

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

Mar-Apr 2025

Length of Days *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

Psalm 90:12 – “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

True wisdom begins when we open our hearts to reality—not just the joys of life, but also its boundaries. We often prefer to look away from the fact that our time is limited. Yet, it is precisely in facing this truth that we begin to understand what matters most.

In every sacristy of our parish, and in the possession of each priest and deacon, is a book called the Ordo. On the right-hand page, it lists the liturgical calendar—feasts, readings, and the rhythms of our sacred celebrations. But on the left-hand page is a quiet witness to eternity: the necrology. It records the names of the priests and deacons who have gone before us.

We read these names, and we pray for them. Many are familiar but some I do not know.. And as I read them, I think: one day, my name will be there too. One day, someone will see it and wonder who I was. This is the path we all walk.

In our culture, thoughts like these may seem grim. Who wants to dwell on death—or worse, on being forgotten? Yet Scripture invites us to see this differently. “What is man that You are mindful of him, O Lord?” the psalmist asks. “Man is but a breath, his days like a passing shadow.” (Ps 144:3-4)

This isn't a reason for despair. It's a call to wisdom. The Psalms, part of the Bible's wisdom literature, teach us that life's brevity is not a curse—it's a teacher. It gently urges us to ask: What, then, is life really about?

Jesus lived with clarity about life's purpose. He did not chase riches, prestige, or comfort. He poured out His life in love, often misunderstood, rejected, and finally crucified. And yet, in that offering, He entrusted everything to His Father, confident that love would have the final word.

Jesus, the Logos—the Word of God—lived not for worldly success, but for eternal fruitfulness. He is the message of the Father in human form, the embodiment of divine love. And He invites us to walk His path: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

When we reflect on our mortality, we're not meant to sink into sorrow. We're meant to rise into purpose. The things of this world will fade, but the love we give—the faith we pass on—will endure beyond the grave. To follow Jesus is to live in a way that leaves a legacy not of fame, but of love.

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” (John 15:10-12)

In the end, this is our calling: to love as Jesus loved. To live not for ourselves, but for others. Not for this world, but for the Kingdom. That is where joy is made complete. That is where our days, however few, shine with eternal light.



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Stewardship of Treasure

January 2025

COLLECTIONS:	\$99,650.00
5% TITHE:	\$4,982.50
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection -	
Opport. For Life	\$3,982.50

February 2025

COLLECTIONS:	\$ 87,401.51
4% TITHE:	\$3,496.06
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
CASA	\$2,496.06
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$0.00
1% TITHE	\$874.02
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$0.00
Total to STYM/Outreach:	\$874.02
STYM	\$480.71
Outreach	\$393.31

March 2025

COLLECTIONS:	\$141,572.60
5% TITHE:	\$7,078.63
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection -	
International Needs	\$6,078.63

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

NEEDED for the following hours of Tuesday Adoration:



Noon - 1:00 pm **NEED 2 people**
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **NEED 1 person**
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **NEED 1 person**
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **NEED 1 person**
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm **NEED 1 person**

Just need 6 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

Stephen and Janet Burkart
Fred and Michelle Fowler
Michele Friedenthal
David and Vicki Goertemoeller
Lucas and Melissa Kidwell
James and Patricia Maurer
Angel and Maniela Munoz
Dominguez
William and Jennifer Phipps
Ray and Judy Powers
Michael and Amber Rieger
Kathleen Roberts
Enrique and Sayra Rodriguez
Miguel and Salena Silva

Weddings

Cody Lee Flickinger and
Kayla Danielle Norton

Deceased

Charles Gadd
Patricia Kline
Elaine Makin
Barbara Matracia
Bernard Moorman
Bernie Moorman
Glenn Taylor

Baptisms

Ezra Robert Anthonissen
Iliana Ray Anthonissen
Mason Bradley Armstrong
Layla Maria Baeten
Emersyn Claire Bates
Nevan Bratcher
Owen Michael Esselman
Cathy Griffith
Brittany Lee Hatfield Withrow
Steven Hatfield Withrow
Holly Marie Hempel
Addison Lynn Hoebe
Angela Kay Jeffrey
Sherri Lynn Jones
Breeze Lyle Lendenski
Theodore Joseph Lobeck
Hunter Meyer
Jennifer Marie Phipps
William Floyd Phipps
Ellie Mae Rieger
Sterling Keene Schlotman
Luna Mai Silva-Trinh
Grant Warren Simpson
Owen Bryant Simpson
Caroline Rose Strange
Chad Anthony Taylor
Alexandria Page Torres
Lainey Joy Tretter
Colton Finn Volpenhein
Kinley Annelle Vuotto
Owen Zachary Wolfenbarger

View from the Pew

By Jayson Putnam



Whether you sit in the back or the front, in the center, or the left or the right side of our Nave, also known as the sanctuary to some, it's hard not to notice the tapestries of the men on each side of our altar. St. Timothy, our patron saint, is on the left and St. Paul is on the right as you look at the altar.

St. Paul's conversion is the most well-known in the Bible. St. Paul, growing up Saul in Jerusalem after being born in Tarsus, was not always the great man we remember him as. Tarsus is in present day Turkey and was under Roman rule as he was growing up. Saul was a Jew at the time and his father was a Roman citizen which allowed him to claim dual citizenship between Tarsus and Rome. This birthright turned out to be a great help to him in his later life spreading the word of God. Saul was a descendant of the tribe of Benjamin, from which the first king of Israel, King Saul, also came. Saint Paul is considered by many to be the second most important person in the history of Christianity, second only to Saint Peter. Although he was not one of the original 12 Disciples and never met Jesus while Jesus was still living, Jesus changed his life.

As a Jew, Saul was saying murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He had gone to the high priest and asked that if he found anyone in Damascus, either man or woman, who belonged to the Way (the beginning name of Christianity) that he may take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he was seeking these people and neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him and he fell to the ground. From this meeting he was blind for three days. Saul was

taken to Damascus where the disciple Ananias restored his sight and baptized him. These three days of blindness signify his spiritual transition.

Saul met Jesus on the road to Damascus and it was no longer Saul who lived, but Christ who lived in him, Acts 9.

In Acts' 16-19 Saul completes many miracles. Saul went out and preached mainly to the Gentiles, the non-Jews. He even called himself the "Apostle to the Gentiles." In his travels he met Timothy. Saul mentored Timothy—guiding him in his ministry and teaching him about the faith. Timothy was baptized by Saul around 47 AD. The two of them went on missionary journeys and established new churches together. St. Paul referred to Timothy as "my true son in the faith" 1 Timothy 1:2. St. Paul died in AD 67 after dedicating his life to Christ and writing 14 of the 27 books of the New Testament. Books we read from weekly to this day.

Think about that. Saul was out doing his thing—living his everyday life and he had an encounter with Jesus that changed his life. It changed him so much that when he came to his senses (he could see again) he not only became known with a different name, but also became a new person full of love and compassion for others and faith. Not all of us will have such dramatic encounters with our Lord—have you noticed your encounter yet?

It's no coincidence that these two men are present on our altar. In 1988 Bishop Hughes tasked the Formation Committee of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Florence to consider the need for a new parish in the fast-growing area of Boone County. Thirty-six years ago a new church was recommended and approved on the Resurrection Cemetery property at U.S. 42 and Frogtown Road in Union. As St. Paul was a mentor and builder of churches, it only made sense that the new parish would be called St. Timothy—in honor of the great relationship to our closest brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Florence and to honor and acknowledge the bond between St. Paul and St. Timothy.



The Easter Vigil

By Debbi Cranley

The Vigil Mass begins outside in the dark. We slowly enter the Church looking for the light – the light of Christ. This is similar to how the faith journey begins for our candidates and catechumens who enter the RCIA/OCIA process.

We had 21 adults, 10 teens and 10 children learning, studying and attending Mass with the anticipation of coming in full communion with the Catholic Church. On that night, 13 people received the sacrament of baptism and along with the newly baptized, several received Confirmation. The most anticipated sacrament, however, was receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ for the first time.

It was wonderful to see the faces of these faith-filled people as they processed through the communion line. The Holy Spirit was truly present with us all!

We would like to thank all of you who attended the Vigil Mass, helped with the preparation and most importantly – the prayers that you offered for all of us. We are very blessed to have a loving and welcoming parish community!

Congratulations to all our new Catholics!



Want to learn more about Jesus and the Church?

**You are welcome to join our RCIA classes
which start in September each year.**

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.

PSR Registration 2025-2026

PSR (Parish School of Religion) registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and on the St. Timothy Website.

Please consider joining our team! We need Catechists, Assistants, Substitutes and Children's Liturgy Leaders. Thanks. Contact the Parish Office if interested 859-384-1100.



We are looking for Liturgical Leaders for our Children's program. This is a great way to share your faith. Please join us! Contact Carol Lense clense@saint-timothy.org to volunteer.

Unfortunately, we will not be offering the VBS program this summer. We understand this may be disappointing, and we appreciate your understanding. We are still in the process of seeking a candidate to fill our open DRE (Director of Religious Education) position. If you or someone you know might be interested, please feel free to contact the Parish Office for more information.



St. Timothy Men's Group

The St. Timothy Men's Group meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 7:30 AM in Brodnick Hall. To receive email with meeting details, contact:

Greg Egbers
gegbers@fuse.net
or 859-240-6679



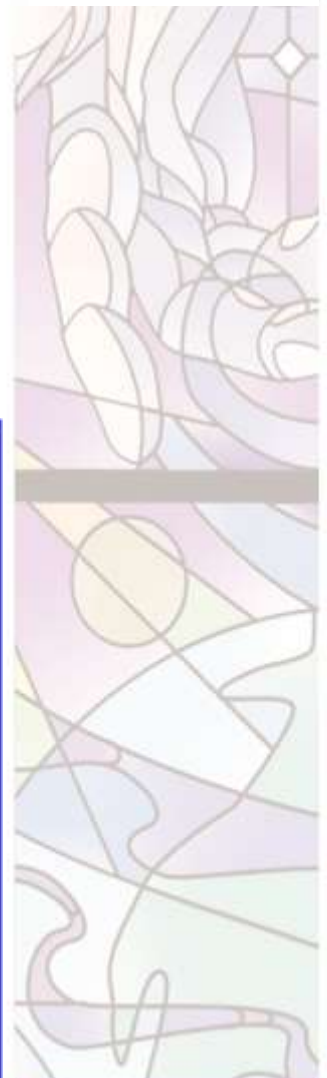
The St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Are Looking for You!

Looking for a way to give back to your Parish and Community?

JOIN THE KNIGHTS TODAY!

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For membership information visit www.kofc-st-timothy.org or contact TJ Mueller - tjmueller17@gmail.com





What is a Vincentian?

By Michael Vogt

Jesus said, ***"Feed my sheep."*** As Volunteers for **Saint Vincent de Paul**, that's what we do. And we need your help to do it.

We're looking for people with a little time to share with their neighbors – just a few hours once or twice a week. Neighbors with an interest in helping neighbors who are struggling a bit.

The most visible thing we do is the SVDP Food Pantry in the Church basement. The pantry needs two things:

- ◆ First, you can help collect and organize food in the pantry.
- ◆ Second, you can deliver food (as well as SVDP store vouchers) directly to homes or meet in the pantry.

There are a number of other services that we do as Volunteers.

We offer vouchers to our SVDP thrift stores that accept donations of furniture, clothing, and housewares.

To the extent that our financial resources permit, we help people with rent or utilities - or gas money - to get to work or the doctor.

We make phone calls to see what our neighbors need.

We provide referral resources to other agencies that can help families help themselves.

Most important, Vincentians are prayerful people. We pray before and after meetings, with and for our neighbors, and we encourage a life of prayer and reflection as a community of faith.

If volunteering for SVDP seems like a ministry you might be interested in, you can join an experienced Vincentian Volunteer (like the disciples we ALWAYS visit in twos) in the pantry or on an actual call to see if bringing the face of Christ to those who are struggling touches your heart as it does ours.

It doesn't take a lot of time - about three hours a week - depending on your schedule.

We share the work, so no one person has to do too much.

If you are retired or have a career that gives you some free time, this may be a great fit for you.

If you feel that God is calling you to action, contact:

Debbie Curtin, 513-532-6958, or Bill Anderson, 859-817-0187.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

Euchre Tournament - March 22

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Director

It was the perfect evening to play cards. People of all ages came out and won, euchred and secured the loners! **Thank you** to everyone who came out to support Mission Trip 2025. **Thank you** to Carol Lense and her family. Thank you to the Youth Group who came to work and also play. We were able to raise \$430 towards the goal.



Ladies Day Out

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Director

In March the Ladies Day Out celebrated St. Patrick's Day/Mardi Gras where we had fun learning about Ireland and the shamrock holiday through trivia questions and telling tales.

In April we had an early Derby Celebration. We wore our Derby Hats, choose our Derby Horse name and just had a grand time "horsing around". As always, the food and fellowship are the best part of our St. Timothy Women's gatherings.

Women over 18 are welcomed to join us. Our next gathering will be on Friday evening, May 30th, in Brodnick Hall to celebrate Spring! Check your bulletins for more information and look for the sign-up sheet in the church gathering space.



Grants - GO Pantry

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Director

Sarah Connett, St. Timothy parishioner and GO Pantry Team Lead and Community Outreach, was our guest speaker at all the Masses on the weekend of April 26 and 27. She shared with us the history of GO Pantry and how it has evolved to feed 1,200 students in area schools. They have also taken on clients of DCCH who need additional help. **Thank you** to our parishioners who purchased items for them. You filled the 2 bins twice!



Fr. Ruschman's Garden of Gratitude

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Director

Our garden has gotten a late start due to all the rain we have had. In late April, we were able to plow the ground and add the nutrients needed to enrich the soil. We had our first planting on Tuesday morning.

On April 29, we had 11 volunteers who planted 10 rows of potatoes, 98 green cabbage plants, 62 red cabbage plants, 160 broccoli plants, 3 rows of onions, 2 rows of collard greens, 2 rows of lettuce, 2 rows of beets, and 2 rows of kale.

Before :



Back Rows Planted:





Service

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Strong moms and dads build strong families.
Strong families build strong communities.



Mother's Day ♥ Father's Day

Your change changes lives. Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky is committed to helping moms and dads choose life for their babies and build strong, healthy families. Your generosity makes our ministry possible. From pregnancy tests to ultrasounds to mentoring and material support, we help moms and dads gain knowledge and confidence to make life-affirming decisions.

It's fun and easy to participate!

- ♥ Take a baby bottle home and place it in a visible spot.
- ♥ Fill the empty bottle with coins, bills and checks.
- ♥ Return the filled bottle to your church **by June 15.**
- ♥ Or donate online at carenetnky.org or scan the code.



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20th Anniversary

JUNE 1, 2025 at 1pm
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Join us to walk across the Purple People bridge to be a witness to our community of love and support for mothers and families and celebrating that all life is precious.

Face painting, live music, Free T-shirts, hot dogs, KofC Holy Donuts, Kona Ice and 30+ life affirming organizations!

www.crossthebridgeforlife.org



**Thanks so much to everyone at St. Timothy
for our recent Blood Drive success.**

- ◆ We had 37 volunteers try to donate
- ◆ We collected 39 units with red cells and 1 platelet
- ◆ Up to 117 potential lives saved!
- ◆ We also had 4 first time donors!

Hoxworth appreciates your organization's commitment to saving lives. The donors who participated in the blood drive have helped ensure that there is an adequate blood supply for the patients in our community. As you may know, Hoxworth is the sole provider of blood products to over 30 hospitals in our area. The blood that is collected at your drive goes to save the lives of our neighbors, family, and friends in the Greater Cincinnati/NKY/SE Indiana area.



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SAINT TIMOTHY'S 2025 FISH FRY!



5,029 MEALS SOLD!!

WE RAISED OVER \$30,000.00!!!!

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FANTASIC VOLUNTEERS! FROM
THE PARKING LOT TO THE KITCHEN... THANK YOU!!
WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR DEDICATION**



BUNNYFEST 2025

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PLANNING
COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS & THE EASTER
BUNNY!





DIOCESE of COVINGTON IN-PERSON ADULT CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOPS



JUNE 9 – 12, 2025, AT THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY

The Diocese of Covington, in partnership with the Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute, is offering FREE In-Person Adult Faith Formation Workshops at TMU's new Academic Activity Center.

Most workshops are broken into two parts and scheduled for two consecutive days, 1.5 hours per day. Instructors will provide topical information, video content, and open discussion time.

The workshops are for anyone entrusted with the formation of others, whether professional or volunteer, from households to diocesan employees, Parish and School Leaders, Catechists, Teachers, DREs/CREs, Youth and Young Adult Ministers, Family Life Ministers, Homeschoolers, OCIA Directors/Coordinators, Bible Study/Rosary Groups, Retreat Teams, Coaches, Individuals, Parents and Grandparents.

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation is the First Priority of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. We invite everyone to sign up for a FREE ACCOUNT under their Parish or School and encourage you to explore the Catechetical Institute's 200+ workshops at <https://franciscanathome.com>.



For more information and to register, visit <https://covdio.org/register>. For questions, please contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1529 or iisaak@covdio.org.

- The Vocation of the Catechist
- The Mission of the Catholic School & the Role of Teachers
- Jesus: The Christo-centricity of Catechesis
- The Deposit of Faith: An Intro to the Catechism
- Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
- Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis
- Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
- The Trinity
- Christ: His Person & Works
- The Sacramental Economy
- Praying Scripture: Lectio Divina
- Evangelizacion en la Parroquia
- Unlocking the Rich Treasure of the Catechism
- The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration
- Entrance into Christ & Participation in God's Life
- Family Systems in a Catholic School
- The Evangelizing Classroom
- Dilexit Nos: Formation of Heart as Link Between Evangelization & Catechesis
- Child Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
- Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
- Pedagogy of Revelation & the Response of Faith
- Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
- A Foundational Vision: Theology of the Body
- A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
- Methods & Practical Skills for Youth Ministry
- How to Develop & Sustain Youth Ministry Teams
- Youth Ministry Safe Environment Workshop

St. Timothy's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament



Boone Links Golf Course

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 1:30

FORMAT

Four Person Scramble - Registration Begins at 12:30

AWARDS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes

Long Drive & Closest to Pin

Complimentary beverages on the course!

ADD ONS

Skins, Pot-Of-Gold, Split the Pot & More

COST

\$120 for Single Player or \$440/Foursome

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***Fried Chicken Dinner after the tourney and now
with even more complimentary drink tickets!***

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Registration: Clip & Mail to T.J. Mueller (address below) or online at www.sttimothygolfouting.com

CAPTAIN: _____ TEAM MEMBER 1: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TEAM MEMBER 2: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ TEAM MEMBER 3: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Make Checks Payable to: St. Timothy Knights of Columbus

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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2025 NORTHERN KENTUCKY SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

JUNE 6: 6 – 11 PM

JUNE 7: 5:30 – 11:30 PM

1803 N FT. Thomas Ave., Fort Thomas
stcatherineofsiena.org/events

ST PAUL PARISH

JUNE 6: 5 – 11 PM

JUNE 7: 6- 11 PM

7301 Dixie Highway, Florence
Stpaulnky.org

SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY PIGFEST

JUNE 13: 5 – 11 PM

JUNE 14: 5 – 11 PM

48 Needmore Street, Walton
www.sjawalton.com/PigFest

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN

JUNE 27: 5 – 11 PM

JUNE 28: 5 – 11 PM

JUNE 29: 12:30 – 5 PM

1150 Donaldson Highway, Erlanger
www.mqhparish.com

ST. PIUS X

JULY 11: 6 – MIDNIGHT

JULY 12: 6 – MIDNIGHT

JULY 13: 4 – 10 PM

348 Dudley Road, Edgewood
www.nkybestfestival.com

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

JULY 11: 6 – 11 PM

JULY 12: 5 – 11 PM

JULY 13: 2 – 6 PM

5876 Veterans Way, Burlington
www.ihmfestival.com

ST JOSEPH – CRESCENT SPRINGS

AUGUST 1: 6 – MIDNIGHT

AUGUST 2: 6 – MIDNIGHT

AUGUST 3: 3 – 9 PM

2470 Lorraine Court, Crescent Springs
Facebook.com/StJosephSummerCelebration

ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

AUGUST 8: 6 – 11 PM

AUGUST 9: 5 – 11 PM

CHICKEN DINNER: 3:30 PM

8246 East Main Street,
Alexandria, 859-635-4188

ST. CECILIA

AUGUST 30: 5 – 11 PM

AUGUST 31: 4- 11 PM

SEPTEMBER 1: 1 – 10 PM

5313 Madison Pike, Independence
stcfest.com

ST BARBARA ROCKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 12: 6 – MIDNIGHT

SEPTEMBER 13: 5 – MIDNIGHT

4042 Turkeyfoot Road, Erlanger
Facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger

ST TIMOTHY OKTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 19: 6 – 11 PM

SEPTEMBER 20: 5:30 – MIDNIGHT

SEPTEMBER 21: 12:30 – 4 PM

10272 U.S. 42, Union
saint-timothy.org

SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

SEPTEMBER 19: 5 – 11 PM

SEPTEMBER 20: 5 – 11 PM

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