

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

Aug - Sept 2017

What's the Point? A Strategic Plan

By Fr. Rick Bolte

Let me begin with an honest confession: there have been some ideas that I've come up with or supported someone else's ideas and they ended up going nowhere. I suppose that is bound to happen if you are willing to try new things. Usually by your response (or lack thereof) I discover if it was a good idea or at least if it is one you're willing to try.

One idea we had months ago was to ask you to complete a survey asking open ended questions of what you liked about our parish, what you thought could be better, and what was your concern about the future. Though not a majority of people responded, it was enough to go forward; the plan was to develop a Strategic Plan for our parish. This time the idea has developed into what we hoped for.

Why a strategic plan, you might ask? It's true that we can go merrily along without one. The direction of the parish goes forward depending on the vision of the pastor, the interests of the staff, the suggestions of various committees and groups, and the voices of parishioners who take time to speak. Without the strategic plan, it may be that no one is taking time to look at the big picture. Very easily we can slip into just maintaining "what we have always done." But life and circumstances change. New

challenges and opportunities evolve. To keep the vitality of our parish, the strategic plan is an invaluable tool.

We began by soliciting your responses to the simple survey. Jack Lundy did the heavy lifting of collecting the surveys and correlating the response to the responsible pillar/committee of our parish. The committees then had the task of taking all the ideas from the surveys and selecting which would be the highest priority for the good of the parish. These were submitted to the Pastoral Council for review.

The strategic plan is now available for you to read. It is available online through the parish website, Facebook, and some printed copies are available in the parish center. Your comments are always welcome. The plan is for the next three years. We will review it annually and every three years we will particularly invite your input through a survey.

I invite you to take some time to read the plan. Each committee has their top three goals for the next year or so. You may want to be a part of one of them or you may think of something that is missing that you would like to help make happen. Your participation is always welcome.



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OKTOBERFEST

What a great weekend! Thanks to all who volunteered to make it happen. Thanks to all who joined in the fun. Thanks to Kara de Nijs (parish community director), her husband Chris who helped especially with the setup, as did Jim Zdinak, Jerry Daugherty, Paul Dierig and too many to mention. What a team! Youth Group was super in helping Sunday especially with the clean up!



Our Parish Family

New Families

Shannon Barnes
Craig & Julie Beauregard
Chad & Diane Bernard
Casey & Holly Berns
Stephen & Laura Bertrand
Richard & Marie Bushman
Daniel & Alysse Damonte
Janette Escalante
Michael & Sarah Fischer
Andrew & Sarah Ford
Chris & Ashley Froelicher
Jake & Amy Green
Michael Hamlin
Greg & Teresa Harris
Grace Ingraham
Robert & Emily Kitch

New Families

Mark & Kelsey Krahe
Steve & Anita Kramer
Paul & Emily Kuzma
Ethan & Alexandra Mann
Daniel & Yvonne Muenchen
Bray & Caitlyn Nelson
Clint & Sue Oberst
Travis & Lisa Ransom
Tina Rattiner
Scott & Amanda Richardson
Keith & Casey Schneider
James & Joanne Schroot
Barry & Christina Silva
Robert & Olivia So
Edward & Elizabeth Strubel
John & Erica Williams
Robert & Linda Zimmer

Baptisms

Tate Alexander Bogner
Brock Asher Bogner
Lucy Mae Burnette
Brooke Leigh Kasselmann
Jacob Elias Kasselmann
Tucker Ray Ledweg
Gregg Newstrand
Liam Pantoja
Alexys Pavese
Evan Michael Ray
Angie Miah Renard
Aiden Charles Schlimm
Colette Louise Schneider
Fred Swinford

Weddings

Katelin Marie Flichkinger and Nicholas Ryan McSwiney
Elizabeth Marie Stanley and Eric Randall Rawe
Lauren Alyce Cornelius and Brett William Mueller

Deceased

Terrence Baumgartner
Tracy Keith
Terrence McFalls
Judith Riley

Come Get Your Pet Blessed



All pets are
welcome!

When: Saturday, October 7

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Outside of church on the sidewalk

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer

Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen.

Hoxworth BLOOD DRIVE

Monday
October 23
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!

Alpha is Coming to St. Timothy

By Deacon Dave Profitt

We recently completed a pilot program here at St. Timothy called Alpha. Alpha was designed by the Anglican Church in England and is a program designed to introduce people to the fundamentals of Christianity. The premise is very simple, you gather over a meal, watch a short video and then you discuss it. The ultimate desire of the program is to get people to openly express their thoughts on Jesus and Christianity. It's not designed around doctrine or dogma but instead focuses on the meaning of being in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

This program has been used all around the world and has been attended by over 29 million people. What we are seeing is that people who would not normally be interested in church, attending these events and coming to know Jesus. It's not Catholic but there are many references to the Catholic Church and one of the most prominent speakers is the preacher to the Pope.

I think one of the toughest things today for people is understanding that there is more to faith than rules and regulations. Yes these things are important but they don't make any sense if you are not a committed follower of Jesus. One of the things we emphasize in RCIA is that the first step is to commit to following Jesus. Once you do that, the step to the Catholic Church is easy. Let's get people introduced to Jesus and then let the Holy Spirit take over. Alpha is a great way to do that.

The way the program will work here is that we will gather for dinner at 6:30 in Brodnick Hall on Wednesday, October 4. We'll then watch a brief video and stay at our tables and have a small group discussion with questions that we provide. This is an 11 week program each Wednesday with a one day retreat thrown in around week 8. Everyone is invited and that includes those

who have no faith, are atheist or those who have left the Church. They can be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic we don't care. Let's just introduce them to the Lord.

There is only one way this works, you invite somebody and then come with them. Start out by inviting them to a dinner and a talk at the Church. Let it play itself out and don't force it. We'll have team members there praying for all who attend. If we make it a comfortable environment where they can ask questions, profess their unbelief if need be, then they'll see this is not a judgmental environment and they'll come back. We're not here to convert anybody, we don't do that. That's the job of the Holy Spirit and we've found that works pretty well when we get out of the way.

Alpha is a tool that we can use to help people come and know the Lord. What we hope is that once someone comes and has a positive experience, they'll seek a life in the Church. If it's the Catholic Church, we can get them moving in the right direction. If they decide that the Catholic Church is not right for them, so be it. It's about saving souls and that's what we want.

Invite somebody, come yourself, see what this is about. We need your help to make this work. I'm a big believer in the evangelizing of all those we encounter. You might be surprised who says yes to the invite. If you have questions about Alpha, you can go to www.alphausa.org or email me at deacondave@twc.com. Help us make a difference in a life.



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Stewardship of Treasure

JULY 2017

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| COLLECTIONS: | \$97,350.62 |
| 4% TITHE: | \$3,894.02 |
| City Heights | \$500.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$500.00 |
| Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000) | |
| Family Promise | \$2,894.02 |
| \$5 to 1% Tithe | \$0.00 |
| 1% TITHE | \$973.51 |
| \$5 from 4% Tithe | \$0.00 |
| Total STYM/Outreach: | \$973.51 |
| STYM | \$535.43 |
| Outreach | \$438.08 |

AUGUST 2017

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| COLLECTIONS: | \$81,748.46 |
| 5% TITHE: | \$4,087.42 |
| City Heights | \$500.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$500.00 |
| Diocesan Collection - | |
| Domestic Needs | \$3,087.42 |



Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary Celebration

By Theresa Collins

This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal.

The first apparition occurred on May 13, 1917 to St. Jacinta Marto (6 years old), her brother St. Francisco Marto (9 years old), and Lucia Santos (10 years old). Our Lady told the children to say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war. This is why she is also called Our Lady of the Rosary. She asked them to make many sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and for souls. Our Lady also requested them to pray the following prayer at the end of each mystery or decade of the rosary: ***"Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires***

of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen"

Our Lady appeared to the children six more times on the 13th of each month, except August when she appeared on the 18th. She promised the children that when she came on October 13th, she would perform a miracle for all to see.

On that date the sun danced and came toward earth. It had been raining hard that day and all the people were drenched and muddy. When the sun returned to the sky, everyone was dry, the earth and trees were totally dry and many people were healed instantly. Approximately 60,000 to 70,000 people witnessed this miracle.

This Marion apparition was approved by the Holy See in 1930 and the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima is May 13.

In honor of Our Lady during this 100th anniversary, we wanted to encourage the parish to pray a rosary novena, starting on October 5 to October 13, the anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady and the miracle of the sun.

What is a novena? It is nine days of prayer and petitions for a specific intention. This nine day rosary novena intention will be for world peace.

Did You Know?

By Mary Jo Rechten

A while back, I stopped by church for something and encountered one of the ladies who take care of the plants in the church. This set me to wondering about all the things that go on behind the scenes to make St. Tim's run smoothly. I thought I would share with you some of the volunteer efforts that make us the Parish we are.

Did you realize that every weekend we need 4 Mass assistants, 8 lectors, 16 servers, and 38 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, not to mention 2 priests, 5 deacons and our musicians to make our liturgy happen? We also have family greeters, ushers and volunteers to have the Liturgy of the Word for children on Sundays.

There are people who wash and iron the linens we use at Mass, clean and replace the Mass candles and the votive candles on a regular basis, and change the decorations in the church for each liturgical season and special occasion.

Our PSR program is staffed by 75 catechists willing to share their faith with the children of the parish.

We have a Bereavement Committee to assist those who have lost a loved one. They help plan the Liturgy, assist the family at the church on the day of the funeral and provide a reception in Brodnick Hall. There are even people who volunteer for the funeral choir to provide music for the Mass.

There are a number of parishioners who visit people in the hospital, hold Communion Services at nursing homes,

and take Communion to people who are unable to be with us at Mass.

Of course our outreach efforts enable

our volunteers to reach beyond our parish boundaries. Our Outreach Committee selects 6 grant recipients each year. Each recipient receives a monetary grant and volunteer help with a project. Fr. Ruschman's Garden provides thousands of pounds of produce each summer to feed the hungry at Gallatin County Community center and at City Heights and Rose Garden Mission in Covington. Each month we provide the food and prepare and serve a meal at Mary Rose Mission in Florence. Once every 9 weeks we help with Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families get back on their feet. We also have a very active St. Vincent de Paul group that assists an average of 4 families per week.

We have volunteers who work in the office, at the Fish Fries, Oktoberfest, Bible School and any other activities that come up. There are so many volunteers and so many opportunities that I can't list them all. We are blessed and our parish community thrives because of these many volunteers. If you are not already, I hope hearing about the many volunteers inspires you to become one of them. You are one of us, the St. Timothy Parish Community!





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 Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM. During a candlelight procession, we will read the names of parishioners and immediate family members of parishioners who died since November 1, 2016. If you have a family member who died this past year and was buried from another church, but you would like to have that name read during our memorial service, please send your name, **your loved one's name, relationship, and date of death to Sue Bruggen at sueandpaul@hotmail.com** or call (859)283-0830. After the ceremony, families may take home their personalized candles. We will also remember in a special way our loved ones who died prior to this year by adding their names in our parish Book of Remembrance. This book will be available in the Gathering Space beginning October 16. 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*



Forgiveness

Msgr. Bill Cleves will be presenting a series of talks on forgiveness on Saturday, October 28, Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. No babysitting will be offered. **Breakfast 9:00 AM, followed by Msgr. Cleves' presentation and lunch.** There is no fee, but a good will offering will be accepted.



BABYSITTING DURING 9:30 & 11:30 MASS

Just a reminder that babysitting during the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass is now being offered every Sunday! All of our caregivers are Virtus trained! If you are interested in dropping your child/children off (infants up to the age of 3 yrs old) please bring them to the Parish Center, enter through the main doors, 10-15 minutes before Mass begins. There will be a sign-in table and caregivers there to greet you! We are requesting a \$5 donation per child per Sunday!

If you have any questions, please contact Kara de Nijs at 859-384-1100 ext. 1106 or kdenijs@saint-timothy.org.

FAMILY EVENT

*Come make an Advent Wreath
A great way to help prepare us
for the coming of Jesus*

All the wreaths will be blessed before leaving.

When: Saturday, November 18

Place: Room 3-4 in the Parish Center

Time: 9am to 11am

Cost: Free Will Offering

Supplies will be furnished





Parish School of Religion



Carol Lense, DRE
*Director of Religious
Education*

The PSR Classes are always the start of a great season. We have one week of class, and then we get to celebrate Oktoberfest. Next our Confirmation classes begin preparing for their Agency day, and before we know it we are at the Reconciliation Retreat for our 2nd grade sacrament students.

The PSR program is especially fortunate this year for many reasons. We have had four new Catechists start with us, we have 3 Catechists returning to lead their own students in the Confirmation year, and we are in a brand new school building. It has been a great summer of seeing the PSR students join in with the Catholic School students in the mission week, in volleyball teams and soon in basketball teams. What a great opportunity this has been to bring our Parish family closer and truly show our faith through our actions.

Upcoming Special Events:

Monday October 16 - Confirmation Agency Adoption Day

Thursday October 26 - "Re-Awakening the Spirit" Confirmation Parent Night

Sunday November 12 - "I Am Special" Reconciliation Retreat

Monday, November 20 - Confirmation Sponsor Night

Weekend of Dec 2 & 3 - A Christmas Giving Fair in Brodnick Hall

Tuesday, December 5 - First Reconciliation Program at 5:30 or 7:00pm

A great big THANKS to all those who lend a hand in our PSR, Sunday School and Children's Liturgy Programs. We get great compliments on our students and it is because of all of you!



The 5th Grade Religion Class at St. Timothy Catholic School shared their knowledge of the Saints with their younger classmates.

From left to right we have Kaden Boles as St. Patrick, Oliva Chavez as St. Katherine Drexel, Nick Raniero as St. Francis, Maddie Welch as St. Maria Goretti, Ethan Barker as St. Jerome, Antonio Forlenza as Blessed Miguel Pro, and Noah Casson as St. Augustine.

We Are So Much More When We Are Connected

By Sara Schlegel, Preschool Coordinator

What an amazing time at St. Timothy Preschool! On September 5th and 6th we opened our doors for a new school year. In total, 178 children entered our doors those days. These three, four and five year old's are learning they are part of a community and that they are an important part in the lives of their families, their neighborhoods and the greater community as a whole.

While there were some tears on those first days from the students (and possibly some parents...), everyone is quickly adjusting to the routine and enjoying their time here. There may even be some parents enjoying a few hours of lightened responsibility!

As many are aware, our Preschool theme this year is "We are so much more when we are connected." Throughout scripture, there are many references to the community being the body of Christ. Within that body there are many functions and we know that God has created us all uniquely to serve our role within that body. We want to reinforce this message throughout our

time together this year. Everyone from our students, to their families, to our faculty and staff make St. Timothy Preschool the amazing place it is. But the connectedness cannot stop there as we recognize the Preschool is one of the many amazing ministries St. Timothy offers, so we ask for you to be connected to us as well. Through prayer, volunteering or simply by stopping by our events.

If you visit our preschool and walk the halls, you will find puzzle pieces decorated by the students and their families. These serve as a visual reminder to us all that we need each other to achieve success and to reach our goals. Melding together so many families, meeting new classmates, and making new friends is an awe-inspiring sight to behold for me and I'm so thrilled we can be part of this puzzle, this community, this body.

We have an exciting year planned and look forward to sharing many experiences with our families, students, and the Parish. I ask that you help us celebrate the achievements, support the students in their endeavors, and soak up all the joy this ministry brings to our church family.



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Now
YOU
are
Christ's body,
and
individually
parts of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27



VOLUNTEERS:

**Be sure to keep
up-to-date
on your VIRTUS
bulletins.**



Looking Through The Eyes Of A New Principal

By Deb Thomas, Principal

As I was preparing for the first school year at St. Timothy to begin, I found myself wondering what the first day would be like for the students, teachers, support staff and myself. After the completion of the first day, I found myself in absolute awe of God's work being done at this little school on the hill and I have continued to witness some of His most awesome moments. You see, as the principal, I have received a special gift, in that I get to know every student in the school. I have seen them get off the bus or out of the car, I get to see their fears on the first day turn into their successes and triumphs several weeks down the road. I am blessed to see His patience through the hearts of our teachers and support staff. I find myself humbled each day as Fr. Ross and Fr. Rick greet the students, say Mass for the students and even sit with them in the cafeteria. His presence in this building is so great in so very many ways.

Each Friday, I meet with five or six students from each grade level (so far, I have met with just middle school students). Of course, donuts and chocolate milk are provided. During this time known as "Students' Speak", I ask questions and listen to our students express their past learning experiences, their experiences with having friends or not having friends, their hopes for this year and much more. I have learned so much and it is hard for me to even put into words what these young students have shared. While some of their past school experiences have been a strug-

gle, so far, I have heard many sighs of relief when students describe St. Timothy Catholic School. I have heard, "I am accepted", "I feel safe", "My teachers care a lot about me", "I am glad to know the priests because I have never talked with a priest before", "I want to come to school", "I love going to Mass", "Everyone fits in here". The list goes on and on. A few weeks ago, I got a real feel for the Catholic environment that is being built in this school. Some students expressed concern about another student wanting to know if he/she is ok and if he/she was happy (the student is doing just fine). I had tears in my eyes and was really moved that in such a short amount of time, they had grown to care for one another and they wanted to be sure that everyone was feeling accepted and cared for at our school. The presence of God at that very moment was amazing. The students look out for one another. They support each other in academics, friendships, extra-curricula's and so much more. Their faith journeys are just beginning, and we as a church community are so very blessed to be a part of their faith growth and development, and as their principal, I get to see the steps that they take towards Christ each and every day. What a gift!

As we continue in this most amazing year, please keep us in your prayers and be assured that you are prayed for daily during our morning prayer, saying of the rosary and during our time at Mass. Please know that you are always welcome to come and visit and witness God's most sincere love that fills this building.





Practicing and getting ready.....



Andrew Mason led our youth in a fun filled week, and the entire Mason Family joined in the fun!



It was a musical week where we truly did Celebrate Youth!



Mrs. Lense taught Music Theory – and Bingo was a hit!



Thanks to all who helped to make Choir Camp a big success this year!



News from St. Henry District High School...

By Meghan Oldfield, SHDHS Senior

The new school year has started and we hit the ground running at SHDHS.

The entire student body, faculty, and staff started the new year off with an all-school Welcome Back rally in the gym to get everyone excited about the year ahead.

The excitement continued into the second week of school with the solar eclipse. Students were prepared to view the event safely thanks to different presentations. At the end of the day the entire school gathered in the gym for a presentation by Mrs. Maloney and several of the teachers. They put on skits demonstrating what to do and what not to do when watching the eclipse and then gave all of the students and staff a pair of eclipse glasses.

Congratulations to students, Sarah Banks and Maia Menzer, who, with coach, and SHDHS Cafeteria Manager, Arkie McMahon, made it to the

Elite 8 round of the state Junior Chef Competition! The ladies are part of the Cru Culinary Club, which was formed last school year. Sarah and Maia won first place at the Region 9 competition in May, then moved on to the state competition at the Kentucky State Fair where they made it to the second round. The accomplishment is impressive for anyone, but especially for these ladies since they made it there on their first try.

SHDHS is also pleased to announce that two of our students, Eleanor Laudenslayer and Jade Nicely have been selected by the National Scholarship Corporation as Semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These students will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey

and Irma the Health Care Careers Club, National Honor Society, and the Chamber Choir teamed up to hold a school wide collection. Members from the Health Care Careers Club and National Honor Society collected items each morning for a week and the Chamber Choir provided music during collection time. The outpouring from our SHDHS community was fantastic-our aim was to fill a Crusader short bus and as always, our CRU family pulled together to achieve that goal. All collected items were donated to Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash.

Other on-campus happenings that took place in the first few weeks of school included the Friendship Dance, the first dance of the school year, which is always a big hit with the students and this year didn't disappoint. And finally, and most importantly, we celebrated the first all-school Mass.

We are off to a busy, but great start, and have high hopes for the rest of the school year. We ask that you please keep us in your prayers and know that you are always in ours.



Oktoberfest 2017



Thank you to all who sponsored, volunteered and came to Oktoberfest, it was a huge success and could not have happened without each of you!



Congratulations to the Washnock family, Eric, Amber and their daughters Adelynn and Harper. The Washnock's were the winners of the silent auction "Oktoberfest basket" at the Dinner Dance in February. Included in their basket was a parking space for the entire weekend, 4 Oktoberfest t-shirts, 2 Oktoberfest mugs, \$200 in Oktoberfest tickets, ceremonial keg tapping with Father Rick and Father Ross and a private photo session at the festival!



Oktoberfest 2017

**THANK YOU
to our Sponsors!**

SCHÖN LEVEL \$2500+

Middendorf Animal Hospital
-Dr. Jay & Lisa Middendorf
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John & Gretchen Carty
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KEG LEVEL \$100 (cont'd)

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Paul & Erica Kohlman

DONUT LEVEL \$50

Mark & Liz Sippel
Jacqui & John Sippel
Carolyn & Richard Harvey
Boston Brinkman





St. Timothy Church
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Semi-annual Budget Report 01/01/17 - 06/30/17

The report below is a listing of the hours, miles, receipts and expenditures over the first 6 months of 2017. Our books have been independently verified and approved by our regional accountant. We provide this report to keep you informed of how many families have been helped by your continuing generous support to "Help us, Help them, Help themselves out of poverty."

2017 Receipts

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| Parishioner donations | \$ 6,467 |
| Butler Foundation Grants | 4,845 |
| Monthly parish Outreach support | 3,000 |
| Total receipts for 2017 | \$14,312 |

Expenditures

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| In-kind support provided (rent, utilities, store vouchers for clothing and furnishings) | \$5,666 |
| Food expenses (Remke and Kroger vouchers and Master Provision expenses) | 2,192 |
| Food donated to neighbors (approximately \$70 per call or 3 bags of groceries) | 6,433 |
| Total assistance given | \$14,391 |

Services Provided

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| Families helped by home visits | 98 |
| Total people assisted | 336 |
| In-kind services provided (food, clothing, furniture, gas cards) | 300 |
| Hours invested by call (excluding admin) | 294 |
| Miles driven on all calls | 2152 |

On behalf of the neighbors we serve, we thank you for your continued generosity and ask that you pray for each family and for the Vincentians who visit their homes in two's (like the disciples) servicing their needs with open hearts, open hands, understanding and great love. In this way we reach out to those in need, pray with them and let them know that they are an important part of our community (not forgotten) and it is not just the visitors, but the entire St. Timothy family who is reaching out to them in their time of adversity and standing with them as they lift themselves up. Thank you St. Tim's from the bottom of our (and their) hearts.

"No one is so rich that they cannot receive and no one is so poor that they cannot give"
St. Vincent de Paul

Would you like to help? There are many openings in our ranks for people to visit our neighbors, for those who would like to provide financial assistance (monthly or as the spirit moves), to provide furniture, appliances or housewares or students who would like to earn service hours. All are welcome! Contact Bill Anderson @ podacus815@gmail.com or 859-817-0187/412-295-3441

Vincentian Spirituality

By Bill Anderson

We've often shared with you how we've supported veterans, (single parent) families, seniors and the disabled on fixed incomes, the homeless and all steps in between. So you might ask, is the life of a Vincentian simply responding to the "Cry of the Poor?" St. Vincent recognized, and Mother Theresa taught us, that responding to the needs of the poor is often difficult, gritty, unrewarded work. It's God's work, and we are his emissaries, sharing the light of Christ and carrying out His plan. When Christ was spreading the "Good News": preaching, teaching and healing he frequently went off alone (or with his disciples) to pray, meditate, recharge and realign his ministry with His Father's will. We, as Vincentians, are no different. This is not our ministry, it's Christ's calling. When things go well it is not our success, but Christ's wisdom and guidance that has led both we and our neighbors through the minefield. And when our families stumble, it is not for us to judge, but rather to pray that they understand the repercussions of their decision(s) and adjust their response.

The point of this introduction is that we need to take the "I" out of the equation and put the "F", "S" and "HS" into it. We are not called to condemn, but to do the work of the **F**ather, **S**on and **H**oly **S**pirit as they reveal it to us. And, they can only reveal their plans if we spend an adequate amount of time praying about our visits as we do actually visiting our friends. It's more than a 50/50 proposition though, because without prayer and meditation we will be unsuccessful and left with that dark empty feeling when things don't turn out the way "WE" planned. So Vincentians pray a lot: at home, on our way to the call, at the beginning and

end of the call with the family and afterward for God's will to be done.

Perhaps you are thinking that you might like to become a Vincentian and grow in spirituality and visit your neighbors in their time of need. If sharing Christ's love and "helping families to help themselves" appeals to you, we'd love to have you join our ministry. If this is not your calling, then we encourage you to pray with us and for God's guidance and wisdom in all of our endeavors. Or, perhaps you feel called to support us with your treasure and are inclined to share your blessings with our local families.

Enclosed is our semiannual budget sheet detailing how we've utilized your donations to SVDP. We receive a monthly stipend of \$500 from your outreach donations, we have a small cadre of dedicated monthly donors and another generous group who periodically provide checks and donations to the Poor Box in the Gathering Space or through an envelope in the collection basket. We typically visit 25-30 families a month, more at Christmas and Thanksgiving. We bring ¾ of them food and provide on average about \$78 per call in monetary support to pay overdue bills. So, you can see what an important part you play in replenishing our food pantry and providing monetary assistance to pay rent, utilities and other essentials as well as food, clothing and furniture/household vouchers. (Check the weekly bulletin for the food items we are in need of.) Without the generous support of our parish we would be unable to assist the many families who depend on us daily. Thank you one and all!!!

For more information about St. Vincent de Paul contact Bill Anderson 859-817-0187 or Jim Volz at 513-604-2742.



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*Poor Box for
SVDP donations
In Gathering Space*



Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

Putting Our Faith Into Action

Garden of Gratitude- Through the end of October, we will be harvesting food in the garden. All ages are welcome and no experience is needed! Usually meet Monday evenings after 5 and Thursday mornings at 8:30 but gardeners are always willing to meet at other times to accommodate your schedule.

Baby Shower Collection- We will be collecting supplies for our local pregnancy centers from 9/23-10/8. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Center, Gathering Space or the Preschool.

Families are invited to join together on Sunday, October 8 at 6pm to sort all the donations and on Monday, October 9 at 9:30 am to pack the gift bags and deliver them to the agencies. These will take place in Brodnick Hall.

Monthly Meal at Mary Rose Mission- St Timothy serves the meal at Mary Rose Mission in Florence the 4th Sunday of every month. Signups are in the Gathering Space on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Although volunteers have to be in 8th grade or older, shopping and delivering the food needed to prepare the meal is a great opportunity to introduce younger children to the reality of poverty in our community.

Saint Vincent DePaul- The volunteers with our parish chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul are always looking for help to pack and sort the food donations we receive. Please contact Katy Sullivan in the office if you are interested.

Family Promise- Great opportunity to help families experiencing homelessness. St. Timothy will be hosting again the week of November 12. If you have concerns about bringing young children into direct contact with the homeless families, please contact Katy at 384-1100 to talk about how the program runs. There are a variety of ways for families to serve in this ministry!

Next Grant Project at DCCH Center for Children and Families- In November, the parish will be decorating for Christmas as part of our service project for them. Please watch for the date!

Fall/Thanksgiving Food Drive- Beginning the end of October, we will be collecting food, coats, hats and gloves for local food pantries and agencies. Our big collection will take place the weekend of November 4-5.

Yearly Summer Mission Trip- This is still in the planning stages but look for more information. Open to teens and adults. If you are interested in attending or would like to help choose our location or plan the trip, please contact Katy Sullivan or Paul Dierig.

If you are interested in receiving emails with information about upcoming Outreach Projects or requests we get to help out in the community, please email Katy at Ksullivan@saint-timothy.org.



Mary Rose Mission
TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Some of our youth serve at the Mary Rose Mission in August. Join us as the parish serves the 4th Sunday of every month! Recently a volunteer was sharing that as a cook she doesn't get to experience the gratitude of the guests or hear about the ways the Mary Rose Mission positively affects the guests or volunteers. Then one day, one of the prep cooks told her that she used to be a guest of the Mary Rose

Mission. She explained that she had been going through a very difficult time in her life and she NEEDED the Mary Rose Mission.

Fortunately, through God's grace, she was able to work through life's challenges and she had promised that she was going to give back to the mission what the mission had given her. So now she comes regularly to help prepare a meal. What a blessing! This is just one of the many stories of the Mary Rose Mission. I hope you can come and volunteer and become part of the story of God's love here.



Fr. Ruschman Garden of Gratitude Continues to Bless Many

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach

For those parishioners who were not with us when Fr. Ruschman was assigned here, he was a wonderful blessing to our parish during a transitional period in our parish. As a way of expressing our gratitude, the parish started a garden to grow food to help feed those people in our Northern Ky. community who were in need. Fr. Ruschman grew up on a farm and loved to garden so it seemed fitting we would do this to show our appreciation to him. The garden began in the spring of 2007.

It continues to thrive today because of the many dedicated volunteers who spend their time plowing, tilling, planting, harvesting and weeding. The garden is truly an act of love. Our parishioners and friends dedicate their time and energy to grow healthy food to share with others. They love to have families and parish groups come and work in the garden, learning about what it takes to grow our own food and the importance of helping others who are hungry and in need of fresh food. We continue to grow and harvest through the end of October. The picture is actually from last week- we still have work to do. You are

welcome to join! We usually meet on Monday evenings after 5pm and on Thursday mornings after 8:30 am. To date this year we have harvested over 8,000 pounds of produce. We have been

blessed this year with crops that include tomatoes, potatoes, broccoli, asparagus, lettuce, collard greens, green beans, cabbage, onions, peppers and blackberries.

The food is delivered to different agencies in our community including Rose Garden Missions, City Heights and Gallatin County Community Action Center. Whether it is a rural or urban area that we are able to help, they are all grateful we are able to help provide fresh food! Thanks to all who take the opportunity to share God's love with others through the garden.



Family Promise: Making a Difference One Family at a Time

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach

The first week of September, St. Timothy had the opportunity to help 3 families experiencing homelessness. They stay at the old convent at St. Agnes for 4 weeks before they move to other churches in the area. While they are at St. Agnes, we provide support through meals, transportation, and friendship. The first evening I was there, one of the mothers shared the trauma she had experienced in the last year. She and her husband have 2 children, ages 11 and 14. They had never needed assistance before although they lived paycheck to paycheck. They used to live in my neighborhood and the children went to school at Gray Middle School and Mann Elementary. Last winter the mother was hit by a car while she was crossing Turfway Rd. She suffered significant injuries including a broken back, hip and leg. She was fortunate to be alive. They couldn't treat her at St. Elizabeth due to the extent of her injuries so she was sent to UC Medical Center. To date her insurance has not covered any of her medical bills. Although she is fighting this, the loss of her income left them unable to pay their rent and other bills. Once homeless, they reached out to Family Promise. They are both employed again and are now saving to be able to move back into an apartment (hopefully in Boone

County.) Family Promise is helping to find her legal assistance with her medical bills and medical assistance with physical therapy (she is still walking with a significant limp and has never received any physical therapy to assist in her recovery.) The children are happy in their new school. They are so grateful for everyone's assistance and kindness.

We were able to bring all three of the families currently in Family Promise to Oktoberfest last weekend. The children and adults were overwhelmed by the simple gesture of giving them ride bracelets so they could ride the rides on Sunday afternoon. For families that spend their days worried about how they are going to get out of the homeless cycle, an afternoon of rides, food and games was a gift that left them all smiling. They thanked me over and over again! What a blessing it is for all of the Family Promise volunteers to be instruments of God's love, living out our Catholic faith!

If you are interested in lending a helping hand with Family Promise, our next week to "host" the families is November 12, 2017. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities. Please contact Katy in the office at 384-1100 or ksullivan@saint-timothy.org.



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Saturday, December 2nd from 9-11am
in Brodnick Hall**

Pancakes, donuts, bagels, fruit, yoghurt & 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 • \$25 max per family

Interested in volunteering to help run this event, please email
Kara de Nijs at kdenijs@saint-timothy.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA REGISTRATION

Please complete and return this form with your payment to the offertory basket or Parish Office by Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Family Name: _____

of Adults _____ x \$5 = \$_____

of kids _____ x \$5 = \$_____ (2 and under are free)

Total = \$_____ (\$25 maximum per family)