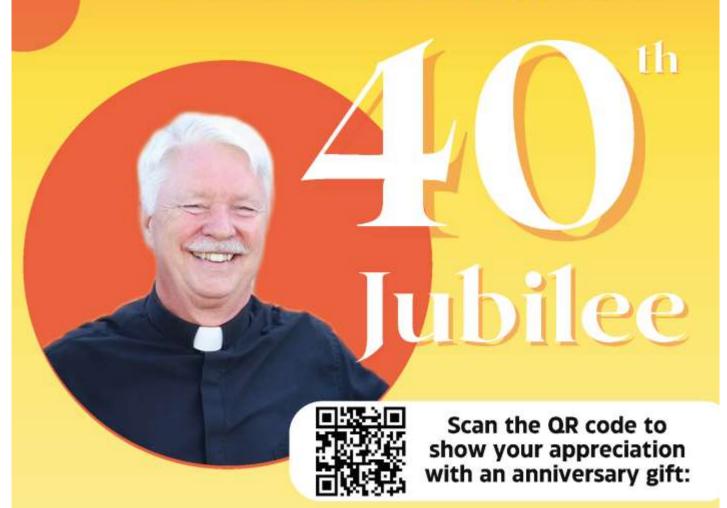
Patricia Berlage Dottie Due Donald Duritsch Ann Kunkel Alfred Mayleben Beverly Rouse Jayne Volz

CELEBRATE



Join the parishioners of St. Timothy
Catholic Church for a catered lunch on
Sunday, June 25th after our 11:30 AM Mass
in honor of:

Fr. Rick Bolte's



Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Class of 2023



Homeschool Class



RCIC with Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Blank, & Mr. Caicedo



Mrs. Millay's STCS Class



Mrs. Ivory's STCS Class





Sunday 8 am with Ms. Angela





Sunday 10 am with Mr. Obie & Mr. Schlachter



Wednesday with Mrs. Baumgartner

Formation

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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.

St. Timothy YOUTH



PSR Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year is Open

By Carol Lense, Director of Religious Education

Registration forms can be found on the St. Timothy Webpage, as well as in the Parish office. Please register early so we can be sure to reserve rooms accordingly. Thanks.

We are always looking to add volunteers to our program, maybe this is the year that it works for you to share your faith with the children of our Parish. Please contact Carol Lense at **clense@saint-timothy.org** or 859-384-1100 ext. 1509 to see what great options are available.

Youth Group Updates

By Kristen Meiser, Director of Youth Ministry

The youth group performed a beautiful **Passion Play on Good Friday**. The cantor and narrators guided those gathered through the Stations of the Cross while our actors brought the scenes to life. By performing behind a screen we added a layer of abstraction that enabled the audience to experience the Passion of Our Lord in their own way.



Thank you to the cast, crew, narrators, cantor, and adult volunteers who made this play possible.



St. TIMOTHY YOUTH MINISTRY





Passion Play





On Easter Monday, we held a **FUNdraiser at Strike & Spare**, where members of our parish and school gathered for laser tag, bumper cars, bowling, and more! The profits from the fundraiser are helping offset costs for Mission Trip and NCYC this year. In addition to fundraising, this was an opportunity to build community amongst the youth in our parish. Activities like this are an important way of fostering friendships within our youth group











Our recent meetings have followed the liturgical calendar, so we discussed St. Faustina and Jesus' message of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday.

On World Day of Prayer for Vocations we talked about what a vocation is and how we can prepare now for our future calling. And in May we discussed Mary and her role as our Mother.

In each meeting, we play a game, enjoy conversation over pizza, and engage in a small group discussion on the topic before ending in prayer.







PLAY & PRAISE

On Pentecost, we hosted a **Play & Praise** event. We had a Nerf War followed by Adoration with praise and worship music provided by the Worship Committee.





We will be pausing our weekly meetings through the Summer to make space for a special activity!

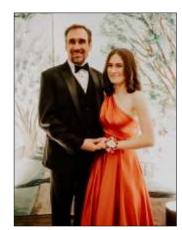
In June, our group departs for Morganton, NC to serve on our **Summer Mission Trip**. We have 19 incredible volunteers who are ready to make a difference for the local community through various service projects. If you are interested in helping sponsor a student, please contact Pat Seuberling.

American Heritage Girls: FAITH — SERVICE — FUN

By Stefany Nix

Earlier this year, St. Timothy's American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop KY1412 celebrated its 8th annual multi-Troop Father-Daughter Dance. Sixty-two girls attended with their dads. Founded in 2014 by Laura Nix and Annette Howard, AHG Troop KY1412 is not the first of its kind. In fact, the original AHG Troop was established just north of us in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1995 by a group of mothers who wished to have a more Christ-centered scouting program.

AHG Mission: Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.



What is AHG?

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5-18 years old. Girls explore their Faith, join each other in Service and have Fun socializing with girls their own age, all while learning new skills. In AHG, a girl has the opportunity to grow in service to others, complete fun and exciting badges (such as Dancing, Outdoor Cooking, and Canoeing), as well as participate in special events like the Father-Daughter Dance.

There are five different levels that the girls complete during their time in AHG: Pathfinder, Tenderheart, Explorer, Pioneer, and Patriot. To complete each level, most girls earn their level award, which is named and themed after a famous female role model, such as Sacagawea and Abigail Adams.

AHG Creed: As an American Heritage Girl, I promise to be compassionate, helpful, honest, loyal, perseverant, pure, resourceful, respectful, responsible, and reverent.

What does AHG focus on?

AHG places an emphasis on Faith, Leadership, Citizenship, Socio-Emotional Well-Being, Life Skills, and the Outdoors. Within the Life Skills category there are six badge frontiers. They include Heritage, Family Living, Arts, Outdoor Skills, Personal Well-Being, and Science & Technology. The highest recognition for girls in AHG is the Stars & Stripes Award, which requires extensive work and service to others. My oldest sister, Kathryn Nix, earned her Stars & Stripes Award in 2017 as the first in our Troop to do so.



AHG Oath: I promise to love God, cherish my family, honor my country and serve in my community.

How to contact us?

AHG Troop KY1412 usually meets two Tuesdays each month from 6:30-8 pm, with some outside events. It costs less than a hundred dollars for registration and local dues each year. If you are interested in joining, you are free to visit and sit in at one meeting.

You can also contact us at ahgcoordinatorky1412@gmail.com.

Please consider joining us!

Troop Number: (KY1412)

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity."

1 Timothy 4:12





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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



View From the Pew

Bv Marv Jo Rechtin

Are you a fan of jigsaw puzzles? I am not but I have several friends who are. I have heard from them how frustrating it is to get to the end of the puzzle and find out there is a piece missing so the puzzle can't be completed. When I was teaching religion, I often told my students that all of us are responsible, by virtue of our Baptism, for building the Kingdom of God. I likened the Kingdom to a jigsaw puzzle and told them that each of us has a unique piece of the puzzle and if we don't use our piece, the puzzle, i.e. the Kingdom, will be incomplete. I believe that is true for each of us.

How do we determine what our part is? St. Benedict suggested that we start by "listening... with the ear of your heart". God is working in our lives every minute of every day. We need to pay attention and be aware of His Presence. Take some time for prayer. Have you been to the new Adoration Chapel? It is a wonderful, peaceful place in which to spend time with God and listen for direction.

As the saying goes, "None of us can do everything, but each

of us can do something". Think about your gifts and talents. God gave us each abilities to be used in the building of the Kingdom. Live your life in such a way that others who observe you can see how the teachings of Christ make a difference in the way you live your life. Small things, like listening to one another, performing random acts of kindness, offering to pray for each other, volunteering for service projects all aid in building the Kingdom.

As I observe the St. Timothy community, I see many examples of people doing their part. I see beautiful families bringing their children to Mass and passing on their faith. I see many people doing service, large and small, to make St. Tim's a wonderful parish; watering the flowers, decorating the church, serving in some capacity at Mass, visiting the sick, helping at funerals, praying for each other, participating in Outreach projects. You get the idea..

Building the Kingdom can happen anywhere, at home, at work, at church, anywhere. Consider what you can do to help in the effort.

St. Timothy Men's Group

The St. Timothy Men's Group meets in Brodnick Hall on the **2nd and 4th Saturday of each month** following the 7 am morning Mass.



To receive the email with the meeting details, contact: Greg Egbers at gegbers@fuse.net or 859-240-6679.

The Door Is Always Open

By Jayson Putnam

You may have already heard that our Adoration Chapel has opened. You may have also heard that the door code is 4-4-4-4. You may have heard about the beautiful new path to the door that was thoughtfully designed to keep the bricks together if more than one was purchased by the same family. But have you heard that the new door is ALWAYS open for you?

Have you ever really thought about a door? Some are metal, some are wood or glass. Some are hand carved and some can be mass produced. Some are almost two stories tall and easy to get through and some are so small they can only be crawled through. But no matter the door or the size or the location of it, it is designed to separate things. Or protect things. But a key always provides access to the other side. You have the key to this door.

So my question is, do you go to the other side if you have the key? Do you want to be a part of what's on the other side of the door?

This door is special and what's on the other side of it **IS** beautiful. There is peace on the other side of it. There is a friend on the other side. There is a father awaiting your return and your time behind our door. He's waiting to hear your dreams and share your sadness. He's there when you have no one else to talk to. He's there after your promotion. He's there after the death of someone you love. He's there to help you when you're lost and there to help find strength when you are weak. He is there when you are sick or when someone you love is struggling. He is **ALWAYS** there and this door is **ALWAYS** open.

So why not go in? There's no need to wait until our Tuesday 8:30am to 10pm adoration in our sanctuary, or wait until Sunday Mass, how ever many days away. There's no need to wait to spend time with Jesus any longer. We are blessed to be a part of St. Tim's and fortunate to have a pastor who has provided us 24-hour physical access to Jesus. So never forget He is there for you. **WHEN EVER** you hear the whisper, head to the side door and use your key to get to what's waiting for you on the other side. Unsure, send me a text or call 859.992.1170 and I'll open this door for you to help you get to what's on the other side.





St. Timothy Adoration Chapel



It is not too late to purchase an engraved brick for the walkway to the Adoration Chapel, Access our website for a Brick Form. Call the Parish Office with any questions. 859.384.1100



ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LIVING, LEARNING & SERVING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRESCHOOL



HOW TO APPLY:

Complete Registration Form

Pay the Non-Refundable Registration Fee (\$130)

A supply fee of \$150 is due in August. *

*Supply fees cover all supplies including art, academic, gross motor skills, and sensory activities for students.



THREE YEAR OLD PROGRAM

- Meets Three Days Per Week (M/T/TH or M/W/F) 8:30am-11:30am
- \$235/Month
- Must be 3 years old by August 1st

FOUR YEAR OLD PROGRAM

- Meets five days per week (M-F)
 8:30 am 11:30 am
- \$300/Month
- Must be 4 years old by August 1st

KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

- Meets five days per week (M-F) 8:30 am - 11:30 am
- \$300/Month
- Must be 4 years old by June 1st
- The Kindergarten Readiness Program (KRP) is designed for students who do not make the birthday cutoff date for kindergarten, or for students who would benefit from another year of preschool due to maturity or academic progress. It is not meant to replace the four-year-old program.

ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Early Morning Drop-Off

- · Drop-off at 7 am
- \$10 per day
- 1 hour of playtime before class

Enrichment Hours

- 11:30 am-2:00 pm on student's scheduled days
- Lunch and a variety of lessons in Art, STEM, Reading, Social Skills, and more

Aftercare

- Available for students in Enrichment Hours ONLY
- 2:00 pm 6:00 pm
- \$10 per hour

SVDP: You Are Invited

By Mike Vogt

"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed." Proverbs 19:17

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a charity. Volunteers are dedicated to a holier life through charitable works. The spiritual development of our members (always a work in progress) is based, not only on delivering material goods – food, clothing, gas cards, rent money, beds, and furniture - to our neighbors, but also on gently inviting those we help to advance their own spiritual development.

In 1877, SVDP President-General Adolphe Baudon, wrote: "It is laid down in our Rule, ..., that in uniting to serve our masters the poor, as St. Vincent de Paul expresses it, 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, if we have the happiness of succeeding."

So, the mission of The Society and its individual members is a way to advance all of us in holiness.

In 1915, the SVDP President-General Vicomte Hendecourt further developed the idea that "The Society has two aims:"

1. The first is "to do a great deal of spiritual good to its members through the exercise of charity." By helping others, we help ourselves. This is a wonderful example of how God has ordered the world so that we benefit ourselves by benefiting others.

2.The second is "to do a little spiritual and temporal good to a few poor families in the name of Jesus Christ." Jesus praised and even demanded charity when he said "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

These two principles complement each other. President Hendecourt's Point is that there are plenty of agencies, public and private, that offer aid to the poor. The design of SVDP is different in that by adding the spiritual element we enhance the virtue of charity by raising it above simple materialism.

Mother Teresa says, "Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God." These holy Acts of Charity are delivered throughout the year by more than 40 St. Tim Vincentian volunteers (as well as the Knights of Columbus and the parish staff) who visit our neighbors, stock our pantry, organize coat drives, and help in the Call Center. The "holiness factor" is a great benefit and inspiration.

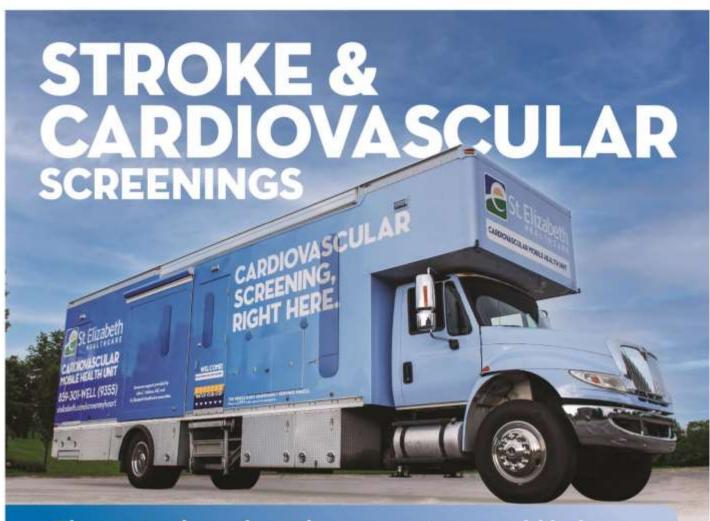
The increasing costs for food, fuel, utilities, and rent have made this year especially difficult for families struggling to make ends meet. We appreciate your generosity. You can be sure that your contributions are carefully managed to get the most out of each dollar.

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.)



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These simple and painless screenings could help you learn your risk for heart disease and stroke.

Where: St Timothy Catholic Church

10268 US-42, Union, KY 41091

When:

July 10th 9:00am-2:00pm

The CardioVascular Mobile Health Unit will be onsite. SCREENINGS ARE \$25 EACH.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Call (859) 301-WELL (9355) to schedule an appointment.

- Peripheral Arterial Disease screenings look for abnormalities in blood flow in the lower extremities.
- Carotid Artery screenings check the arteries uneven right alignment in the neck where plaque buildup can lead to blockages, which are the No. 1 cause of stroke.
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screenings search for an enlargement or uneven right alignment aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.
- Cardiac Age Health Risk Assessment, based on the Framingham Heart Study, calculates a 10-year heart risk percentage based on biological age, body mass index, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and smoking. It requires a 4-hour fast and involves a finger stick glucose and lipid panel.



2023 NORTHERN KENTUCKÝ

SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

JUNE 2: 7-11 PM

JUNE 3: 5:30 - 11 PM

1803 N FT. Thomas Ave., Fort Thomas stcatherine of siena.org/events

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN

JUNE 23: 6 - 11 PM JUNE 24; 5 - 11 PM JUNE 25: 3 - 8 PM

1150 Donaldson Highway, Erlanger www.mqhparish.com

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

JULY 14: 6 - MIDNIGHT JULY 15: 6 - MIDNIGHT JULY 16: 4 - 10 PM

5876 Veterans Way, Burlington www.ihmfestival.com

ST JOSEPH - CRESCENT SPRINGS

AUGUST 11: 6 - MIDNIGHT AUGUST 12: 6 - MIDNIGHT

AUGUST 13: 3 – 9 PM 2470 Lorraine Court, Crescent Springs Facebook.com/StJosephSummerCelebration

ST BARBARA ROCKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 8: 6 - MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 9: 5 - MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 10: 2 - 8 PM

4042 Turkeyfoot Road, Erlanger Facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger

SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

SEPTEMBER 22: 5 - 11 PM

SEPTEMBER 23: 5 - 11 PM

338 East 16th Street, Covington Email:stbenedict@zoomtown.com

ST PAUL PARISH

JUNE 9: 6 - 11 PM JUNE 10: 6- 11 PM JUNE 11: 3 - 7 PM 7301 Dixie Highway, Florence Stpaulnky.org

ST. PIUS X

JULY 14: 6 - MIDNIGHT JULY 15: 6 - MIDNIGHT JULY 16: 4 - 10 PM

348 Dudley Road, Edgewood www.nkybestfestival.com

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

AUGUST 11: 6 - MIDNIGHT

AUGUST 12: 5-11 PM

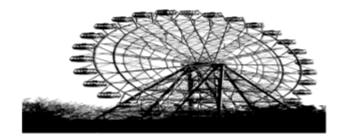
8246 Madison Pike, Independence 859-635-4188

ST. CECILIA

SEPTEMBER 2: 6 - MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 3: 4 - MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 4: 1 - 10 PM 5313 Madison Pike, Independence stefest.com

ST TIMOTHY OKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 15: 6 - 11 PM SEPTEMBER 16: 5:30 - MIDNIGHT SEPTEMBER 17: 12:30 - 6 PM 10272 U.S. 42, Union saint-timothy.org







Families of St. Timothy

For questions, contact Marley Davis at MarleyACecilia@gmail.com

Family Playdate!

1st Saturday morning at a local park

Abide

Catholic Fellowship for Moms 3rd Tuesday, 8pm in the Parish Office Kitchen

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

by C. S. Lewis

Readings for June: Chapters 1-4

Bourbon, Books, and Brews

Catholic fellowship for Dads 4" Tuesday, 8pm in the Parish Office Kitchen Bring your favorite beverage to share.

Who am I to Judge?
By Edward Sri.