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Advent is Coming

An invitation to anticipate Christ with hope, longing, and joy

By Fr. Rick Bolte

Advent is all about what is coming. It is a season of waiting, watching, and anticipation. But anticipation requires that we have some sense of what we are anticipating. Our mouths don't water for ice cream unless we have enjoyed it before or at least heard how wonderful it tastes. We don't get excited about riding amusement park rides unless we have experienced them or heard how much fun they can be. And we don't long for that quiet, restful beach vacation unless we have been there before or can imagine what it might feel like to step away from the busyness and demands of everyday life. Anticipation grows out of a glimpse of something good. We begin to long for what we believe will bring us joy, rest, or fulfillment.

Of course, anticipation isn't always pleasant. Sometimes we dread what is coming. We may worry when the bills arrive, feel uneasy about a trip to the dentist, or experience sadness as we prepare to attend a funeral. We may even feel fear or uncertainty as we approach a difficult conversation or an uncertain future.

So much depends on what we believe is coming.

During Advent, we anticipate the coming of Christ. We join generations of God's people who have waited and hoped for the day when God would come among us and set things right. The Old Testament prophets often spoke of the coming "Day of the Lord." This was not simply an end-of-the-world scenario. It was a declaration that God, whose power is beyond all measure, would come to establish justice, confront evil, lift up the oppressed, and restore what had been broken. The prophets used dramatic images of the sun and moon growing dark, stars falling from the sky, and the earth trembling before God's awesome presence.

These images were meant to awaken people to the seriousness of God's coming. They were especially challenging to those who had become comfortable with injustice, those who believed their wealth, power, or position placed them beyond accountability. The message was clear: No one is beyond God's judgment, and no injustice will have the final word.

We sometimes associate these images primarily with Christ's second coming and the end of the world. They certainly remind us that history belongs to God and that Christ will come again. But we should not overlook the deeper message of the prophets: God's coming means that the world as we know it, with all its injustice, suffering, and brokenness, will not have the final word.

For some, these images may inspire fear. And perhaps fear can get our attention for a while. It can make us stop, take notice, and reconsider the direction of our lives. We see this in the world around us. News programs frequently rely on fear to keep us watching, continually reminding us of the next crisis or danger that might be coming. But fear alone cannot sustain a relationship. It may cause us to pay attention, but it rarely draws us into the kind of deep, trusting relationship that God desires with us.

Advent is not meant to be a season defined by fear. It is meant to awaken our longing for Christ.

The anticipation of Advent invites us to imagine what life might be like when we live more fully in the presence and love of God. It invites us to consider what it means to know that we are loved even when we fall short, that we are forgiven even when we stumble, and that God remains beside us even when life does not turn out as we had hoped. The Apostle Paul reminds us: *"Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:38-39) What a wonderful promise to carry with us into Advent! We do not wait for a God who wishes to condemn us. We wait for the One who comes to draw us closer, to heal our brokenness, and to remind us that we belong to God. Jesus offers us a glimpse of this life when he says: *"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28) Perhaps this is one of the greatest gifts Advent offers us: the opportunity to imagine a life no longer driven by the need to prove ourselves, meet everyone's expectations, or measure our worth by worldly success. Imagine the freedom of knowing that we are already loved. Imagine the peace that comes when we no longer have to make every circumstance work to our advantage. Imagine the joy of loving others, not

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because of what we might receive in return, but simply because we have experienced the love of God and want to share it. Imagine being able to face the uncertainties of life with confidence that we do not face them alone. These are not merely pleasant ideas or wishful thinking. They are glimpses of the life Christ promises us. The Apostle Paul describes the fruit of God's Spirit as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). These are signs of God's presence taking root in our lives.

And the prophet Isaiah offers this beautiful promise: *"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles."* (Isaiah 40:31)

Waiting, then, is not simply sitting still until something happens. It is learning to trust God, opening our hearts to God's presence, and allowing the hope of Christ to shape the way we live today.

We already know something of love, joy, peace, and freedom. Our hearts yearn for these things because they are part of the life for which God created us. And Advent invites us to recognize that our deepest longings find their fulfillment in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

As we enter this season, let us not anticipate Christ's coming primarily with fear or dread. Let us anticipate him with hope. Let us make room in our hearts for the One who comes to meet us in our brokenness, walk beside us in our struggles, forgive our failures, and lead us into the fullness of God's love.

Advent is coming. Christ is coming. And the One who comes is the One our hearts have been longing for all along.

May we wait with open hearts, live with expectant faith, and welcome Christ with joy.

Stewardship of Treasure

June 2026

COLLECTIONS:	**$129,541.74**
5% TITHE:	**$6,477.09**
St. Tim Scholarship	**$500.00**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$500.00**
Diocesan Collection - Peter's Pence	**$5,477.09**

July 2026

COLLECTIONS:	**$102,685.45**
4% TITHE:	**$4,107.42**
St. Tim Scholarship	**$500.00**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$500.00**
	$3,107.42
Grant Recipient: (Max $3,000)	
Fairhaven Rescue	**$3,000.00**
$$ to 1% Tithe	**$107.42**
1% TITHE	**$1,026.85**
$$ from 4% Tithe	**$107.42**
Total STYM/Outreach:	**$1,134.27**
Outreach	**$510.42**
STYM	**$623.85**

August 2026

COLLECTIONS:	**$113,063.58**
5% TITHE:	**$5,653.18**
St. Tim Scholarship	**$500.00**
St. Vincent de Paul	**$500.00**
Diocesan Collection - Domestic Needs	**$4,653.18**

Our Parish Family

New Families

Drew & Gayle Anstett
Andrew & Morgan Bowen
Brian & Tara Brown
Juan & Lorena Carvajal
Michael & Cindy Cason
Alex & Mary Casper
John & Dakota Clark
Kyle & Kelsey Crank
Jennifer Crawford
Nery & Juan Flores Salazar
Dustin & Katie Fryer
Herman & Paola Garza
Jesus & Rufina Gonzalez
Adam & Chelsie Hegge
Richard & Janice Ley
Roy Linares
Stephanie Lykins
Matthew & Meredyth Malone
Matthew & Gloria Merkle
Dan & Brooke Merrel
Ampire & Gloria Ndusha
Ed & Jan Schweitzer
Austin Seaton
Edward & Hayley Shannon
Meghann Shannon
Jordan & Paige Sullivan
Ben & Julia Tofaute
Linda Van Stone

Baptisms

Brooks Michael Christ
Lacie May Fryer
Brixton James Hegge
Lennox Faith Hegge
Liam Joseph Hudak
Arthur Michael Krallman
Eloise Jane Krallman
Harrison Everett Krallman
Allison Linares Ruiz
Archer William Mathews
Hudson James Niemeyer
Carson Michael O'Daniel
Cooper Paul O'Daniel
Rhett Edward Riegler
Kieran Ronald Shannon
Jack Thomas Wanstrath
Brody Zumdick

Deceased

Sharon Leah Bartlett
Emiko Watanabe Brice
Betty Sue Davis
Joan Frohlich
Elma "Wink" Kramer
Lois Lambers
Joe Mangiafico, Sr
Gail McAdams
Lisa McHugh
Elaine J. Morris
Maria Robles
Donald Wood
Joan Zembrodt

Weddings

Ryan Patrick Gardner and
Brittany Amber Hemry
Attila Patrick Komjathy and
Landrie E Barnes
Logan Michael Runyan
Kathryn Ann Nix

View from the Pew

By Jayson Putnam

When you walk into the nave of St. Tims it's easy to have the tabernacle and the crucifix catch your attention. It should, right? The nave is where we faithful and broken gather to sit, pray, listen and participate in the service. It stretches from the interior doors of our gathering space all the way up to the raised sanctuary, where the altar, ambo and priest's chair is located.

From the nave the tabernacle and crucifix are clearly visible by design. They are positioned directly behind the altar, the sacred table where bread and wine are consecrated and transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Our crucifix hangs directly behind the tabernacle and near the altar as a constant reminder to our congregation of Jesus' sacrifice.

Have you ever really looked at it? Have you seen that Mary is depicted on the left and Joseph on the right of their son (and our Savior) on our crucifix?

It is common as we walk into Catholic churches in the United States and other places in the world to have the Virgin Mary on the left and Joseph on the right of the crucifix somewhere near the front of the church. You may have never noticed it before, but now as you look, you'll see it everywhere.

Even though there are no formal norms or rules regarding this, it is often because this places Mary at Jesus' right hand from his point of view. This has developed over time based on biblical texts and various cultural traditions. It is also in accordance with the Jewish tradition of having the Queen Mother sit at the right hand of the King.

Let's look closer. On our crucifix Mary looks sadly at Jesus with her hand on her face. This expresses her deep maternal grief, sadness, shock and compassion for her son. This symbolizes the agony of a mother mourning the terribly violent death of her child at the crucifixion.

Looking closer again we notice Joseph appearing to almost cry as he stares at his son. As the foster-father and earthly guardian of Jesus, it is easy to understand his brokenheartedness. In Chrsitian theology, Joseph is understood to always have a deep spiritual awareness of Jesus' ultimate destiny–and now he's looking at it.

BUT HAVE YOU REALLY LOOKED AT IT? Have you seen the blood dripping from each of the hands of Jesus? It's there. Each pierced hand symbolizes His work, miracles and the cost of redeeming what human hands have broken. See the blood coming from his ribcage? It's there. It mirrors Eve being taken from Adam's side AND signifies the birth of our Church. But look at his feet. Have you noticed the blood there? I've never seen anything like it. I'll let you look for yourself the next time you come to Mass. It symbolizes his earthly walk, obedience to the Father's mission and the journey to Calvary to guide souls to life.

So here we are. Every moment we are in our church we can see the ultimate deed Jesus did for us. For you. For me. None of us deserve it, we have all earned it.



Shadows at the Gate:

My Unforgettable First Night in Ministry



The heavy iron gates of St. Vincent's Mission stood tall against the ink-black night, locked firmly from the inside. Fresh from my ordination in the summer of 1995, I stood on the dusty road with my single battered suitcase, looking up at the shadowed contours of the parish house. The crisp white collar around my neck felt surreal, a tender reminder that my years of seminary were finally over and my real work as a priest was about to begin. But as the silence of the countryside stretched on, my enthusiasm gave way to a creeping unease.

I approached the entrance and knocked hard against the iron. "Is anybody inside?" I called out, my voice echoing into the darkness.

For a long moment, there was no response. Then came the sound of rustling feet and low murmurs. Heavy wooden crossbars slid back, and the gate creaked open just enough for a few figures to emerge. They were parish locals, but they did not greet me with the warm smiles or traditional garlands I had naively imagined. In their hands, they held thick, menacing wooden sticks, their faces carved with deep lines of tension and suspicion.

Behind them, I spotted the familiar silhouettes of the senior priests. Relieved, I stepped inside. Yet, the atmosphere remained stiflingly cold. No one offered a word of welcome. The senior fathers merely nodded, locked the gate back up with frantic haste, and motioned for me to follow them inside. We ate a brief, silent dinner under the dim light of a single bulb before I was shown to my room. I went to sleep that first night bewildered, wondering if I had done something wrong or if this cold, fearful isolation was simply the reality of rural ministry.

The answer arrived a few days later during a quiet conversation over morning tea. One of the older priests finally cleared his throat and explained the silence that had greeted my arrival. Just forty-eight hours before I pulled up to the gates, a notorious gang of local dacoits had forced their way into the compound under the cover of darkness. They had confronted the clergy, terrifying everyone in sight, but before they could carry out any violence or loot the property, something panicked the intruders and they fled into the night, leaving everyone unharmed.

The sticks, the locked gates, the heavy silence—it was not coldness toward a new priest, but the raw, lingering shock of a deeply shaken community. They hadn't known who was knocking in the dark, and every unexpected sound felt like the return of the bandits.

That realization transformed my understanding of my vocation in an instant. Priesthood was not merely about administering sacraments or preaching polished sermons from a safe pulpit. It was about walking directly into people's fears, standing with them in their vulnerability, and helping them rebuild trust when their security had been shattered. My arrival in 1995 was not greeted with celebration, but it gave me something far more valuable: an immediate, unvarnished purpose.....

Fr Sibi Kurian

ST. TIMOTHY PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Faith, Fellowship & a Day Away

A spiritual visit to the Abbey of Gethsemani and an afternoon of friendship



On October 22, a group of **34 pilgrims from St. Timothy** visited the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Kentucky. On the way, Mick Duncan led us in the rosary. Fr. Rick celebrated Mass in the Chapel, and afterward we were free to explore the 1,500 acres surrounding the Abbey.

The monks who live here follow the Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance. Their way of life is consecration to God expressed in fraternal union, solitude and silence, prayer, work, and a disciplined life. Some areas were off-limits, and others required strict silence—which, for some of us, was a challenge in self-discipline. It was truly a spiritual experience.

"We could feel God's presence as we appreciated His beautiful creation."

Boxed lunches were delivered, and we enjoyed a picnic on the beautiful Abbey grounds. Surrounded by nature, we had time to pause, reflect, and appreciate God's creation.

We then boarded the bus for a visit to Buffalo Trace Distillery. It was a fun experience, with bourbon samples followed by time on the patio to relax and get to know new friends in our St. Timothy community.

A day of prayer, wonder, and community—memories to carry home.



One Heart: Neighbor to Neighbor Hosts Halloween Party



On a crisp fall morning that promised a warm afternoon, St. Timothy parishioners gathered to prepare a Halloween party filled with fun, fellowship, and plenty of treats! Held at the White Pines Pointe Clubhouse, the event welcomed 50–60 guests who enjoyed seasonal crafts, Halloween costumes, door prizes, games, and a delicious assortment of savory and sweet treats.



Children enthusiastically decorated their own canvas trick-or-treat bags, created 3-D pumpkins and colorful puppets, and explored other creative projects. Families enjoyed choosing Halloween costumes, while adults caught up with relatives and friends over lunch. The many activities provided opportunities for everyone to interact, build friendships, and get to know one another better. Excitement filled the clubhouse as door prize winners were announced, and the festive atmosphere continued throughout the afternoon.



One of the most touching moments came at the end of the party when a hardworking mom shared how much she appreciated having others available to help her children with their creative projects. It was a beautiful reminder that sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is simply our time, attention, and willingness to lend a hand.

See Photos from this event on next page.

Building Community, One Heart at a Time



Many parishioners know that Fr. Bolte acquired a mobile home off US 25 as a launching point for a special mission: building community between St. Timothy Parish and our nearby neighbors. This effort, known as One Heart: Neighbor to Neighbor, has already brought people together through activities such as Christmas caroling, an open house, and diaper distribution for families with young children. With growing friendships and shared visions, there is much hope for the future!

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that love means willing the good of another. Jesus gave us this new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34–35)

Would you like to be part of this growing mission? Please reach out to Fr. Bolte if you are interested in getting involved. Together, we can continue building meaningful relationships with our neighbors in White Pines Pointe and the surrounding areas, creating a stronger community rooted in friendship, generosity, and Christ's love.

One heart. One neighbor at a time.
One community growing together in love.

HALLOWEEN FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Costumes • Crafts • Treats • Community

























FAITH, FUN & COMMUNITY

A Season of Celebration at St. Timothy!

What a busy and wonderful few months it has been at St. Timothy! From the excitement of Oktoberfest to the spooky fun of Trunk or Treat, our parish community has been finding plenty of ways to come together, make memories, and support the ministries and organizations that make St. Tim's so special.

Oktoberfest: What a weekend!

Another Oktoberfest is in the books, and what a celebration it was! Between the live music, delicious food, rides, games, duck races, raffles, and countless opportunities to catch up with friends and neighbors, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Most importantly, the weekend was a beautiful reminder of what makes St. Timothy such a special community: people coming together, sharing their time and talents, and creating memories for families and friends.

A HUGE thank-you goes out to our Oktoberfest committee, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who helped make the festival possible.



So much work happens behind the scenes long before the first booth opens, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped bring it all together. We are already looking forward to next year and dreaming up ways to make Oktoberfest even better!

Trunk or Treat: Spooky Fun for Everyone!

On October 23, St. Timothy's parking lot transformed into a Halloween wonderland for our annual Trunk or Treat! Families enjoyed trick-or-treating from creatively decorated trunks, showing off their costumes, and spending an evening filled with treats, laughter, and community fun.

Events like this are only possible because of the people willing to decorate a trunk, lend a hand, donate supplies, and help everything run smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a fun and memorable night for our parish families. We hope everyone went home with full candy bags and happy hearts!



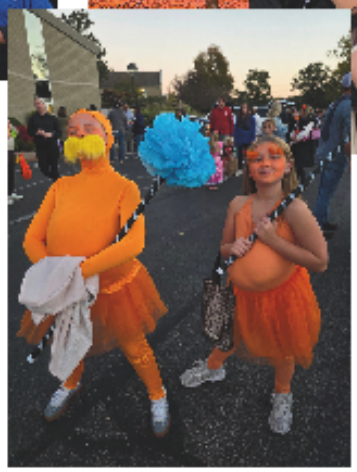
Save the Date: Fall Fling!

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 14, from 6–11 PM for the Fall Fling, St. Timothy School's biggest fundraiser of the year! Join us at the Marriott Cincinnati Airport event space in Hebron for a fantastic evening of fun, fellowship, and a large auction featuring opportunities to support our school.

The Fall Fling is about much more than a great night out. The funds raised have made a real difference for our students and school community. Past fundraisers have helped install new locks throughout the school, bring our wonderful School Resource Officer, Officer Jim, to campus, improve the gym, and make much-needed playground updates.







Every bid, donation, and ticket purchased helps us continue investing in our children and their future. Whether you come ready to bid big or simply want to enjoy a night out with friends while supporting a great cause, we hope you'll join us! A special thank-you to the Fall Fling committee and all the volunteers who put so much heart and hard work into making this event a success year after year.





Coming Soon: Breakfast with Santa!

The holiday magic continues on Saturday, December 12, from 8–10 AM, with our beloved Breakfast with Santa! Bring the family for a festive morning filled with holiday cheer, breakfast, games, crafts, and a chance for the little ones to spend time with Santa himself. It's the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season, make special family memories, and enjoy time with our St. Timothy community. Keep an eye out for more details as the event approaches!

It Takes a Parish!

As we look back on the past few months and ahead to all the fun still to come, one thing is clear: St. Timothy thrives because of its people. From the committees who plan for months, to the volunteers who jump in wherever they're needed, to the families who show up and participate, every person plays a part in making these events meaningful.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, enthusiasm, and generosity with our parish and school. We are so grateful to be part of a community that knows how to work hard, celebrate together, and make a difference. Here's to more memories, more laughter, and more reasons to come together in the months ahead!



ST. TIMOTHY PARISH
"Set into Place the Gift of God"

ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

Fall FLING

EAT ✦ DRINK ✦ BID ✦ DANCE ✦ GIVE BACK

DINNER & DRINKS

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

RAFFLES & GAMES

DJ & DANCING

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6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

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November 14, 2026 | 6–11 PM

Oktoberfest 2026 Recap











A HUGE thank you to every single person who contributed to our 2026 Oktoberfest, including our Oktoberfest committee, all volunteers and staff!

Your generous donations of time, money, and effort made this event a success. Thanks to everyone's support, we raised approximately $70,000! We couldn't have done it without you!











Project Sheluka Update

By Joe Meiman

The Zambian elections have concluded and that means Project Sheluka is back in the field. This week John Simasiku and his brother Matoli journeyed to the edge of the Mulonga Plain to perform maintenance on 32 Barotse Strong Pumps (BSPs) installed in late 2024 and early 2025. By mid-September they will have serviced all of the original 116 BSPs with newly designed handles and leather seals.

In late September John and Matoli will install the remaining 100 BSPs. When completed this autumn we will have installed about 250 BSPs, meaning that every known village on the Matebele and Mulonga Plains will have reliable access to clean water, serving well over 10,000 people.

I want to say “thank you” for the support. I came up with a plan to address this problem seven years ago. I am fortunate to have dedicated and very hard working folks doing the heavy lifting on the dry and sandy plains. But an idea and strong backs does not accomplish much without the support from our donors. Without you this does not happen.

Special thanks to the Parish of Saint Timothy's yard sale donation to Project Sheluka. Many parishioners put in a lot of work and it is very much appreciated. The villagers are always amazed that people on the other side of the world care enough to help them.









November Blessings

By Michael Vogt

As we enter the season for Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are naturally reminded of the many blessings in our lives, as well as the deep needs of those around us. These holidays serve as a reminder that none of us are meant to journey through life alone; we all depend on one another to navigate difficult times.

Volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, encounter this reality every day. They dedicate themselves to assisting neighbors who rely on us for basic needs — providing vital help with food, clothing, rent, and utility assistance.

"Go to the poor: you will find God." **St. Vincent de Paul**

Especially at this time of year — as winter weather approaches and the holiday season begins—we rely heavily on your compassion. We are only able to assist our neighbors because of your steady generosity.

To help our neighbors experience the joy of the season, we invite you to participate in our upcoming programs:

- **Parish Food Drive (November 14 & 15):** Please consider donating non-perishable goods. This vital collection will stock our pantry shelves to carry us through until our next major collection during Lent.
- **Holiday Meal Support:** Your generous financial contributions will provide complete holiday dinners for local families. This includes **gift cards** so families can purchase turkeys and other fresh items for their Thanksgiving and Christmas tables.
- **The Angel Tree:** Our annual parish Angel Tree gift-giving program will start after Thanksgiving. This offers wonderful opportunities to buy Christmas gifts for children, as well as ways to donate directly toward emergency rent and utility funds for struggling families.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." **Proverbs 19:17**

At its heart, our Mission enables us to "see Christ in our neighbors." We ask for your continued prayers — for the families we serve, for our volunteers, and for each member of our community to grow into a more spiritual relationship with Christ.

A Note of Gratitude: Eight new SVDP Volunteers stepped forward following our "Call to Service Sunday" on October 3–4! We are grateful to these new Vincentians, to our long-time volunteers, and to everyone who provides the resources to keep the SVDP Mission alive and thriving.

The Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and Welcoming of the Candidates

By Debbi Cranley

As the OCIA Coordinator at St. Timothy since 2020, the Team and I have realized that not all parishioners really understand the various Rites involved in the OCIA program. We currently have 19 adults, 12 teens and about 12 children all preparing to come into the church this Easter! Hopefully this article will help you appreciate the process and support those seeking to enter into full communion in the church.

The Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and Welcoming of the Candidates will occur at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, Nov 29. This Rite is the beginning of the faith journey of those wishing to be received into the order of catechumen (those not baptized) or candidate (those who have been baptized in accordance with the Church). This ceremonial Rite begins with the catechumens and candidates waiting just outside the doors of the Church. After the opening song, entrance procession, and greeting, they begin knocking on the doors. This is symbolic of asking for help on this journey, seeking to become closer to Him, and knocking, and the door will be opened. At the invitation of our Pastor, Fr. Bolte, they enter and stand just inside the doors behind the baptismal font with their sponsors. Fr. Bolte invites the church community to welcome these catechumens and candidates, pray for them, and support them in their initiation into the Christian faith by Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We, as parishioners, are obligated to share our faith according to our apostolic abilities. By celebrating this Rite during a Sunday Mass, we can encourage and support these catechumens and candidates on their faith journey and commitment to the Church.

Please help us support them and pray for them. It is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent!

Father Rushman's Garden of Gratitude

October Totals:

86 pounds Collard Greens
59 pounds Green Beans
81 pounds Green Peppers
32 pounds Kale
25 pounds Other Peppers
203 pounds Tomatoes
84 Turnip Greens

October Total	570 pounds
YTD Total	**10,849 pounds**

American Heritage Girls

September 26th found the AHG troops gather to retire a flag and practice a few other skills. Their families joined them around the St. Timothy Fire Pit to share food, fun, s'mores and show their respect to our United States flag.



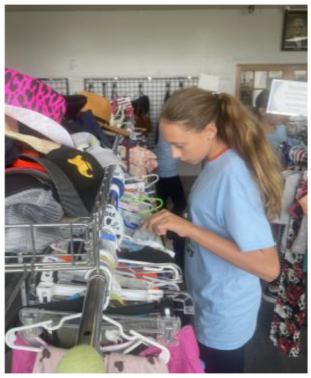




Mission Monday

8th grade confirmation students spent the fall break Monday, October 12th visiting 6 different nonprofit agencies in NKY. STCS students, Homeschool students and the students in 4 PSR Classes headed out to SVdP, Be Concerned, Rose Garden Missions, DCCH, Benton Farms, Emergency Shelter of NKY. They learned the history of each agency, who they serve, and gleaned a tremendous amount of other information for their Alternate Christmas projects. They gave their time to provide much needed service to each agency. In total we had approximately 80 students and two dozen adult volunteers give back to NKY nonprofits. Please be sure to visit their Agency display in early December!

Saint Vincent de Paul






Rose Garden Missions







DCCH Center



Benton Family Farm




Diocesan Community Baby Shower



Be Concerned






ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL







Beyond the Classroom:
Opportunities to Learn, Lead, and Grow

At St. Timothy Catholic School, learning happens every day in our classrooms, but some of the most meaningful lessons take place beyond the classroom. Through extracurricular activities, our students discover new interests, develop lifelong skills, build friendships, and learn what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether they are playing an instrument in band, preparing a business presentation through FBLA, rehearsing for the school play, collaborating with their Olympic Teams, competing on the athletic field or court, or serving as student leaders on our Lighthouse Team, students are putting classroom learning into action.

These experiences offer opportunities to practice skills that extend far beyond academics. Students learn teamwork, communication, problem-solving, responsibility, perseverance, and leadership. They discover how to handle challenges, celebrate the success of others, learn from mistakes, and recognize the value of contributing their unique talents. They also gain confidence as they step outside their comfort zones and discover what they are capable of achieving.

At St. Timothy, we believe that every child has gifts worth discovering and sharing. Extracurricular activities provide a place for students with different interests, strengths, and abilities to shine. They create connections across grade levels, foster a sense of belonging, and help our students understand that success is not simply about individual achievement, but also about encouraging and supporting one another.

These opportunities also reflect our commitment to forming the whole child—academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. As students learn to lead with integrity, serve others, and work together toward common goals, they put our mission of ***Living, Learning, Serving Christ*** into practice.

As we continue to grow through our school theme, ***Rooted to Rise***, we recognize that strong roots are formed through many experiences, relationships, and opportunities. Our classrooms provide the foundation, while extracurricular activities help students, stretch their branches, discover their potential, and grow into the people God created them to be. Hear directly from our students as they share how their involvement has helped them rise beyond the classroom.

More Than Just Activities...

Teamwork
Work together for a common goal.

Communication
Share ideas, listen, and encourage others.

Problem-Solving
Find solutions and think creatively.

Responsibility
Do your part and be dependable.

Perseverance
Keep going, even when it's hard.

Leadership
Inspire, serve, and make a difference.

Our Students Share Their Stories:

Sophia W
The play feels very important to me because I get to express my abilities by performing. When I joined the play, I was afraid that I would mess up and ruin the whole thing. Then, because of my friends, teachers, and family, I got my confidence. Also, because there were a lot of people that joined and gave me support, it felt like a team effort.

Palmyr S
Band and the play are extracurricular activities that I enjoy. They're important because I'm learning new things that spark my interest. Also, I've talked and become friends with many people from these activities who I never thought I would. Band and play are great activities for people who don't play sports (and for some who do).

Conner Y
FBLA helps me learn skills to go into the workforce more prepared and ready to be a leader. It helps me learn to communicate better, develop life skills, and to just be ready for life in general.

Elle S
The Lighthouse Team helps me become a better leader by teaching me responsibility, honesty, respect, and how to help others. It gives me opportunities to do things I normally wouldn't do – sell tickets for the dance, do more service hours than required, help others move, and think of ways to improve our school. (It) helps me realize that the little kids in our school really do look up to us (older kids).

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At St. Timothy, every opportunity to participate is an opportunity to grow. We are grateful for the teachers, coaches, volunteers, and families who make these experiences possible and help our students build the skills, confidence, faith, and friendships that will serve them for years to come.









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