

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

July-Aug 2025

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

An important truth is that anyone can pick up the bible, read it, and gain inspiration from it. God is present in His word.

But if we read scripture more often, questions arise. Why is God in the Old Testament so different that the Father Jesus reveals to us? Why does scripture tell different stories about creation and why are they different from what we learn from science? How is it that God in the Old Testament seems to miraculously intervene to set things right but much less in the New Testament and in our time? Why do the Gospels not all agree with each other; why are there two different stories of Jesus' birth?

The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (chapter 3) quotes Second Timothy, "Therefore "all Scripture is divinely inspired and has its use for teaching the truth and refuting error, for reformation of manners and discipline in right living, so that the man who belongs to God may be efficient and equipped for good work of every kind" (2 Tim. 3:16-17, Greek text).

It goes on to state, "However, since God speaks in Sacred Scripture through men in human fashion, the interpreter of Sacred Scripture, in order to see clearly what God wanted to communicate to us, should carefully investigate what meaning the sacred writers really intended, and what God wanted to manifest by means of their words."

Continuing on in chapter 3 of this document, we are instructed to seek out what the author intended to say. "The interpreter must investigate what meaning the sacred writer intended to express and actually expressed in particular circumstances by using contemporary literary forms in accordance with the situation of his own time and

culture."

This is where studying scripture starts to become important. Left to our own devices or following the interpretation of others, scripture can be utilized to support almost any opinion. It has been used to support war, slavery, racism, etc. Today many evangelists preach a prosperity gospel assuring their listeners that if they act in accordance with what the preacher is teaching (usually including contributions to his church), they will have a prosperous life enjoying the things of this world.

As Catholics, we are to ask what the author really intended to say. Acknowledging their limits of scientific knowledge and history, what was the message they were trying to give? We can look today at the historical situation in which the author is writing and see how that might influence the author. We can recognize that the author may be writing a poem, a song, telling a story, or rewriting history to teach a lesson.

There are some popular online ways to gain some insight into what the biblical authors really intended. Fr. Mike Schmidt covers the Bible in a year (365 podcasts) at <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/> OR https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0QzUlsjD3k3UnRBLz_Y3DYQGv-mQAqy0. For insight into the Sunday readings you can use <https://liturgy.slu.edu/> from the St. Louis University. We also meet here at St. Timothy at 10:30 on Tuesday mornings to discuss the Sunday scripture readings (we presently meet in the rectory basement but will soon return to the parish hall).



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Our Parish Family

New Families

Cody and Maria Bennett
 Christopher and Courtney Bodurek
 David and Thomas Davis
 Jerome and Regina Grefer
 David and Michael Hennigen
 David and Becky Howard
 David and Aaron Kelter
 Kevin and Faren Kleier
 Eduardo and Karen Rios
 Brandon and Kasey Smith

Baptisms

Jeremiah Thomas Annear
 Clara Maeve Artrip
 John Peter Brockmeier
 Benjamin Stanley Carroll
 Lucy JoAnn Carroll
 Chloe Cote Doering
 Lynlee Renee Hengehold
 Killian Eugene Kidwell
 Theo Alexander Menne
 Archie Christopher Nosal
 Molly Ann Ryan
 Ophelia James Rykoskey
 Holly Elise Torbeck

Deceased

James Glatthaar
 Clifford Kessen
 Stephen Kuhnell
 Betty Ormsbee
 Joseph Stuckenschneider

Stewardship of Treasure

June 2025

COLLECTIONS:	\$111,079.98
5% TITHE:	\$5,554.00
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection - Peter's Pence	\$4,554.00

July 2025

COLLECTIONS:	\$98,200.37
4% TITHE:	\$3,928.01
St. Tim Scholarship	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	\$2,928.01
\$\$ to 1% Tithe	\$0.00
1% TITHE	\$982.00
\$\$ from 4% Tithe	\$0.00
Total to STYM/Outreach:	\$982.00
STYM	\$540.10
Outreach	\$441.90

SAINT TIMOTHY MUSCLE TEAM



We're looking for strong and willing hands to help with:

- Oktoberfest ..
- Yard Sale setup and takedown
- Moving holiday décor
- And MORE!

When there's a need, we'll send an email—you decide if you can help! It's flexible and a great way to serve when you're available.



HOW TO JOIN:

Sign up by sending your email to:
Jamie Hoppus
jhoppus@saint-timothy.org

View from the Pew

By Jayson Putnam



Some people just make us better. You can define better however you want. These people challenge us to work. To work on ourselves and to work for others. They gently plant seeds delivered from above, with a grandparent-like or best friend-like kindness. While encouraging us, these people make us smile—even when they push us to do things for God that we may not feel we are ready for or capable of succeeding at.

My friend, Mary Jo Rehtin, is one of those people. She is our real life example of our parish motto, “Stir Into Flame the Gift of God.”



I became aware of Mary Jo’s presence before we actually met. Her caring smile and the sparkle in her eye was different than others—it was truly special, and it made me curious. She seemed to know everyone and she always had encouraging words. But I wondered what made her eyes sparkle the way they do?

Our real friendship began while we served the parish together on our Pastoral Council somewhere between 11 and 14 years ago. Back then we met in the Parish Center—sometimes even in the kitchen! We squeezed in tight for those meetings—but being close was never an issue for our council. When the school was finished we moved our meetings up into the STREAM room. Those were good times—minus ALL my parliamentary procedure failures—luckily for all of us Chris Kemper tried to keep me in line. Mary Jo always provided timely updates from the Outreach Committee and any other committee where a member could not be present. She held us together and kept us smiling. Watching her banter with Fr. Rick was a true gift. Her con-

tribution to our meetings went way beyond the updates she shared with us regarding the broad outreach of our parish.

This “View from the Pew” column, as just one example, exists because of Mary Jo. As Paul wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:6, to “stir into flame the gift of God,” Mary Jo felt something was missing from our Companion—a special connection. She felt called to fix it. To ‘stir into flame the gift of God,’ means to actively and enthusiastically use the spiritual gifts given by God, preventing them from “smoldering” or becoming dormant. This phrase uses the metaphor of a fire that needs to be tended and stirred to keep it burning brightly, encouraging the continued, full use of one’s God-given abilities for ministry and service. Paul was encouraging Timothy to not be afraid of the challenges he faced but to use the spirit of power, love, and self-control that God had given him to make a difference. The seven words in our motto truly define my friend Mary Jo. And I have learned that that’s where the sparkle in her eyes originates.

I searched and searched the pictures of our parish archives—all the way back to about 1992 trying to find examples of her work and service. I found just one of her. You’ll never see her out front taking credit for anything—but her presence is felt everywhere.

To my sister-in-Christ, Mary Jo, we are all thankful for you and the love you show us. We are all blessed that you have shown us how to live and love when your own life is under the threat of cancer for the 6th or 7th time. Know of our prayers and that many of us

are better people because you are in our lives. You have truly shown us how to, ‘stir into flame the gift of God!’ I hope one day all our eyes sparkle the same as yours.





Saint Timothy Youth Ministry: Growing in Faith, Fellowship, and Fun

By Jenna Kemper, DRE/Youth Ministry

What a joy-filled time it has been for the young people of our parish! Recently, Saint Timothy hosted a special youth event that brought together students for a night of fun as we celebrated the end of summer and a big kick-off to the school year. We had a movie under the stars, games and an ice cream social.

Building on that momentum, we are excited to announce two ongoing opportunities for our youth to grow together in faith:



✨ Middle School Youth Group

- **When:** Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00 PM
- **Where:** Saint Timothy School
- This group will follow the PSR schedule
- Each night will be filled with engaging activities, faith-filled discussions, and fun with friends.

✨ High School Youth Group

- **When:** Friday nights this month, September 5 and September 26, 8:30-10:30pm
- **Where:** Saint Timothy School Gymnasium
- A unique opportunity for high school teens to come together for sports and fellowship, followed by time for adoration and prayer. This balance of active fun and quiet reflection helps teens build friendships while deepening their relationship with Christ.

Youth ministry is not only about programs—it's about building a community where our young people feel seen, supported, and encouraged to live out their Catholic faith. We invite ALL middle school and high school students to join us and we encourage parents and parishioners to continue lifting up our youth in prayer.

Together, let us keep inspiring the next generation to follow Christ with joy and courage.

Spotlight On Our School



Meet Deputy James Hubert Jr: Our School Resource Officer



Saint Timothy is blessed to have Deputy James Hubert Jr, affectionately known by our students as “Officer Jim”, serving as our School Resource Officer (SRO). Deputy Hubert comes to us from the Boone County Sheriff’s Office, bringing with him not only decades of law enforcement experience but also a deep commitment to faith, family, and community.

Before moving to Union with his wife, Jennifer, and their three daughters about three years ago, Deputy Hubert served more than 20 years with the New York State Police, retiring in February 2022. His dedication to service runs even deeper, he is also a U.S. Army veteran, having flown UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, attained the rank of Captain, and completed a combat tour in Iraq.

When asked about moving to Union, Deputy Hubert said, “We decided Union was a great place to raise a family...but my wife will tell you it was more for the deer hunting.” Now in his third year as part of the Saint Timothy Thunder family, he says he is “just as excited today as I was on day one” and truly loves his assignment as an SRO. His mission is clear: to create a safe environment where teachers can focus on educating and children can focus on learning.

Deputy Hubert is also known for bringing joy to the school day. “I love telling the kids a joke of the day,” he shared with a smile. Whether in the lunchroom, at recess, or simply walking the halls, his friendly presence and sense of humor make him a favorite among students.

Principal Ashley Rehkamp added, “Officer Jim is such a great guy. His presence around our school helps us all feel safe. He regularly checks the exterior doors to ensure they’re locked, and that gives us great peace of mind. He’s also incredibly friendly with the kids—he knows them all by name, chats with them at lunch and recess, and keeps everyone laughing with his wonderfully bad dad jokes. The kids absolutely love him.”

Outside of school, Deputy Hubert enjoys the simple pleasures of farm life; gardening, hunting, fishing, beekeeping, and spending time with his family. He is also a proud parishioner at Saint Timothy, making his connection to our school even more meaningful.

At Saint Timothy, Officer Jim is more than just a protector, he is a friend, mentor, and vital part of our school family. We are grateful for his service and the light he brings to our community each day.



Want to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Church?

You are welcome to join our OCIA 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



Mission Trip 2025

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Director

I have been home almost 10 weeks now and I am still trying to absorb everything we saw, did and felt.

Our trip began with an airline departure fiasco. We arrived 3 hours before our flight at 4:30am and the line was a mile long. Computer crashes and cargo belt break downs led to unhappy customers and even more unhappy check-in agents. We were able to get a family of 6 thru TSA and a single minor thru check-in before they closed out the rest of us. This required getting the family back and the single student to stay with us. Meanwhile the families' luggage flew off to Philadelphia not Jamaica. Prayers were said their luggage would eventually arrive in Jamaica. After several attempts God gave us the perfect agent who scheduled all 16 of us for departure the following morning. I did keep wondering what God was trying to tell me (maybe develop my patience) or keeping us from (maybe further fiascos). Sunday came we had a small wait for the tower in Indianapolis to clear our departure for takeoff and off we went. Ready or not, we were on our way to Jamaica!

We arrived about 2pm and after clearing customs we were met by our hosts, Cathy and Brent Kirk, staff members Hughroy and David and Jay our driver. Thank you God as the other luggage arrived within the hour of our arrival. The staff fed us delicious meat pies, cookies and a drink while they loaded the van with our luggage, and ourselves to head to Nutshell Conference Center, a short hour and a half away.

The first thing we did was have a group photo taken outside our compound. Then it was time to unload our luggage, take it to our rooms and then meet in the main conference center room. Rules were shared and the week-long schedule of activities

were discussed. We were given time to set up our rooms, have Mass, followed by a delicious Jamaican dinner. Afterwards we sorted and packed food packages to take to families throughout the week. No scales were used. Hughroy filled a bag each with beans, rice, cane sugar and flour. We then each took on the chore of filling bags to match his samples. These were evened out, tied off and placed inside a burlap sack. Families would receive 10 pounds of flour, rice, and 5 pounds of beans and cane sugar. A second burlap sack held sardines, salt, tuna, and other essentials. We filled enough sacks to feed 25 families for a month. All gathered to share their daily experiences of highs and lows and say the rosary. After this it was off to shower and go to bed. We knew 6am would come early.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were all fairly similar. Mass at 7am, breakfast at 7:30am, gather supplies for the day and head to the van. We arrived at the Basic Refuge School for children ages 3, 4 and 5. The Principal would gather the children under a tree to say the Our Father, and wish good mornings to the principal, the classmates and us, the visitors. She would sing a few songs. Mia, one of our Missionaries and her Mom Ashley would read a bible story and ask the children questions and then we went to the one of 2 classrooms to do a craft or two that would go with the story. The story of Noah's ark produced doves that flew to find land, and an ark to place animal stickers on it. They made God flowers with God at the center and the petals each stating virtues we should follow. Other crafts came from the story of Jonah and the Whale which gave us whale coloring pages, the religious booklets and angel, the Good Samaritan gave us friendship bracelets, pages to paint and stained glass windows. All of this was achieved with many hands, a few pair of scissors and 2 glue sticks. Lots of

time on the playground brought much laughter and new friendships. We were able to leave behind donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss from area dentists, sunglasses and squeeze balls from FC Cincinnati, t-shirts from Catholic Order of Foresters and school supplies from parishioners and members of the Young in Spirit.

We left the preschool to eat lunch at the elementary school each day except Thursday. A delicious meal of rice and beans, chicken, veggie slaw (no sauce) and potato salad with peas, carrots and green beans mixed in. We always had some dessert and a cold bottle of grape, orange or water. All leftovers were collected and given to Miss Jowanna, our Catholic community member connection, to give to her goats and dogs. She was with us at the preschool, lunch, our painting of the mission church. As the area Elder, she selected the 25 families who received the food packs. While delivering the packs we also prayed over people. Fr. Michael was able to bless some with the sacrament of the sick.

The afternoon kept us indoors during the heat of the day (still no fan or AC). On Monday we went to a Mission Church that holds Mass every 3-4 weeks for Catholics in the surrounding area. We were able to paint the interior of the Catholic Mission Church near the preschool and elementary school. Word went out in the area and soon several people came to clean up the exterior by cutting down weeds and trees and cutting the grass. Ms. Jowanna exclaimed we gave the church NEW LIFE! Jamaica is about 1% Catholic. It was so special to connect Praying Pelican Missions, a protestant organization with a Catholic Church

and to help our fellow faithful. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons we painted rooms and bathrooms at the Conference Center in preparation for other groups to use the space. Wednesday afternoon we were able to visit the William Knab Memorial Baptist Church, founded in 1827. This is the church where island slaves were freed. We also stopped at St. Joseph Catholic Church to say a few prayers. Then it was off to the government run infirmary. There we handed out the beautiful cards made by St Timothy 3rd graders, shake their hands and visit with the residents and the staff. They were so happy to have visitors. Our students did a fabulous job of interacting with the residents.

Dinners were delicious, we ate goat, beef, chicken and rice and beans, callaloo, greens, salad, fruit and always a dessert. One evening we even had spaghetti! We would then prepare for the next day, say a rosary, attend confession and have a few minutes of faith reflection. We would head back to our rooms for showers and sleep. Nighttime comes early in Jamaica it gets dark around 7pm. Morning comes very early. Sunrise is at 5:15am.

Thursday after breakfast we headed to a souvenir shop, a grocery for snacks, (who knew Jamaican prices were so high?) and off to an afternoon at the beach. Everyone had fun in the water and soaked in the beautiful scenery. Lunch was meat pies wrapped in sweet coconut bread and cookies. Blaney McKenzie, one of our parishioners, treated us to coconuts to drink and eat. He was born and raised in Jamaica and was able to give us all kinds of insight and tap into his wealth of Jamaican knowledge.

The Holy Spirit gave me the perfect group of people to go on this

trip. We were diverse in age -74yrs to 3 yrs. of age, diverse in nationality – Jamaican, American, Honduran, and diverse in talents and skills – a priest, a deacon, an EMT Firefighter, a Nurse Practitioner, a salesperson, Outreach Director, a business owner, preschool, elementary, junior high and high school students and a recent graduate, retired and working. Everyone got along, everyone pitched in, everyone prayed, everyone helped each other. Everyone laughed together. I weathered intense heat with no air conditioning, salamanders and lizards who kept the bugs out of my room, and incredible tasty Jamaican foods. I am so blessed to get to know, work and pray with all these wonderful people.

The people of Jamaica were incredibly gracious, kind, welcoming. We worked with the teachers and principals and prayed over the extreme poor. The average annual salary is \$28,000. The country offers some of the most incredibly extravagant all-inclusive resorts for visitors to enjoy and islanders to work for. All around them are people living in extreme poverty. I could see the love and kindness in their eyes and their smiles. They have touched my heart in a way I have not experienced before. God had a plan, and we opened our hearts to heed his call. As Miss Jowanna said, "We can do all things through Christ!" It was an absolutely amazing experience.

Things we saw and witnessed:

A rainbow after the homily, The ocean during Mass, the many goats, chickens and dogs who roamed freely, Blaney singing the childhood songs of his youth with the children, painting the church and giving it new life, the complete joy on the children's' faces when we came back on day 2 and 3 and

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where we began as strangers and left as friends who kept their word, the people receiving the food packs expressing their gratefulness, the students working with Jada, another Jamaican student, modeling for her the gift of giving and serving, Ms. Jowanna, a beautiful soul, sharing her love of her community and her deep faith, Fr Michael praying over 90 year old Ruby, Celebrating Miss Arlene turning 50 with a birthday cake, gift and card. She had never had a party before. Feel free to ask anyone who attended for more about these things.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the people who made this trip possible:

The staff of Praying Pelican Missions for their guidance and for setting everything up for us to experience thus allowing us to become the missionaries we have locked inside us.

Knights of Columbus - sponsorship
Catholic Order of Foresters - sponsorship

Salesforce - sponsorship

St. Timothy Young in Spirit –school supplies

St. Timothy Parish who sponsored missionaries, contributed funds large and small to our mission, gave at

Empty Your Pockets, and donated suitcases and all kinds of supplies.

Area Dentists – toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste

FC Cincinnati – sunglasses and balls

Mary the Flight Attendant with American Airlines who rebooked all 16 of us.

The attendees: Blaney, Ashley, Izzy, Mia, Laila and Olivia McKenzie, Sandy Johnson, Maggie Nord, Rob Barth, Kevin and Debbie Cranley, Alejandro and Juliana Mendez, Calen Kobman, and Fr. Michael Elmlinger – for making the trip fun and so rewarding!

St. Timothy Parish – for your endless support of Outreach and prayers for our Mission Trip

Father Michael and Deacon Kevin for providing for our spiritual needs

Father Bolte who encouraged me to stretch out my wings and take a leap of faith that God would be there to guide us and keep us safe.

Please prayerfully consider joining our Mission Trip, June 6-13, 2025. I promise you will see and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in ways you never expected.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!!!**



Jamaica Mission Trip 2025







Farewell
Jamaica

SVDP: You Are Invited

By Michael 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. The mission of SVDP Volunteers is to advance all of us in holiness. Volunteers are dedicated to a holy life through charitable works.

The spiritual development of our members (always a work in progress) is based in part on delivering material goods – food, clothing, gas cards, rent, beds, and furniture – to our neighbors. We also gently invite those we help to advance their own spiritual development.

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

- The first is “to do a great deal of spiritual good to its members through the exercise of charity.”
- The second is “to do a little spiritual and temporal good to a few poor families in the name of Jesus Christ.”

These two principles complement each other. 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.

While there are plenty of agencies, public and private, that offer aid to the poor, the design of SVDP is different: By adding the spiritual element, we enhance the virtue of charity by raising it above simple materialism. In fact, Jesus praised and recommended 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)

Sometimes the challenge seems overwhelming. There are rarely enough resources or volunteers to do the work. But somehow God provides. 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 (the help of 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. And the generous donations of food and clothing by parishioners is a major source of support and inspiration.

Now, with increasing costs for food, fuel, utilities, and rent, this year is especially challenging for struggling families to make ends meet.

We appreciate your generosity. And, 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](#) or [Bill Anderson 412-295-3441](#).

Fire Pit

A huge thank you to the **Boy Scout Troops 702 and 1702** who helped spread mulch around the parish fire pit. *It looks beautiful!* They also weeded in front of the War Memorial and spread mulch. Thank you to **Phil Seuberling** who has spent hours keeping the fire pit area weeded.



War Memorial

Also, thank you to parishioners Barb Keeling and Leda Fide who bought red, white and blue perennials and annuals to continue the beautification of the memorial.

We so appreciate your hard work and the respect you have shown for our fallen military and parish grounds. Thank you!



Baby Bottle Collection - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took home a baby bottle on Mother's Day, filled it with change and returned the bottles on Father's Day. We passed out over 300 baby bottles to our parishioners. St. Tim's baby bottle donations totaled \$7,028.68. WOOHOO!!! All proceeds from this Outreach effort support clients of Care Net. According to Care Net, "So far this year, 668 individual clients been helped, returning for visits and programs 2,224. Of those who had an ultrasound, 96% have chosen life for their babies."



Master Gardeners Association of NKY

This year we received a grant for \$500 from Master Gardener's Association of NKY. The award allowed us to purchase much needed garden materials and plants. Thank you Master Gardener's Association of Northern Kentucky!



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Ladies Day Out

May was for celebrating the Derby. Lovely hats Ladies. In June we made tissue paper flowers to welcome in summer July we had a Tea Party. Everyone brought their favorite tea cups. Then we made lovely hats. Many creative women at St. Timothy! August we had a summer salad celebration. So many delicious salads and desserts. We shared recipes and played Quarter Bingo. Ladies over age 21, please come join us on Saturday, September 27th for another lively afternoon with other women in our parish.



Walking With Moms in Need



Recently I received a call from a mom with 5 children. The youngest, 5 months old, was on a feeding tube and oxygen. The family was working hard to stay in their apartment, feed the children and get to the many doctors' and hospital appointments. They were struggling without a car. With the start of school so close at hand, the grade school children were also in need of school clothes and school supplies. I sent out a plea to our parish and you came through as shining angels. The children said it was better than Christmas and loved their new shoes, clothes, backpacks and school and craft supplies. With the financial support from several other parishes and our parishioners I was able to purchase a 4-person wagon for the children! Thank you St. Timothy for all your help and support!!



Mary Rose Mission



Every 4th Sunday we support Mary Rose Mission Soup Kitchen in Florence. We prepare a meal of Chicken Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Volunteers help prepare the meal in the morning and another group comes in the afternoon to setup the room, serve the clients and clean up for the evening. Thank you St. Timothy for spending time with the individuals and families suffering from food insecurity.



Fr. Ruschman's Garden of Gratitude

May - August





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We received potatoes, tomatoes and a few other vegetables from the Society of St. Andrew and together with the help and support of Beaten's Nursery we have had a great season so far. To date we have harvested 6521 lbs. of vegetables to give to Rose Garden Mission Food Pantry in Covington. Their neighborhood clients are so very grateful for all the fresh vegetables. We can always use more help in the gardens on Monday evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 8:30am. No experience is needed and all ages are welcomed!



The garden was gifted with memorial funds over the last year. We purchased a plaque to memorialize our deeply devoted gardeners who are no longer with us. The plaque reads:

"In loving memory of our gardener's who passed on...

Thank you for the seeds you sowed, the bountiful harvests you produced and the friendships you shared.

You may be gone but you will never be forgotten."

Yard Sale





Project Sheluka

From Joe Meiman Jr in May:

Yesterday evening my brother John loaded a pallet and a crate (total weight about 2,900 lb) onto a trailer owned by my pal Gary Strange. This morning Gary and I delivered this second wave of Project Sheluka hardware to a freight terminal in Northern Kentucky. This shipment represents 200 additional wells (to the 116 we installed in 2024) and pumps to serve thousands of rural villagers on the Matebele and Mulongo Plains.

I will begin my return to Zambia on 1 June.

Thank you for your support, without none of this is possible.

Joe



OKTOBERFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Don't miss a great opportunity to get those service hours, meet new people and have fun serving our amazing community!

Questions? Contact Jamie Hoppius
jhoppius@saint-timothy.org



QUACK!

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**DON'T MISS OUT ON
DUCK MANIA
WEEKENDS!**

**SEPTEMBER
6TH, 7TH, 13TH & 14TH**

DERBY DUCKS

\$25 chance to WIN \$250

\$50 chance to WIN \$500

\$100 chance to WIN \$1,000



D.I.Y DUCKS ARE BACK! \$25

Don't forget to place your bet on the **BIGGEST** duck race at Saint Timothy!

Will Fr. Hennigens duck be our winner? You decide!

Loser wears the duck costume during school lunch on Thursday, Sept. 18th!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

<https://tinyurl.com/5b78mzkb>



**ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE A VOLUNTEER T-SHIRT
WATCH FOR DETAILS WHEN YOU SIGN UP!**

2025 Oktoberfest!

Friday, September 19th

6pm-11pm

Kevin McCoy Band & Carrie Hall

Saturday, September 20th

5:30pm-midnight

4th Day Echo & Eyes Up Here with Kevin Cooper

Sunday, September 21st

12:30pm-4pm

Family Day

&

Tailgate Party (Bengals vs Vikings)

ALL DAY ride wrist bands!!

