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NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

WHY A CATHOLIC SCHOOL By Fr. Rick Bolte

At the start of 2013, we began the capital campaign to build our school here at St. Timothy. In years past, many parishes started a school when the parish opened. (When I was in Newport, I learned from the history of St. Vincent parish that they built a school first and only had enough money to build the basement of the church. For a number of years Mass was in the basement.) But by 2013 that wasn't the case. Though the decision to move forward was made, questions remained and the campaign's success was uncertain.

The questions were good. How do we know if students will come especially with a good public system to compete with? Could our parish support a school? Did it fit in with the diocesan plans for schools? Our diocese hadn't started a new school in over 50 years. Not only did these questions not have simple answers, but our diocese had no lived experience to guide this discernment.

As a parish, we took a chance. We raised enough money to build a school building housing one classroom per each k-8 grade. Construction started in May of 2016. It was built with the foresight to have the utilities, space, and plans for a larger school should that, as some expected, someday be needed. Our school opened in the Fall of 2017 with 100 students.

It has been just over two years since our school opened, but so much has happened that it seems much longer. Our enrollment has doubled to 200 students and more room is needed. Debra Thomas is beginning her third year as principal and a core group of teachers seems to be established. Questions so critical and unresolved in the early days about busing, sports, cafeteria, parent involvement, etc. are now resolved and run-

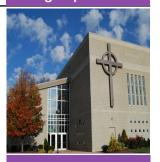
ning smoothly.

But why a Catholic school is still the critical question. My heart has been warmed as I walk in the school and hear the teachers talking with their students. Talking about faith, God, and the love we share comes through in so many different ways. Not only is faith discussed in religion class, but it is part of lunchtime, playground, behavior, working with classmates, service learning and all other classes. Helping children integrate their faith and relationship with God into all aspects of their life is a key goal and why we have a Catholic school.

We have many families in our parish who do not have their children in a Catholic school. Some families homeschool, others send their children to public schools. As the primary educators of their children in their faith, many parents do an excellent job of helping their children see their faith and relationship with God integrated into every aspect of their lives. But the Catholic school is such a help to parents who are busy and dealing with the many challenges of life. Parents want to be able to help their children integrate their relationship with God and their faith into all aspects of their lives. The Catholic school helps parents to do just that. Not everyone can homeschool and the public schools are not permitted to talk about God or faith.

Our Catholic school allows our relationship with God and our faith to be integral parts of these children's lives. This is why our Catholic school is such a great gift and important ministry for our parish. It is our answer to God's call to us to spread the Good News and God working through us to fulfill his promises!

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Top Ten Reasons to Join Walking with Purpose at St. Timothy Parish

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Book for Class: Touching the Divine

- 10. Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- 9. WWP fits into your busy schedule: Tuesdays 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM starting Oct 1, 2019
- No prior Scripture knowledge is required, just your WWP study guide and a Bible.
- 7. WWP is a No-Judgement zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's word.
- We offer "rolling admission". Visit and join our program anytime.
- 5. Meet new women for fellowship and friendship during our hospitality time.
- 4. Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
- 3. There is no actual walking involved.
- We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity, accepting each other for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

and Number 1 reason to join Walking with Purpose:

Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on him this year.



For more information contact: Sarah Gillum at sarahc3303@gmail.com or visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com



Our Parish Family

New Families

Malcolm & Jennifer Bartlett
David & Amber Bockweg
Blake & Lauren Bryan
William & Patricia Carroll
Thomas & Karen Deere
Joan Endres
Kenneth & Sara Frohlich
Lisa Gastright & Mike Gosekamp
Derek & Cynthia Grannen
Kyle & Jena Green
Sandy Johnson
Jeff & Elaine Milton
Matt & Suzy Richardson
Scott & Anna Richmond

Joseph & Nicole Savage

New Families

Howard & Wendi Stroupe, IV Shane & Brittany Sullivan Tiet Vo Jason & Lorrie Weiland Timothy & Amber Williams Benjamin & Cayla Yancey

Deceased

Jacqueline H. Jansen David Fedders Barbara Hammond Robert Flesch Jim Schroot

Baptisms

Maverick John Estridge Beau Benedict Gibson Bailey Mei Grannen Allie Ann Green Zane Allen Royalty Luke Stallkamp Ellie Rene Stallkamp Mackenzie Lynn Welsh Brody Carlton Zimmer Chase Patrick Zimmer

Right Here, Right Now

By Deacon Dave Profitt

This is an exciting time in the life of the Church. I know most people don't feel that and with good reason. We hear about the ongoing crisis in the Church and that's true. We recently heard from the Pew Research Center that only a third of Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the rest feel it is symbolic. That's a problem too for sure. But there's always two sides to the coin.

To me, now it what it must have been like in the early periods of the Church as the message of Jesus Christ spread throughout the world. The reason the message spread is simple, evangelization of the people. It couldn't have spread or wouldn't have lasted if people who knew the truth of the resurrection of Jesus failed to tell the story with conviction and passion. That is what is called for today and it needs to start right here, right now. The here meaning wherever we may be and now means at this moment.

That is why my mission here at St. Anne Retreat Center is so important to me. But my mission extends beyond that. It means the Catholic Soup podcast that Msgr. Cleves and I do together. It means the expanding of our efforts to reach more people not just here but in other places as well. I am passionate about my Catholic faith but more importantly, I'm passionate about the hope and joy that Jesus Christ brings to me and I have a need to share that.

If there is one thing that will impact how we evangelize more than anything, it is how we carry ourselves in the world. I once heard it said that there's nothing worse than a miserable Christian when it comes to spreading the Gospel. I couldn't agree more. When people experience our joy, when they see in us something different than what they have, they want that. That's when evangelization occurs. It's not proclaiming doctrine and dogma, although those things are important. But you can't start a conver-

sation with that. Instead, people need to see that we live what we believe, we pray what we believe, and we share what we believe.

The opportunity for us to help people see the reason for our hope has never been more evident. There are a lot of hungry souls out there looking for something more than what they are experiencing. Our job is not to convert them or sell them on religion. Our job is to plant the seeds so that the vine grower can do His work. I've said it before and I'll say it again, in all my years of being involved in RCIA, I've never converted a single person. That's the job of the Holy Spirit. My job is to be the instrument through which the Holy Spirit can work. If we stop trying to convert people and instead show them why we have joy, that'll plant more seeds than you can imagine.

One thing that is important to remember, you can't plant what you don't have. You can't show joy if you don't have it. It is incumbent upon us to experience Christ through the Sacraments in a meaningful way. That means we do need to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we need to experience the Eucharist in a reverent and mindful way. We need to come to Mass prepared to give right praise to God, which is why we are there in the first place. We need to know our faith, study our faith and go deeper into what the truth, beauty and goodness of our Catholic faith is all about.

Right here, right now, the world needs to know who Jesus is. It is up to us to be that disciple we're called to be, to be a witness of what Jesus means to us. We then can share that joy with all those we encounter. Jesus told us not to worry about what we are to say, he'll send the advocate, the Holy Spirit to help us. Plant the seeds, let the vine grower do His work and you will be changing lives without even knowing it. Right here, right now, let's get to work.



COMPANION



Stewardship of Treasure

JULY 2019

COLLECTIONS: \$ 81,758.00
4% TITHE: \$3,270.32
City Heights \$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$500.00

Grant Recipient:

Tuition Assistance \$2,270.32 1% TITHE \$817.58

to STYM/Outreach:

STYM \$449.67 Outreach \$367.91

AUGUST 2019

COLLECTIONS: \$92,265.31
5% TITHE: \$4,613.27
City Heights \$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$500.00
Diocesan Collection -

Domestic Needs \$3,613.27

Note: The **August Yard Sale** money went to the Ed Colina Foundation in the amount of \$6,882.



Service



Given in Jesus' Name



By Bill Anderson

A recent Sunday Gospel was the parable of the "Good Samaritan." The scholar asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" What about a veteran? The homeless? The single parent? Seniors? The poor? Refugees? Etc. For Vincentians they are all our neighbors. There is no charitable work which is beyond our scope! However, what may surprise you is that our primary calling is not the delivery of goods or services, but rather to strengthen our spiritual life and our relationship with our Vincentian Family. Our mission is to be the "Face of Christ" to families as we see Christ in them. Only through prayer and collaboration (Vincentian) are we able to minister in a caring, loving, non -judgmental way. We are blessed to have such a giving, committed parish that supports us so well and a raft of resources to share: clothing, food, health care, dental, utility and housing assistance.

That does not mean we have unlimited funds to address every emergency regardless of the cost or time required. So we prayerfully consider every request to determine what we can provide and what other resources are available. We also have to remember that we are not the source of our family's successes nor are we the cause of their struggles. Christ is the source inspiration and compassion and we are His presence to those who call on us.

They are always the captain of their ship and with Christ the master of their fate. If things don't work out as "we hope" that doesn't mean we don't keep them in our prayers and counsel with our Vincentian Family about what we might have done differently. We always visit our families in teams (best with a male and female Vincentian), to gain the greatest insight and provide the most empathy to the individual/family situation.

If the idea of growing in spirituality, helping struggling families and being the "Face of God," to those who don't know where to turn, appeals to you, give me a call and we'll arrange a visit or two to let you see the rewards that await you and see how we promote hope and share God's Grace and Mercy.

In the last 6 months, we've assisted over 150 families to buy a special vehicle, lift up broken vets, prevent utility shut offs, feed the hungry, prevent pending evictions, address family clothing needs, provide bicycles and administer numerous other services in support of our families.

If you are thinking that this might be a ministry for you, we offer flexible schedules that meet your busy lifestyle, contact **Bill Anderson (412-295-3441)** or any of our fellow Vincentians for more information. We need your talent, commitment and inspiration and God is calling you to "feed my sheep".



HOPE Ministries

Fall Clothing Giveaway - Thank You

By Jackie Shelton

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped set up and worked the recent HOPE Clothing Giveaway. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU! We had over 250 families who came and got much needed clothing. Thanks again!!!

Fr. Ruschman's Garden of Gratitude

by Roxy Hydera

The wonderful volunteers in our Garden of Gratitude have harvested 7460 lbs of produce so far this year, and they are far from finished!

Below is a breakdown of the produce harvested to date:

95 lbs Beets: Broccoli: 14 lbs 673 lbs Cabbage: Collard Greens: 31 lbs Cucumbers: 380 lbs Green Beans: 402 lbs Green Peppers: 259 lbs 116 lbs Kale: Okra: 353 lbs Onions: 889 lbs Peppers (other): 128 lbs Potatoes (red): 1777 lbs Potatoes (white): 473 lbs Sweet Potatoes: 613 lbs Tomatoes: 841 lbs Turnip Greens: 42 lbs Zucchini: 374 lbs TOTAL 7460 lbs

As you can see we have accomplished a lot so far this year, but there is still a TON more to do. It seems like our number of volunteers is dwindling week by week....for comparison, one Monday evening in July we had 23 volunteers show up to help...this past week there were 7 volunteers. I do understand it is so much harder once the kids are back in school, but even a 1/2 hour of help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for all you do.

THANK YOU to anyone who has ever volunteered in any way in the garden. It is all of you who make it possible to shower the people of City Heights, Gallatin Co, and the clients of Mary Rose Garden with God's love! If you are interested in volunteering in the garden, just stop by Monday evenings after 5 or Thursday mornings at 8:30. Everyone is welcome - NO EXPERIENCE is necessary!

On September 21st, the Boone County Arboretum hosted their Autumn Affair Gala: "Roaring Into The Next 20". While celebrating their 20-year anniversary of the Boone County Arboretum and looking forward to the next 20 years of growth, they took time to recognize the contributions of leaders in the community around us.

The Arboretum presented St. Timothy with a Community Project of Excellence award for our Garden of Gratitude. Fr. Ruschman was in

attendance to accept the award on behalf of St. Timothy.

Accompanying Fr. Ruschman were a few of our faithful garden volunteers: Kaylei Starns, Kate Schmitt, and Carol Ann Morrow, as well as Local 12 Meteorologist John Gumm.







Photos provided by Beverly Eha.

Join Families for Life as we host a Baby Shower!



Beginning **October 12th**, 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 **Monday, October 14th at 6:30 pm** in the Youth Room to sort baby items. Families and children are welcome!

Create Baby Kits

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



Parish School of Religion Updates for 2019-2020 School Year

By Carol Lense, Director of Religious Education

PSR Classes started the week of September 8th this year. We currently have 446 students, which includes 84 students preparing for Confirmation and 74 students preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We were blessed this year to add so many new Catechists. Most of them hearing my pleas, returned to being Catechists. God Bless them! Our students are so fortunate to be part of a large program. We can provide some flexibility that is hard to find in most of today's extracurricular activities. It is a great group of Parents and Parish Members, who volunteer their time to share our faith and impact the faith journey of our youth.

We are excited to announce that we are now able to offer Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 Mass every weekend through the school year. Children in 1st through 4th grade join us for a study of God's word on their level. We have a great group of volunteers in this program and we cannot thank them enough for sharing the Word of God with our Youth. The 11:30 Mass still offers the Children's Liturgy, but until we increase volunteers at this time, we can only offer this on the weekends we have PSR scheduled. If you think you might be willing to join us, please contact Carol S. Lense clense@saint-timothy.org or 859-384-1100 ext: 1509. Thanks!

Upcoming Special Events in PSR:

- Monday, October 14 Confirmation Mission Monday
- * Sunday, November 10 "I Am Special" Reconciliation Retreat.
- * Monday, November 11 Confirmation Sponsor Night
- * Sat 12/7 and Sun 12/8 A Christmas Giving Fair in Brodnick Hall.
- Monday, December 2 First Reconciliation Program at 5:30 or 7:00pm

St. Timothy Preschool

St. Timothy Teachers and preschool students are back for another fun and exciting school year. The school year is off to a great start.



Our students love the new Playground and Minds in Motion Room.

They also enjoy puzzles and snack time!



KRP students busy at work!

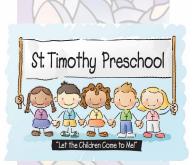


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VOLUNTEERS

Be sure to keep up-to-date on your VIRTUS Bulletins.

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Formation



St. Timothy Catholic School

By Debra Thomas, Principal

Meet Birdee and Retired Army Colonel Donald Faminao! Each month Colonel Faminao and Birdee come to St. Timothy Catholic School to visit our classrooms for story time, help students who are anxious about tests, or simply to visit with classes. Birdee is an amazing friend of our school. She is gentle, calm and brings a smile to each and every student (and staff members) she sees! We are very blessed to have Colonel Faminao and Birdee as part of our St. Timothy Family!!!!





St. Timothy Catholic School

Working together to make a difference in your child's education!

For more information call 384-5100



Farmers for a Day!

St. Timothy Catholic School's 2nd-4th grade went to Sunrock Farms to learn about a working farm! Each grade level learned about different topics and at the end, got to take a tour and explore all that the farm has to offer!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!











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RIP 2/14/1987—1/17/2007

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Diane & Joe Hunter Steven & Ingrid Kennedy In Memory of Kelli & Aiden Kramer

Paige's Place Hair & Retail Studio The Spade Family Maxwell M. Suhr



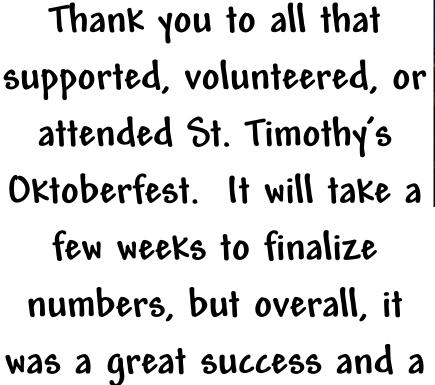






















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2016 Thanks GIVING SHOPPING LIST



Donate as many or few items as you like, but please, only items that are listed.

CANNED GOODS:

- * *Meats* tuna, chicken, corn-beef, ham
- * Beans all varieties
- * **Fruits** including applesauce
- * **Veggies** all varieties
- * Soups / Gravies
- * Chili, Beef Stew, Ravioli

PERSONAL HYGIENE:

- * Bar Soap
- * Shampoo/Conditioner
- * Deodorant
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- * Laundry Detergent

OTHER:

- * Mac & Cheese
- * Boxed Potatoes all varieties
- Stuffing Mix / Crackers
- * Cake Mix & Frosting
- * Boxed Dinners
- * Dry Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- * Peanut Butter & Jelly
- * Rice
- * Cereal

A gift card to a grocery store will help families buy meat for a Thanksgiving meal.

Thanksgivings bags with shopping list will be handed out after Mass on the weekend of October 26 - 27.

Bring donations to Mass on weekend of November 2 - 3.



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used or new winter coats to distribute to those in need. If you would like to make a cash donation to purchase new coats, please see a Knights volunteer in the Gathering Space November 2-3.



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"OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY"



JOIN US for the

102nd ANNIVERSARY

OF

THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

11 AM - 1 PM

OUR LADY'S FARM
FALMOUTH, KY

11 AM

Rosary

Procession

11:30 AM

MASS

For more information or if you wish to be part of the Mass please contact JEAN GEIMAN at 859.442.7053 or jeangeiman@gmail.com.

EVERYONE is welcome!

OUR LADY'S FARM, 5820 HWY 159 N Falmouth, Kentucky 41040



Current scholars traces the development of the Rosary to the High Middle Ages period. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in

answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

We are looking for volunteers to lead the Rosary during the month of October before all our weekend Masses. We will be using the **traditional rosary format** not the "scriptural rosary". To ensure silence before Mass, the rosary needs to begin 30 minutes before Mass.

To sign up go to our St. Timothy website page:

http://www.saint-timothy.org/rosary/ and click on Rosary Signup

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 Friday, 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, 2018. 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 25. 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 17. 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



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th 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!

<u>Pre-registration & payment REQUIRED – SPACE IS LIMITED</u>

\$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, December 4, 2019. Please contact Brynne Wesselman with any questions.				
Family Name:				
# of Adults	X \$5 = \$	# of kids	X \$5 = \$	(2 and under are free)
Total = \$				

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 7th 9:00 AM -11:00 AM in Brodnick Hall

Look inside for registration form with more information.

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