

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

Aug/Sept 2018

Do We Want to be Saints?

By Fr. Rick Bolte

The answer, of course, is 'yes *' with an asterisk. We certainly want to be with our God and live forever in paradise. That is sort of a saint with a small 's'. When we think of being a 'Saint', like those named by the Church as such, I think our answer is much more equivocated. Many of those famous saints did some pretty amazing things, things we might not find personally attracted to or reasonable for us.

Truth is, if we tried to be a Saint like one of these famous saints, we would fail. This is not just because what they did may be beyond us or even simply because we would not want to try. Though these named Saints exemplified ways of following Christ whole heartedly and they show us what our priorities should be, the issue is we are not them. If we try to be like them, we would be trying to do it by our own strength: that can't work!

What these Saints, recognized by the Church, show us more than anything is how they followed Christ wherever he led them. They didn't choose to be some sort of hero, rather they simply followed where Christ led them in their everyday lives. That's the key for us too.

To be a saint is not to choose to be a hero. Rather it is a more mundane choice to be faithful to where Christ leads us in our lives. 'Holy' and 'wholly' are two words that have a lot in common. To be holy is to be wholly who we are and who we were created to be. To be holy is not to become someone else but to be fully who we are. God didn't create us one way only to ask us to be someone else; he created us as he wants us.

The path to sainthood then is a daily choice to be faithful to who God created us to be. It calls us to recognize at the core of

our being that we are like God. Being created in His image and likeness, we are loving, forgiving, generous, and compassionate at the core of who we are. This likeness of God gets lost when we are preoccupied with the things of the world; when we need to be successful, to look good in the eyes of others we feel a need to impress, and/or to find worldly happiness and pleasure.

If there is a source of evil in our world, or perhaps the devil's greatest strategy, it is to get us to believe the lie that who we are isn't good enough. Instead of being faithful to our own creation, we try to make ourselves into someone we are not; someone we think is more likeable, impressive, or respected. There is nothing we can do that is better than being wholly ourselves.

This then is the path to saintliness. Not some great heroic action that impresses others but simply living a life faithful how God created us. Jesus' call to love God and neighbor, to be compassionate to those most in need, to be unattached to the things of this world, etc. are not calls to impose something upon us but to call forth the goodness within us. That's why we don't find holiness through our will-power but by contemplating the love of God for us though we are unworthy. We can choose to act according to God's command then, not as a duty we must accomplish, but as a way to recognize God's love for us and invite the goodness within us to be energized. The daily carrying of our cross, that is the daily faithful choice to empower that good within us, is the path to sainthood. Being recognized as a Saint is for those who look at our faithfulness after we have gone.



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Our Parish Family

New Families

Ryan & Audrey Averdick
 Chester Berry
 Mark & Elaine Betz
 Steven & Lindsay Brian
 Chris & Angela Brunemann
 Andrew & Lauren Collins
 Zachary & Nicole Davis
 John & Linley Depenbrock
 Mike & Kay Gerwert
 Evan Haag
 Brian & Amy Harvey
 Esteban & Carolina Hernandez
 Christopher Hill

New Families

Edward & Lynette Holland
 Nancy Hughes
 Joseph & Savannah Lawal
 Anthony & Emily LeMay
 John & Nancy Lorincz
 Monica Shores
 Andrew & Christina Smith
 Bret & Michelle Summe
 Dean & Katie Vukovic

Baptisms

Leo Hengehold
 Brooks Herndon
 Peyton Walsh
 Matthew Warken, Jr.

Deceased

Norma Daugherty
 Raymond Deja
 Victoria Haley
 Phillip Leonhard
 Robert Mengelkamp
 David Millward
 Dave Perry

Weddings

Julianne Hahn and Sterling Pratt
 Adeline Marie Wilson and Kevin Grout



**Our Preschool staff
 was very excited
 on the first day
 of the school year!**

**This picture was included
 in the September 21st
 issue of *The Messenger*.**

Hoxworth BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, October 22
 1 - 7 PM
 Brodnick Hall**

***Be one of the first to sign up for the next
 blood drive at St. Tim's. We will be collecting:***

Whole Blood Donations: Donate one unit of whole blood.
 Allow 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Double Red Donations: A process that allows a donor to
 give 2 units of red cells while keeping platelets and
 plasma. Allow an hour to an hour and a half.

To sign up:

- Visit www.hoxworth.org/groups/sttimothy/
- or the Gathering Space after weekend Masses
- or call Jim Sholar at 384-2922.

For eligibility guidelines, visit: www.hoxworth.org
 or call (513) 558-1304.

Walk-ins are welcome!!

***Give the Gift of Life...
 it's the RED thing to do!***

You Just Never Know

By Deacon Dave Profitt

I had a God moment this past weekend. You know, one of those things that happen that make you aware of how much God is present in your life. I was leading a women's retreat at St. Anne and so it isn't quite unusual that you would have something meaningful happen. It wasn't so much what happened as much as who it happened to.

One of my policies I've implemented at St. Anne is that when I lead a women's retreat, I invite my women staff members to come for free. In return, they all pitch in together and take care of the things that need to be done for the benefit of the group. They do a great job and I'm so impressed by their willingness to do this. It's an awesome sight to watch them in action.

One of my staff members has never really expressed her faith before and that's fine. It's not something I force on people. She was working there before I came on the scene and she does a great job. This is the first time she decided to attend one of my retreats and boy am I glad she did.

Her testimony came on Sunday morning near the end of the final conference we had. Towards the end of my talk, she raised her hand and

began her story. She said that while we were doing Adoration on Friday evening and saying the Rosary, she felt she wasn't worthy to be there, but she stayed. She said that while saying the Rosary, she heard her mother say to her "I'm proud of you."

On Saturday evening, she went to confession for the first time in years. When she came out and went back to the Chapel, she said she saw things that she'd never seen before even though she'd been working there for years and had walked through that Chapel thousands of times. She said she couldn't wait to go to Mass on Sunday morning to see what would happen next.

It was what she said next that really hit me. She said that she'd always felt like she was a good person and really didn't need to go to church. God is everywhere, and she tried to live by treating other people right. But then she said that this weekend had opened her eyes. And she told everyone that if there is someone in their life who says that the Church isn't necessary, they're wrong. She needs the Church and she's back.

I was fighting back tears, my staff was crying, other women on the retreat were crying, it was worth the whole weekend to hear that. She then

capped it off by asking could she now have a raise. That was perfect. I told her no, but she could keep her job.

We so often don't realize how what we do makes a difference in a person's life and that's why evangelizing can be so hard. We're not always going to see the fruits of our efforts. We don't know if it matters but believe me, it matters. The God moment for me came when I realized that God's grace, peace and mercy are always present. All we need to do is let people see that grace, peace and mercy in our own lives. We do that in our actions, we do that in our words, we do that in little ways. It was a privileged moment for all of us there to have her share her story and it made us all feel God's presence in the room.

So, if you have that family member or friend who has left the Church, keep praying. If you yourself struggle in your faith journey, keep moving forward towards God. Let your light shine so that others can see the good works in you. Remember, we don't do the converting, we don't get people to change their hearts and minds. That's the job of the Holy Spirit, we just make it present to others when the Holy Spirit is within our own lives. Pray hard and often.

Is It Just My Imagination...?

By Mary Jo Rechten

If you know me, you know I tend to be a pretty positive person. I try to look on the bright side of things. Some have even called me Pollyanna. Taking all that into consideration, I propose the following.

I really feel that the Spirit is working overtime these days at St. Tim's. I see Fr. Rick and Fr. Ross working together to bring us to be our best selves. From the homilies on Sunday, to one or both of them greeting the

school kids by name each morning, to the sale of Ducks, I feel the inspiration.

When I go to Mass on Sunday and hear the spirited music provided by Andrew and the other musicians, I feel that the congregation is really joining in to have a joyous celebration. I leave every Sunday whistling or singing the closing song.

I see the Spirit working in the beautiful young families in the parish, in the RCIA with people joining the church, in

the gardeners who provide thousands of pounds of food to feed the hungry in our area each summer, in the Outreach projects that we do to help those around us, and more ways too numerous to mention.

I love St. Timothy Parish and feel so blessed to be a part of this Spirit filled place.

Is it just my imagination or do you feel it too?

Parish School of Religion

By Carol Lense, Director of Religious Education

PSR Classes are well under way for the 2018-2019 school year. We have over 430 students enrolled in our program this year. This number includes 67 students preparing for Confirmation and 72 students preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Once again our program welcomes new Catechists this year. We are so fortunate to have a large program and a great group of Parents and Parish Members, who volunteer their time to share our faith and impact the faith journey of our youth. It is especially great to have our current leaders, be so excited about what they are doing, that as they share their experiences with others, it encourages others to join us. I look forward to seeing this trend grow over the next few years.

One of our goals this year is to increase the Children's Liturgy Program. We offer Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass. We invite children in 1st through 4th grade to join us for a study of God's word on their level. Currently we offer this only on the weekends when PSR is scheduled, as we don't have enough volunteers to cover the other dates. We are hoping to encourage more parents, grandparents, older siblings and anyone who enjoys reading the Word of God to join this team. It is really an easy thing to do. We provide the readings and reflection early in the week so you can read through them, and feel prepared. We have a group of youth who will set up the area in Brodnick Hall, accompany the students down during Mass, and ensure that everyone returns to Mass on time, to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist together. If you think you might be willing to join us, please contact Carol S. Lense at 859-384-1100 ext. 1509 or clense@saint-timothy.org. Thanks!

Upcoming Special Events in PSR:

Monday, September 24

Monday, October 8

Monday, November 5

Sunday, November 11

Saturday/Sunday, December 1 & 2

Tuesday, December 4

Confirmation Parent Night

Confirmation Agency Adoption Day

Confirmation Sponsor Night

"I Am Special" Reconciliation Retreat

A Christmas Giving Fair in Brodnick Hall

First Reconciliation Program at 5:30 or 7:00pm

Preparing Our Hearts for Thanksgiving and Christmas

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach

Our parish is very generous and it can be seen all over the grounds during November and December. I wanted to just take some time to share with you some of the stories of people your generosity touches.

Some of our gifts go to Gallatin Co and have for many years. It is a rural area which is also the host to many hard working immigrant families. They come to this country with little more than the hope that their families will have more opportunities and can live in a safe community. Yes, some of them enter illegally after being told they would never be accepted through legal channels. True or not, that is many people's belief as they journey to our country. To be accepted into the Gallatin Co Christmas

program you have to complete many requirements that include a reading program at the library and community service. The program hopes to build the family and the community up! One of the families we sponsored last year had a baby that was born with a abnormality in his skull that required brain surgery when he was just a couple months old. The mother had only been in the country for a few years but had a job she enjoyed. The staff at Children's Hospital had suggested she quit her job as his care would require someone to be with him around the clock. Her family and the community in Gallatin Co have been a huge support. Here are her words she wrote after she received the Christmas presents

from St Tim's last year. "It's hard to put into words what the help with Christmas meant. My son was born disabled in October. He had surgery in Dec. I didn't know how I would ever have Christmas for him and my daughter. You made that happen. We can't say thank you enough times!!!! May God bless you."

When God asks us to be generous, we don't always know the details of who we are helping. But we do know that they all have a story to share. The question is how St. Tim's will fit into that story. How will we as a community and each of us individually respond to God's call to be generous and to share with others. How will we spread God's love to others?

Christmas in September?

By Bill Anderson

Too early to be thinking about Christmas? At St. Vincent de Paul we are gathering our families' Christmas lists and checking them twice. It takes a (heavenly) host of volunteers and donors to share the heart-warming Christmas cheer that our parishioners provide for our neighbors.

The most rewarding part of our ministry are the surprises we encounter when we visit the families and experience their gratitude and joy first hand.

Several years ago, we helped a young man and his grandmother at the Stay Lodge. The young man related to us that Santa wouldn't be visiting him this year because all his grandmother's income would be needed for food and rent. He and grandma had "a very merry Christmas and a happy Thanksgiving" that year and this past month they were able to move into their own apartment by means of a Butler Grant. (We are still looking for a new firm bed for his Grandmother.) They are very thankful for how God has blessed them.

We also worked with a family who has been through serious hardships overcoming addiction, abuse, suicide, separation and much more. They are now together, working, healing, growing and caring for one another. They volunteered to pitch in and help distribute presents and food to other holiday families because they wanted to give back for all their blessings.

Last year St. Tim's sponsored 75 families. Kate Schmidt makes all the decorative sacks and a myriad of volunteers - Juniors, Seniors, the Knights, the Boy Scouts and many, many more who make Christmas a reality for our neighbors. It's heart-warming to see all the toys, clothes, bikes and electronics lined up and wrapped in decorative packaging.

Some of our parishioners choose to provide Christmas for a whole family and personally deliver the presents themselves. By meeting the family and

sharing in their Christmas joy they find they are rewarded far beyond the cost of the gifts.

Often the Christmas coat requests on the Giving Tree are filled by the Knights of Columbus annual coat drive. Last year there were 250 mostly new and some gently used winter coats donated by parishioners. Another 255 new coats were purchased with parishioner donations to the Knights "Coats for Kids" program. This year, I'm donating money to the Knights of Columbus because they get such a good price on winter clothing that my gift goes much further.

Last year our church and school provided Thanksgiving Dinner for 30 families including turkeys and gift certificates. Then we geared up for 30 more Christmas dinners, including hams and additional groceries. Presents and winter wear were provided to fellow parishioners and families served by St. Vincent de Paul, City Heights, St. Bernard Parish, Gallatin County, Be Concerned, Family Promise and Rose Garden. Hundreds (of St. Tim's donated coats) were distributed by SVDP in key locations throughout NKY.

Last year your generosity was over the top! As you might expect, with the growing need we are hoping to serve even more families this year.

St. Vincent de Paul offers the opportunity to elevate families throughout the year. Many have fallen on hard times and are in need of comforting, a little food, and a new direction. If putting your faith into action appeals to you, St. Vincent de Paul could use a few "spirit"ed volunteers to visit neighbors or work in the food pantry, call center or thrift stores, or continue to support our efforts with food, prayers or monetary contributions.

Contact Bill Anderson [412-295-3441] for more information. Our goal is to "help families help themselves out of poverty." SVDP needs you!!!!



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Stewardship of Treasure

JULY 2018

COLLECTIONS:	\$102,062.22
4% TITHE:	\$4,082.49
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
Mentoring Plus	\$3,000.00
\$5 to 1% Tithe	\$1,020.62
1% TITHE	\$1,020.62
\$5 from 4% Tithe	\$0.00
Total STYM/Outreach:	\$1,020.62
STYM	\$561.34
Outreach	\$459.28

AUGUST 2018

COLLECTIONS:	\$71,843.92
5% TITHE:	\$3,592.20
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
DIO Collection:	
Domestic Needs	\$2,592.20

Thanksgiving from an Immigrant's Point of View

By Ben Lotianga, Seminarian

I was born in a field to nomad parents in Kenya. My dad died when I was young. My mom still lives in a small village in a home with no electricity or running water. My brother is a shepherd. My sister cares for my mom and her own children. Today, I am studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

How did I get to Cincinnati and begin studying for the priesthood? I had the opportunity to go to school here through the generosity of Ed Colina, a Cincinnati who started a foundation to provide education to poor children in Kenya.

I visited the U.S. first time in winter 2012. I came to convey in a physical way my sincere gratitude to the American sponsors and friends of the Ed Colina Foundation. They sponsored my graduate studies in Kenya and continue to support the educational and economic conditions of struggling Kenyans through the Foundation.

Through the generosity of the Ed Colina Foundation and other friends, I continued to visit the U.S. My most memorable visit was in November 2013. It was a Thanksgiving dinner when the Colinas, my host family, invited me and other guests to share in the great American tradition of roast turkey, cranberry sauce and pecan pie. I was so happy to be part of the family and the celebration. The warm home and the dinner of my host family remind me of Mass where we come together in unity, mercy, and love. In the same way, at Thanksgiving

we put aside our hatreds, our troubles, our differences and our problems and seek a retreat, if you

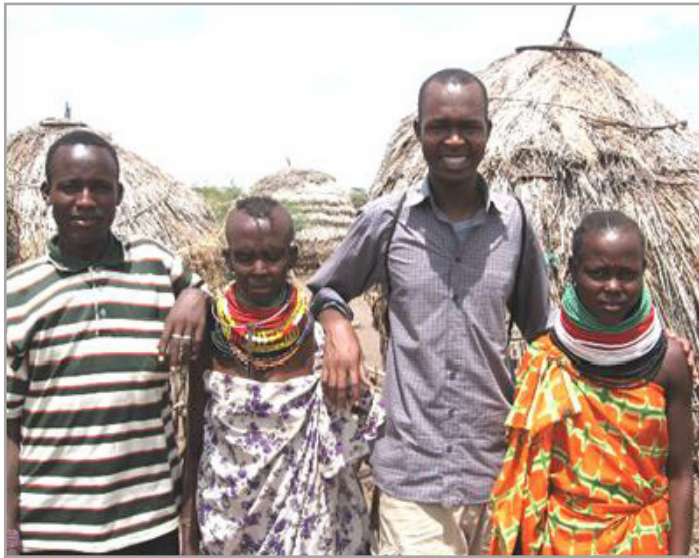
tion. I would like for every immigrant American to remember and be grateful for the work, the hardship, the endurance, the struggles with prejudice, the sheer will it took for their ancestors to build a nation as prosperous and full of opportunity as ours.

Just as immigrants who came here generations ago, those who come today bring hope and a desire to work giving a hybrid vigor to the nation's industries and institutions and adding their culture, gifts, and dreams to the American experience.

As I continue living, studying and adapting to American life, I can't tell you how

grateful I am for being here in the first place and for the many blessings I have received.

I see great opportunity and hope in this beautiful country of ours. As I look forward to becoming an American citizen in the future, I continue to work hard, not only to achieve the American dream, but also to be a role model and beacon of hope for many who, like generations before them, will come to this wonderful country and build their future here.



From left to right: Ben's brother, Lomor; mother, Akiru, and sister, Asibitar.

will, into all of the good things for which we are grateful—the things that made the country great. I saw, in particular, the dinner table as a place where we brought out the best in ourselves—to feed ourselves, to feed our neighbors, and where we shared our traits or virtues of generosity, dutifulness and compassion.

As an immigrant as well as a young person, I see many more opportunities and a better future for young people in this great country, than were many years ago. Even though there were fewer opportunities during the depression era of our grandparents, conditions improved and our parents worked very hard not only for our bright future but also for our wonderful country.

This Thanksgiving, I am giving thanks to our country's immigrant ancestors. We often forget what it took and what it still takes—to get here, and to make a success of our lives, as individuals and as a genera-



Here are some thoughts on today's immigrants...

Why refugees and immigrants leave their home countries?

Every day, in war-torn countries, people make one of the most difficult decisions in their lives: to leave their homes in search of a safer and better life. There are many reasons why people, around the globe, seek to rebuild their lives in a different country. Some people leave home to get a job or an education. Others, in particular the refugees, here in Cincinnati and other states of the United States, are forced to flee persecution or human rights violations such as torture. Millions of them flee from armed conflicts or other crises or violence. They no longer feel safe and might have been targeted just because of who they are or what they do or believe, for example, for their ethnicity, religion, sexuality or political opinions. Refugees' journeys, which all start with the hope for a better future, can also be full of danger and fear. Some people risk falling prey to human trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Some are detained by the authorities as soon as they arrive in a new country. Once they're settling in and start building a new life, many face daily racism, xenophobia and discrimination. Some people end up feeling alone and isolated because they have lost the support networks that most of us take for granted, that is, our communities, colleagues, relatives and friends.

Below is a story that captures the journey of a refugee family of four, from South Sudan to northern Uganda, and then finally to the United States. Due to their extreme vulnerability right now, and confidentiality factor, names and exact details have been subtracted or edited.

Akur has four children (three boys and a girl) now to raise on her own here in the US. Before the war broke out in their home country, South Sudan, they had 8 children. Four of them and their father, Chol were killed in South Sudan before they fled. How did it happen? On one fateful day, soldiers came and rounded up Akur's parents in their house and shot at everyone inside, killing them instantly. Akur and her children survived because at the time of the killing she had gone to visit her uncle, Dur, in a far distant village. Akur's husband, Chol had been teaching in a secondary school, after completing a bachelor of education course in mathematics and physics. Her husband, realizing that the security situation was worrying, called for her to return home. On her arrival, soldiers captured the whole village, killing people indiscriminately, including her husband and 4 of their 8 children. That night they heard people passing by their home and fleeing all night. When Akur went outside, all she saw was a massive exodus of the entire village. Akur and their children joined without picking up any household items and fled on foot to a locale nearly 15 miles away that night. In addition, many of Akur's close family members, friends and neighbors, were killed. Crossing the border, being resettled in the US, or leaving the war behind, doesn't end the nightmare. Below are some of the challenges refugees and immigrants face in the US, and other countries of resettlement:

Difficulty speaking and learning English - Imagine arriving here, unable to speak English. Try getting a job, making friends, or even completing basic tasks like buying food or filling out forms. To address this, many refugees and immigrants take ESL classes, but finding the time between jobs and caring for kids can be difficult.

Raising children and helping them succeed in school - One of the biggest obstacles refugees and immigrant parents report is raising their children in a new, unfamiliar culture. Most the refugee children become easily Americanized and tend to pick up English much faster than their parents. This throws off the parent-child dynamic, especially teens, are going to use this to their advantage. With regards to school, parents often feel disappointed to see their children struggling to keep up in class, and many parents report bullying and discrimination as a result of cultural differences. Kids are often placed by their age rather than by their ability, and for those who are unable to speak English, it's virtually impossible to keep up. To add further insult to injury, parents may not have the education or language skills to assist their children, and they may not be able to communicate with faculty to address the problem.

Securing work - While most refugees and immigrants are happy to take whatever job is available when they first enter the country, finding a job, and slowly moving up the ladder, is incredibly difficult. This is due to a number of factors: 1) trouble speaking English; 2) some of the refugees who are educated and formerly had strong jobs back home, find it frustrating that they can't obtain the same jobs here. Employers here in the US typically prefer work experience within the US, and certifications outside of the US usually don't transfer.

Securing housing - Unable to speak English and low-paying jobs make many of the refugee not being able to secure safe and affordable housing. Sometimes, some of them end up living in stressful unsafe and noisy neighborhoods, which are not conducive for studying or resting.

Accessing services - Difficulty speaking English, makes it hard for some working immigrants to access help with mental health issues, especially many of them who have been exposed to violence, rape or torture. They do not know how to seek help.

Breakfast For Dinner

By Debbie Murray

It was "Breakfast for Dinner" on July 23 when members of the Outreach Committee provided a meal to the teens, Mentors and Staff at Mentoring Plus.

Mentoring Plus, located at 801 York Street in Newport was St. Timothy's July grant recipient.

Their mission is to provide and empower "at risk" teens in Campbell County with a faith based multi-faceted program. Each teen has a one on one Mentor, sharing a meal, with an educational component, recreation time, and development of life skills over the course of a year. Case managers also provide intense family counseling, all services are free of charge.

It was a pleasure for us to provide the meal, but to also be invited to share it with the teens, their Mentors and the staff.

The commitment of the teenagers, and the dedication of the staff was truly a blessing to experience.

The grant from St. Timothy's will provide much needed shelving and kitchen supplies for their nightly meals and for those teens interested in culinary skills.

Mentoring Plus is always in need of



volunteers, serving in whatever way they choose.

Parishioners who may be interested in volunteering just a few hours a week are always welcome. To arrange a tour please contact Laura Gordon, Volunteer Director at laura@mentoringplus.org or 859-445-9101.

St. Timothy Nakhoyo School Breaks Ground

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach



Construction has begun...the fruits of all of the hard work of the yard sale volunteers and supporters are starting to be seen. The people are filled with great joy and appreciation. Thanks to all of our parishioners for helping to spread the Kingdom of God to all the ends of the earth. Thank you for spreading God's loving care to people you may never meet!



All Saints Day Mass And Memorial Celebration for All Souls

Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us



St. Timothy Parish will celebrate its annual All Saints Day Mass and Memorial Celebration for All Souls on **Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 PM**. After communion there will be a candlelight procession when we will read the names of parishioners and immediate family members of parishioners who died since November 1, 2017. If you have a family member that died this past year who was not buried from our church, we may not have that name. If you would like to have the name included at our memorial service, please send your name, your loved one's name, relationship, and date of death to Lynn Profitt in the Parish Office at lprofitt@saint-timothy.org or call (859) 384-1100 by October 26. Families may take home their personalized candles after the ceremony. We will also remember loved ones that died prior to this year by adding their names in our *Parish Book of Remembrance* which will be available in the Gathering Space beginning October 15. If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Server and you would like to participate at this Mass in one of these ministries, please call the number above. Please join us for this special commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

St. Timothy Bereavement Ministers

Advent Family Event Giving Manger

When: Saturday, November 17

Time: 9am till 11am

Place: Brodnick Hall

Cost: Free Will Donation

All supplies will be furnished

**Learn about the Giving Manger
and a 20-minute movie for the children.**



Start Advent with Vespers

The first Sunday in Advent is December 2. Msgr. William Cleves will be at St. Timothy's to lead us in Vespers (evening prayer of the Church), followed by a talk on Advent.

Vespers will begin at 4:30 PM. This will all take place in the church.

Don't miss this exciting way to begin Advent for you and your family.



Covington Diocesan Division
World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A.

“OUR LADY’S BLUE ARMY”



**JOIN US
FOR
DEVOTION OF
THE FIRST SATURDAY
COMMUNION OF REPARATION
& FATIMA PRESENTATION**

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2018**

8:00 AM - Noon

**ST TIMOTHY CHURCH
*UNION, KY***

MASS with CONFESSION and ROSARY
available after Mass

Continental Breakfast in Brodnick Hall with
Fatima Presentation

For more information or to register, please contact parishioners
THERESA COLLINS at 859.384.1125 or tcollins22030@gmail.com
or PATRICIA TENBRINK at pjoan@pwc.com

EVERYONE is welcome!

Join Families for Life as we host a Baby Shower!



Beginning September 29th, we'll be collecting the following new baby items to create baby care kits for the following local pregnancy centers - CareNet, New Hope, Madonna House and Rose Garden Mission. The pregnancy centers use the baby kits and diapers as rewards for completing various classes and supporting the Mothers and Fathers for choosing life.

Onesies
Sleepers
Heavy Blankets
Bibs

Baby Socks
Baby Shampoo and Lotion
Baby Wipes
Diapers (any size)

How else can you help?

Make a Fleece Baby Blanket

Help us make warm and soft **Baby Blankets**. Many families are without reliable transportation and often must walk with their babies in strollers. These simple blankets keep babies warm and cozy while they are out and about with their mothers. You'll only need to purchase 1 yard of fabric and follow the directions on the website:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket>

Sort Baby Items

Join us on **Sunday, October 14th at 6:00 pm** in the Youth Room to sort baby items.
Families and children are welcome!

Create Baby Kits

On **Monday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m.** we will be creating our baby care bags in the youth room. Families and children are welcome!





What a phenomenal Oktoberfest at St. Timothy! We were blessed with a great and successful weekend. While final numbers are still being put together, we are expecting a net profit of about \$80,000. However, Oktoberfest is about much more than simply proceeds and profits.

Oktoberfest is a blending of our parish as one. Oktoberfest demonstrates all that St. Timothy Parish is and will continue to be – a place where everyone can belong. A place where everyone works together and supports each other. It is a place where our strength is due to our unity. Oktoberfest represents what our parish is, and WOW, it is so amazing to be a part of this parish!

Thank you seems like it would never be enough to all of the volunteers that helped get Oktoberfest set up, kept it running throughout the weekend, and those that cleaned up after the festival. It could not have been as successful without YOU. We are grateful for all you do for St. Timothy. THANK YOU!



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 1st

9:00 AM –11:00 AM

in Brodnick Hall

Donuts, bagels, fruit, yogurt, & drinks

CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS! VISIT WITH SANTA!! STORY TIME WITH MRS. CLAUS!

Pre-registration & payment REQUIRED – SPACE IS LIMITED

\$5 per person

2 & under are FREE

Interested in volunteering to help run this event, please email Brynne Wesselman at
bwesselman@saint-timothy.org.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA REGISTRATION

Please complete and return this form with your payment to the offertory basket, School Office, or Parish Office by Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Please contact Brynne Wesselman with any questions.

Family Name: _____

# of Adults	_____ X \$5 = \$_____	# of kids	_____ X \$5 = \$_____	(2 and under are free)
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Total = \$_____

OUR SCHOOL AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

By Debra Thomas, Principal St. Timothy Catholic School

When thinking about St. Timothy Catholic Church, this scripture verse, "I am the vine, you are the branches" comes to mind. There are many branches of the parish. All of these branches are an extension of Jesus' presence in our parish, reaching out to others in so many different ways. St. Timothy Parish branched out again when the decision was made to build a K-8 Catholic School. There were risks as there always are. Will we have enough money to build a school? Will we have enough interest in the school to fill it? Will the parish be able to sustain a school and continue to afford all of the other ministries (branches) within the parish? These are some of the questions that many of us have thought about and maybe even worried about over the past few years; most especially this past year as the full school opened. I am pleased to share with you some details about the school from this past fiscal year. But first, I would like

to say thank you to the parish on behalf of myself, the staff and especially the families who send their children to St. Timothy Catholic School.

When reflecting on the verse, "I am the vine and you are the branches", I can't help but feel the presence of God in the midst of all. He was most definitely in our midst and guided us along His path. The branches of the parish are strong and gave us the freedom to further extend the branches of the vine to now include our school. This branch enabled greater evangelizing and educating our children in the new school and in our PSR program. Respecting the vine that is the parish, we had to be good stewards of what was entrusted to us. We had to carefully plan and execute a reasonable budget.

Last year, the budget for the school included a \$250,000 subsidy from the parish. This subsidy was to include both tuition assistance (\$40,000) and start-up funding

(\$75,000) for one-time purchases that would be needed for the classrooms (desks, chairs, computers, Chromebooks etc.). Additionally, it included the 13% the diocese charges on all in-parish tuition for the Secondary School Assessment and the Diocesan Assessment. I am pleased to share with you that the school came in right on budget.

Last year, we opened the doors of the school with 98 registered students and we completed the year with 115 students. This year, we have jumped to an enrollment of 162 and our teaching staff has almost doubled in size! We will continue to build our school with families who are committed to the faith and to the service learning program which puts our faith in action for our students. We will continue to meet students where they are and embrace them as our God has made them.

Again I thank you for your generosity to these school children and pledge to continue to be good stewards of the resources you give to this branch of the parish vine.

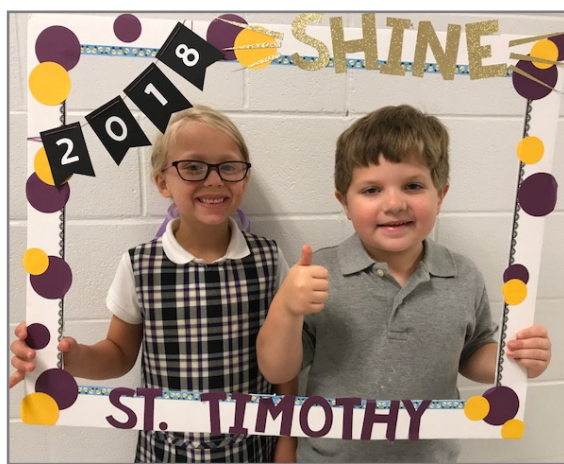
Anything is Possible When You Let Your Light Shine

What an amazing start to our second school year! St. Timothy Catholic School opened its doors to meet students on August 13 and since that day, all 162 students have hit the ground running with excitement about their new school adventure!

This year's theme is "Anything is Possible When You Let Your Light Shine"! By letting our light shine, we are first working on teaching the students to be self-confident and to use that confidence to be the light of Christ. Secondly, we are sharing our light with those around us. By sharing our light, we are teaching our students how to be a good friend and how to be a student who is ready to learn! The third part of our theme extends to using the light inside of us to help those in need. Through our


service learning program, our students will head to agencies to share the light of St. Timothy Church with all! This year's service learning agen-

sions. Through our service to others we will teach our students that by helping others, we are the light of Christ!



cies are: Hope Ministries, The Rose Garden Mission, HONK, Welcome House, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Brighton Center and Master Provi-

We are always in need of Virtus-Trained volunteers in our school! Come and see the light that is within each and every student who walks through our doors. As principal, I receive one of the most special gifts as I get to see each student, teacher, staff member and volunteer grow throughout the school year. I get to see the wonder and amazement of students each and every day. I get to witness friendships beginning, learning evolving, and faith emerging. The light of Christ is in St. Timothy School and we hope you see this light radiate the love of God throughout this amazing school year.



Please join us for an evening of fun,
food, drinks, and entertainment!
Tickets are \$20 per person or \$150 for a
table of 8. Ticket cost includes
admission, dinner, salad, and dessert.
A cash bar with beer and wine will be
available.

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HEADS OR TAILS MUSIC

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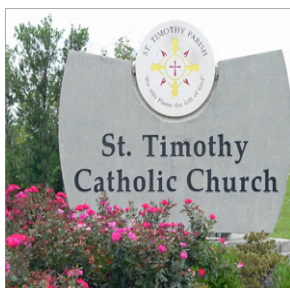
November 10, 2018

5:30 – 10:00 pm

St. Timothy
Catholic School

Proceeds will benefit tuition
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Look inside for registration form with more information.

Be sure to reserve your spot, this event fills up quickly!