

# THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

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## A Parish Growing in Faith

By Fr. Rick Bolte

There are lots of ways to measure the growth of a parish. We could measure how many people or families are registered in the parish, how many attend Mass on weekends, how many contribute financially or how many volunteer. Those are the external and measurable attributes of a parish. But none of these measure faith.

Faith, by definition involves believing/trusting without guarantees. It is trusting in God's promises as we move into the unknown. And maybe most difficult of all, it is realizing that we are not the center of what is important. Trusting in God challenges us to realize we neither have all the answer nor do we have control of the outcome. We live our faith not because we know the destination of our life's journey as much as we learn to enjoy the journey. We are called to live in the present, discerning as best we can what is the best course of action, while at the same time not being too attached as we could be wrong. Faith is trusting in God beyond where we can remain comfortably safe and in charge.

Faith then requires confidence. As babies and toddlers we almost innately trust our parents and caregivers. Soon in life our parents are pushing us to try new things. They assure us we can do it and of course keep us safe. With family, teacher, coach, etc. encouragement we begin to have confidence in ourselves and our abilities. We learn to face the unknown for ourselves.

We are tugger to go beyond our being the center of what we are about when we learn to love. When mom, dad, and others do things for us and we are able to recognize them as gifts, we know something of love. When we love in return, we are a bit less

focused on ourselves. We can be selfish in relationships and even in marriages, but our heart's desire is to allow ourselves to be loved. We can't trust selfless love unless we ourselves try to love selflessly. The marriage or true friendship becomes the locus of our attention and we venture into the unknown of this relationship now with confidence in each other.

We don't know where even our closest relationships will go. Marriage and any commitment to family and friends is to venture into the unknown. We have ideas about what we are getting into but we really don't know. We are challenged by the reality of our lives to surrender to the uncertainty. At any given moment we can choose the best course of action we can think of, but we are called to humbly realize that another, spouse or friend, may have a different course of action. As much as we want to make the best choices, ultimately it comes down to deciding together and walking the journey forward into the unknown together. Marriages and close friendships are about that journey, having faith in each other and venturing into the unknown.

Hopefully we come to know God on this journey. To know God is not the same as knowing about God. We begin to encounter God when we walk the journey of life coming to know the goodness in ourselves and those we are close to. We encounter God when things don't go as we planned but we realize a greater gift than we knew was possible comes our way. We can recognize God even in the hard times when we are forced to surrender our control and see the good God does when we let go. This greater



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encounter with God is why we are drawn to a larger community of people with similar experiences of God; we seek to be church experienced locally as a parish. We seek an ever fuller encounter with God.

We grow in faith then, not by what is measurable on the outside but because of the shared reality, the encounter with the divine. True faith

is not about everyone agreeing, all problems being solved, and lots of people doing all kinds of impressive things. Just as alone and with close relationships, it is about walking the journey; so too a parish. We move forward without certainty but learning to trust each other. We journey knowing that even when things go wrong according to our plan, we trust God has a bigger plan. The God we have encountered alone or with an-

other is the same God who is with us as his family, our parish. When we work together as a parish, even when we don't meet these external measurements, we are growing in faith. As we have come to see God's presence in ourselves and others close to us, we dare to believe in God's presence within a community of believers. It calls for a greater surrender, greater trust; we grow in faith in God.



The Knights of Columbus St. Timothy Council #15211 was formed and chartered as an expansion council in early 2012 by several Knights from the KofC Ackerman council located in Burlington KY, and with several new Knights joining to be apart of this new council. A total of 30 Knights participated as Charter members of the council in its original formation. The council is made up of men ranging in age from late teens to retired, with an average of over 25 years each in service to the Knights, including some

Honorary Life members with over 40 years of service.

Mark Sippel took over the role as Grand Knight of the St. Timothy council in July of this year. He will be serving a two year term. Trey Nix is serving as the council's Deputy Grand Knight.

Their goal at St. Timothy is to continue to serve our growing parish, the diocese of Covington and the international KofC Order with good works based on our four core values; Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Through the sponsoring of Church-related activities the

members of the Knights of Columbus continue to show that they are the strong right arm of the Church.

For more information or to join, go to their website at:  
[www.kofc-st-timothy.org](http://www.kofc-st-timothy.org)



## Our Parish Family

### New Families

Marianne Barone  
Jeannine & Robert Bowling  
Dominick & Milly Cordelli  
Thomas & Tiffany Evans  
Kevin & Jennie Flowers  
Keith & Mary Laws  
John & Loraine Leardon  
John & Stacy Lonaker  
Charles & Nikole Mahoney  
Christian & Allie Mains  
Thomas & Barbara Manning  
Joshua May  
John & Pamela McCarthy

### New Families

Evan & Lauren McDermott  
Lianna & Mark Nguyen  
Bradley & Courtney Page  
Joaquin & Heather Palomeque  
Joshua & Sally Pantoja  
Jack & Lauren Potter  
Julianne Hahn & Sterling Pratt  
Daniel & Alicia Roberts  
Ben & Jenn Skudlarek  
Michael & Jessica Smith  
Dan & Ashley Tewes  
Christopher & Kelly Wathen

### Baptisms

Mia James Bailie  
Meredith Beegle  
Carleigh Beegle  
Anderson Beegle  
Jordyn Marie Colley  
Atlas Steffen Dockery  
Grayden James Dowell  
Abram Bennett Herndon  
Olivia Frances Mains  
Lilly Elizabeth Reimer  
Emma Spinner  
Caleb Scott Strasser  
Andrew Hunter Vaught  
Knox James Wright

### Weddings

Abby Chaney & Chris Seitz

### Deceased

Randall Browning  
Mary Hunt  
Jean O'Connell  
Maxine Taylor  
Bryan Teten



## Mothers Of Preschoolers

**Hello Moms!** If you have children ages birth through Kindergarten then we would love to have you as a part of our group! What is MOPS? MOPS is a grassroots movement that believes moms are world influencers. Being a mom is beautiful and challenging all at the same time. We are women who come together to laugh, encourage and embrace the journey of motherhood. To find out more about MOPS International

please visit their website at <http://www.mops.org>.

Please contact Kara deNijs (859) 449-7049 ([kara.denij@gmail.com](mailto:kara.denij@gmail.com)) or Kim Brown at ([tkbrown1004@yahoo.com](mailto:tkbrown1004@yahoo.com)) (859) 918-1498 for more information about the St. Timothy MOPS group and how to join. Our meeting dates for the 2016-2017 year are **Mondays**: October 24, November 28, December 19, January 30, 2017, February 27, March 27, April 24, and May 22 in Brodnick Hall (**childcare is provided**).



**FAMILIA** is a national apostolate which stands for **Family Life** in **America**. A new team of mothers is forming this fall starting in September and will meet at St. Timothy.

### Do any of these ideas excite you?

- Finding support in your role as a mother
- Discovering a circle of friends to encourage and inspire you
- Learning ways to instill solid values and virtues in your children
- Discovering ways to strengthen your marriage
- Sharing in Pope John Paul's II's enthusiasm about family and marriage
- Gaining insight on Christ in the gospel applied to everyday life
- Establishing a closer relationship with God and a more enriching relationship with your husband and children

If you answered **YES**, then please accept our invitation to come and see what Familia is all about. You can visit [www.familiausa.net](http://www.familiausa.net) for more information or to register. Please contact Robin Welch if you have any questions at (859)743-0233 or e-mail [robin.welch@zoomtown.com](mailto:robin.welch@zoomtown.com).



The **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring a **COAT DRIVE** in conjunction with our annual Thanksgiving food collection on the weekend of November 5/6. Gently used and new coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves will be collected.

## Cleaning Out Your Summer Clothes?

Save them for our next grant project! We will be joining together with Master Provisions to have a community yard sale on Saturday October 23 from 9-12 am in the lower parking lot at St. Tim's. All of the summer clothes that will be collected will be sent to poor countries where there is a significant need for warm weather clothing. We hope to fill a giant truck so we need lots of help and lots of donations. If you are interested in helping, please contact Katy in the office or at [ksullivan@saint-timothy.org](mailto:ksullivan@saint-timothy.org). This is a family friendly activity so please bring your children or grandchildren.



## Stewardship of Treasure

### JUNE 2016

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ 88,970.33</b>
<b>5% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$4,448.52</b>
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
DIO Collection	
Peter's Pence	\$3,448.52

### JULY 2016

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ 106,540.01</b>
<b>4% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$4,261.60</b>
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
New Perceptions	\$3,261.60
\$ to 1% Tithe	\$261.60
<b>1% TITHE</b>	<b>\$1,065.40</b>
\$ from 4% Tithe	\$261.60
<b>Total to STYM/Outreach:</b>	<b>\$1,327.00</b>
STYM	\$729.85
Outreach	\$597.15

**ACUE Collection** \$3,693.66

### AUGUST 2016

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ 96,560.89</b>
<b>5% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$4,828.04</b>
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
DIO Collection	
Domestic Needs	\$3,828.04



# What is the ScienceTechnologyElectronicsArtMath Lab or Makerspace in our new school?

*By Fr. Rick Bolte*

You may have heard it or seen it on the display and wondered. Here's the answer. Makerspaces and STEAM labs are popping up in schools across the country. Makerspaces provide hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build and invent as they deeply engage in science, engineering and tinkering.

A makerspace is not solely a science lab, woodshop, computer lab or art room, but it may contain elements found in all of these familiar spaces. Therefore, it must be designed to accommodate a wide range of activities, tools and materials. Diversity and cross-pollination of activities are critical to the design, making and exploration process, and they are what set makerspaces and STEAM labs apart from single-use spaces. A possible range of activities might include:

- Cardboard construction
- Prototyping
- Woodworking
- Electronics
- Robotics
- Digital fabrication
- Building bicycles and kinetic machines
- Textiles and sewing

Designing a space to accommodate such a wide range of activities is a challenging process. Educators and administrators can help guide the process and generate the space that works best by researching, brainstorming and clearly articulating their needs, while keeping in mind inevitable changes in the future.

Our STEAM Lab is the size of two regular classrooms. We will additionally have a **Science Lab**. This room is the size of one and a half classrooms, will include extra sinks and a dishwasher. It will allow students to work with the elements of nature which can be too messy for the STEAM Lab.

## Neighborhood Mass Potluck on Sumpter Court

Hosted by Mark & Gina Brown



# The Culture of Catholicism

*By Deacon Dave Profitt*

On August 1, Bishop Roger Foys appointed me to serve as Director of the St. Anne Retreat Center in Melbourne Ky. The Diocese purchased the facility from the Congregation of Divine Providence in 2013 and has continued to operate it as a retreat center. St. Anne is now the only retreat center in the Diocese since the sale of the Marydale property.

When Bishop Foys and I discussed the position, I expressed my desire to turn St. Anne into more than just a retreat center. While retreats are an important part of our spiritual development, I want to see this beautiful property utilized for more than that. It sits on eighteen beautiful acres with a hundred-acre nature conservancy behind the property. Hiking trails go through the property and the conservancy and provide a great place to get away from it all.

The vision I put forth is to have a place to gather as Catholics and share in our faith in a way that's different than what we are experiencing today. I want to have local Catholic artist display their work in an art show, have Catholic poets share their work and writers to do the same. Catholic music festivals and wine tastings are a part of the vision as well. We have three vineyards just a few miles from the property. I want to bring great Catholic speakers and host special events that help us to re-engage in the great Catholic culture too many have forgotten. Lectures on the works of St. John of the Cross or St. Augustine, reflections on St. Catherine of Sienna and St. Therese can be a part of it. Can you imagine a Friday evening on the grounds with a glass of wine and a wonderful speaker or musician sharing their talents? That's the vision I have for the facility.

New retreats will be an important part as well. Retreats featuring Igna-

tian Spirituality and silent retreats are going to become a reality. Bringing in nationally renowned speakers to lead retreats will be done as well. My objective is to make St. Anne the premier retreat center in the Midwest, a place for spiritual renewal and celebration of our Catholic faith.

Bishop Foys supports my ideas and has been very supportive in my early efforts. I'm really just getting up to speed on the staff and how the



retreats work. I'm extremely blessed to have an incredible team of people dedicated to bringing the best they can to the facility. My Assistant Director, Karen Little has been an extraordinary help in the transition and is indispensable in my efforts. These people have a true love of St. Anne and want the same that I want, a great place to come and grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we speak, part of my work is developing a strategic plan for the future than includes improvements to the facility's infrastructure. I'm also working to increase the staff since we

do need more people to work there. If you have an interest or know someone who may be looking for a great place to work, let me know. We need hospitality ministers, house-keeping and kitchen help. If you have a teenager looking for a job, we would be good place for them to be. We can provide a safe and wonderful environment for young people.

We have two beautiful chapels on the grounds. They are such a blessing and places of great peace and tranquility. You can't help but feel God's presence when you walk into them. The Sacred Heart Chapel has been recently renovated with the Tabernacle being moved back in the center where it belongs. The Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel is new and it too is beautiful.

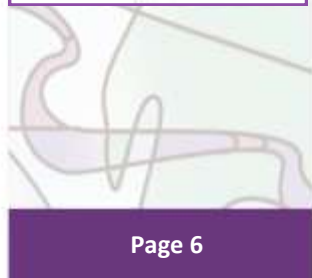
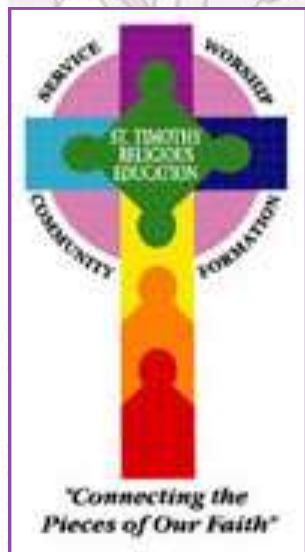
I would like to invite you to come out and tour the center. I'm there Monday through Friday and some Saturdays. The facility is open to the public 8:00 to 4:00 but we do ask that you let us know if you're coming. You can call the center at (859) 441-2003 or my cell phone at (859) 630-9147.

Some of you have asked me if this assignment means I'm leaving St. Timothy. The answer is no. St. Anne is my full time job but St. Timothy is my deacon assignment. That doesn't mean I can't be moved as any deacon can be moved at any time by the Bishop. The St. Anne assignment doesn't change that. Keep me in your prayers that I may do the job I've been called to do. The Lord has been so good to me and every morning when I pull into that driveway at St. Anne, I thank him for this blessing. Come out and see St. Anne Retreat Center and you'll know why I feel this way.





# Parish School of Religion



## Parish School of Religion

*By Carol S. Lense, Director of Religious Education*

Classes started this year the week of September 11. Our Sunday morning classes said a special prayer on this commemorative day, and then settled in to what will become a routine of learning, growing and celebrating their faith. Our program has over 466 students from our littlest friends in the Sunday morning Preschool and Kindergarten to our Confirmation class. We have over 75 Volunteers that graciously give of their time, to support the spiritual learning of our youth. We have a lot to be thankful for!

### **Upcoming Special Events:**

**Monday October 10 - Confirmation Agency Adoption Day**

**Sunday October 30 - Saint Fest**

**Monday, November 7 - Confirmation Sponsor Night**

**Tuesday November 15 - Family Adoration**

**Sunday, November 20 - "I Am Special" Retreat for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and RCIC**

**Saturday December 3 and Sunday December 4 - A Christmas Giving Fair**

**Tuesday, December 6 - First Reconciliation Program at 5:30 or 7:00pm**

### **Saint Fest**

The PSR classes will be working on informative projects about the saints, and we will put them on display in Brodnick Hall for everyone to enjoy while enjoying coffee and donuts after Mass. I am sure there will also be some extra treats and prizes. Be sure and stop by and see the Museum of Saints on Sunday, October 30 and stick around for the Pig Roast! It is going to be a great day.

### **A Christmas Giving Fair**

#### **Supporting the Confirmation Agency Adoption Program**

This year we are adding a service learning activity to the Christmas Fair. Typically the Christmas Fair has been focused on providing an alternative shopping option for our Parish Family. Instead of purchasing a gift for a family member, we ask you to donate to one of our Agencies **as** the gift. We provide a Christmas card to explain this alternative shopping choice, and even a shopping list that allows you to select specific items and choose the agency you wish to support. The Confirmation Students will set up informative displays in Brodnick Hall, and talk about their experiences at the Agency Service Day. After seeing firsthand what a difference they can make for the people in need in our area, it will be easy for you to see what a difference you too can make. This year in addition to the Confirmation class's portion, we will also have an area in Brodnick Hall set up to make ornaments, cards and small decorations to go with the "Christmas Tag" gifts that are arriving this same weekend. Come and be a part of our Christmas Fair, going on after all Mass times the weekend of December 3 and 4.







## New Perceptions - Outreach Grant Recipient

*By Kris Lawler*

Our July grant recipient was New Perceptions in Edgewood, Kentucky. New Perceptions is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Our outreach project had two parts to it. Our money that we donated went to purchase new adjustable, ergonomically correct tables for their onsite work center that assists adults 21 and older in work skill development as well as educational, social and recreational activities. The actual volunteer activity was an ice cream social combined with games, music and fun on the afternoon of July 29. Volunteers from St. Timothy's met at their center in Edgewood and had a blast making new friends with the participants who work there each day. We played cornhole, board games, giant jenga and listened to music. Our new friends were able to take the afternoon off from work and enjoy the time spent with us. We, St. Timothy parishioners, learned that an afternoon spent at New Perceptions meant an afternoon where fun was the main priority and friends were easily made. Smiles were in abundance and we experienced true joy for ourselves and through the eyes of the people we met that day. I learned that anyone walking through their doors will leave with a happy heart and a yearning to go back again and again to spend time with new friends who can spread joy easily and love unconditionally! Thank you to all the volunteers along with the men and women of New Perceptions that made our outreach project a success!





## Preparing Ahead for a Joyful Christmas

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach

Those of us who were fortunate enough to see Brodnick Hall 1 when it was overflowing with Christmas gifts last year, were blessed to see the spirit of St Timothy's generosity lived out. The many volunteers were touched by the sincerity of our parishioners to help others experience the joy that Christmas brings. How difficult it is for parents who can not buy their children the one gift they really want or the sheets and comforter to go on the bed they were just given. Through you, God is working to take care of His people.

Some of the families we sponsor come from the long standing relationship we have with the folks at Gallatin County Community Action Center. Many of the families live in poor rural areas in the county. Each of the families we sponsor completes a special program to be able to participate in the Christmas Giving Tree. They have to complete 12 hours of class time that include parenting classes, library time reading with

their children, health and nutrition class, budget/credit class and GED education if needed. The families also participate in service hours to give back to their community. They work hard in the program so they are able to provide Christmas gifts to their children. The CAC wants to help families grow by increasing the expectations of the families and showing their faith and belief in them. The look on the parent's face when they see a bike for their child or their car overflowing with gifts is priceless.

Some of the other families we help are parishioners who have found themselves in difficult situations including grandparents raising grandchildren, families with overwhelming medical bills, and victims of domestic violence. A few gifts for a child "saves Christmas" as one parent put it. Those gifts help the parent see that there are kind and generous people in the world, helping the families experience God's

never ending care and love for them. Thank you for allowing God to work through you.

Lastly, the parish assists St. Vincent de Paul in providing gifts to the families they are working with. These folks live within our parish boundaries and are struggling to meet the basic needs of their families (shelter, food, utilities). There is not much left at the end to purchase a Christmas gift.

We could use some more help with the Christmas collection. I know we are all extra busy during the Holidays, but there are lots of little jobs that need to be done and I promise your Christmas will have more meaning when you reach out to those in need.

I need help shopping for gifts, organizing and delivering gifts. Most things can be done on your own time and it can certainly be family friendly. Please email me at [ksullivan@saint-timothy.org](mailto:ksullivan@saint-timothy.org) or call the parish office at 384-1100.



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



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**"Why do we wait until bad things happen to children before we step in to help?"** Child welfare systems are designed to react AFTER something bad happens to a child, such as abuse and neglect. **What if we acted before?"**

Safe Families for Children is a Christian ministry and international movement of compassion that gives hope to families in crisis. Our Host Families voluntarily, temporarily, care for children, while the parents of those children take time to restore stability to their lives. **Our mission is three-fold:**

**child welfare deflection, child abuse prevention and family support and stabilization.**

In the past 3 years, the Cincinnati chapter has hosted children for over 6,000 nights in safe and loving homes. Now we are growing in Northern Kentucky! Join us.

**St. Timothy is hosting an informational meeting on Sunday, October 23 at 10:30am.** Please join us in Brodnick Hall. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Katy at [ksullivan@saint-timothy.org](mailto:ksullivan@saint-timothy.org).

## Family Promise Touches Lives of Some of the Most Vulnerable: Our Children

*By Kelli Siracuse*

Family Promise provides the basics to some local families who are homeless-a place to stay, food, transportation, employment services, child care and housing assistance. But perhaps more importantly than that is the love the children and families are shown through the volunteers. Below is a reflection from a parishioner who volunteered during our first week of hosting.

On Friday, July 29 I went to spend some time with the family staying at St. Agnes with the Family Promise organization. Family Promise, for those of you that don't know, is a great organization that works with homeless families to help get them back into permanent housing, find jobs and get training with skills they can use everyday. They are unique in that they keep the entire family unit together. The adults must go through background checks and submit to drug testing before they can be placed in the program. Once in the program, local churches take weekly blocks to prepare meals, provide shuttle transportation to and from the Family Promise day center in Newport to the church where the families are staying overnight, and to "hang out" with the families and stay with them overnight. I was asked to stop in and spend some time with the families during the week that St Timothy was "hosting". I had done the training and had a general idea of the rules and regulations the families are expected to follow while in the program, but other than that I didn't really know what to expect when I arrived at St. Agnes on Friday evening. I have to say, it was a great time. There was only one family in the program this particular week. It was a young couple that had recently gotten married and shortly thereafter had been granted custody of their 2 nieces and 2 nephews between the ages of 4 and 10. Dinner had been provided by Chuy's and we all sat down to some excellent fajitas, rice and beans, chips, salsa, guacamole and there were chicken fingers and mac-n-cheese for the kids. After dinner we cleaned up and played with the kids for awhile until the girls had to go up to get ready for bed. The couple talked about how Family Promise was helping them to find permanent housing and both of them had gotten full time jobs. The kids told us about how they weren't looking forward to starting back to school and how they had been given tickets to a Red's game earlier that week that they enjoyed very much. I left that evening feeling very happy that I had the opportunity to spend some time there getting to know the family that St Timothy was helping. Family Promise is a great organization and it is a wonderful opportunity for your entire family to be involved helping those in the community that need our support. St. Timothy is hosting again the week of October 9-15 so if you're interested in helping out please contact Katy Sullivan in the Parish Office to find out more information.

### **This is from the Family Promise Newsletter about another family:**

Our first family has moved! The Perez Family has moved to Texas! This week Sally was given custody of the two girls and they hopped a bus to Texas to live with another Family Member! Although, it was very sad to see them go we wished them well! Thank you for helping us to make their time here at Family Promise a memorable one! The kiddos would tell Amber and I everyday about how awesome the volunteers were and how much fun they had playing with your kids! They really enjoyed the fishing trip, manicures and pedicures, crafts, games of tag and Bingo. Sally could not stop raving about all of the delicious food and wonderful hospitality shown to her and her grand-kids!



## RA JONES

*By Mary Jo Rehtin*

RA Jones Middle School is very excited about the collaborative relationship we are forming with St. Tim's Parish. We are currently working to provide the students and families of Jones a world class educational experience. Our focus centers around a very positive environment that is rich in Achievement, STEAM opportunity, the integration of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and preparing our students for a global society. These aspects are crucial in achieving the overarching goal of all students leaving high school Career, College, and Life ready.

Our first project with RAJones will be tutoring/mentoring students who need extra help. Tutoring times will be on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:30 pm at the school. We will be helping students with reading and math. Our first session will begin the week of October 2 and continue for 8 weeks. We ask that you consider helping one day a week for the whole 8 week session. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Jo Rehtin at (859) 384-3458 or email [mjrehtin1@fuse.net](mailto:mjrehtin1@fuse.net).



## Falling....Behind *By Bill Anderson*


Summer's heat is finally subsiding as the kids head back to school, but for many of our neighbors the long, hot summer drags on. While there may seem to be jobs for the taking, there are businesses with jobs opening and closing, single parent families, people out of work and seniors and the disabled living on fixed (substandard) incomes. As a point in fact, a number of our families have struggled with large rent/mortgage and utilities payments. Lack of transportation (loss of a vehicle) intensifies the problems of finding a job and reporting to work on time as well as accessing resources that can support them. These are just a sampling of the many obstacles our neighbors face daily.

On the plus side, with your support and the help of some kindred agencies we've been able to keep our pantry and refrigerator well stocked to provide nutritious meals for our families and children. In addition, our monthly benefactors have allowed us to expand our reach and provide additional assistance to those who are working to develop their independence. We still could use some additional support to reach our goal of 25 families providing regular monthly support. We can also use a couple of key food items for the pantry: rice, spaghetti sauce, box dinners, meat (canned chicken, tuna, ham, etc), creamed and specialty soups, chili, stew, shampoo.

It never ceases to amaze us, the resiliency of our neighbors and how they overcome disabilities, illness, job loss, reduced or missed benefit payments, car problems and a myriad of other challenges. We have clients without cars who start their day at 5 AM to catch a bus and don't return home until 7:00 PM. Veterans who are not getting the care and benefits they are entitled to. It seems that single mothers rarely receive child support and struggle to find good paying jobs and affordable child care. We've recently made connections with NK/ADD (Northern KY Aging and Disability Network) to assist our senior citizens and address their special needs. While you may worry about people receiving government support who don't deserve it, what we see more often, are those who can't work waiting months or years for approval of benefits or to obtain Section 8 housing vouchers and then not being able to find apartments that will accept them. Even with Food Stamps (and other government subsidies), there are frequent changes in benefits which leave neighbors with reduced coverage or without coverage for extended periods of time.

All that we accomplish is done with the Grace of God, your hopes and prayers and your donations of food, clothing, housewares and money. When we light the way for our families, you power the batteries that keep the light shining. We recently celebrated our first anniversary and over the last year we have added new members (and look forward to adding more) and accomplished some impressive results: Visiting over 200 neighbors, assisting over 600 dependents (single moms, children, vets, seniors, etc), providing over 500 bags of groceries, covering rent/mortgage payments totaling over \$7500, utilities exceeding \$6000, vouchers (food, clothing, housewares) totaling \$5000. Outreach only provides \$6000 a year, so it is your monthly support which allows us to continue to expand our reach and support those in need.

We've come a long way in our first year! Pete Freeman has guided us spiritually and prayerfully through the many challenges of travelling, training, stocking our pantry, supporting our neighbors, working with other agencies and Katy Sullivan and the dedicated parishioners here at St. Tim's have volunteered their time, talent and resources to insure our success. Thank you for your commitment, prayers and generosity.



**Monday  
October 24  
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/](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/sttimothy/)
- or the Gathering Space after weekend Masses
- or call Jim Sholar at 384-2922.

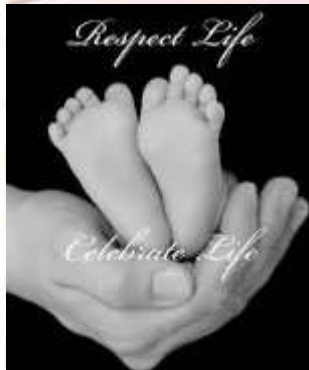
For eligibility guidelines, visit: [www.hoxworth.org](http://www.hoxworth.org)  
or call (513) 558-1304.

**Walk-ins are welcome!!**

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



THE COMPANION



Rite of  
Christian  
Initiation of  
Adults

RCIA classes  
meet Sundays  
10am - 11:30am  
Free Babysitting  
provided for  
toddlers & up

## "A person's a person, no matter how small" Help Celebrate Respect Life Month!

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach

The month of October is Respect Life Month, and St. Tim's Families for Life group is inviting parishioners to participate in one or more of the exciting activities they have planned.

- Each year, St. Tim's asks parishioners to purchase baby items, which are put into baskets, and distributed to local agencies that support needy mothers. Tags will be distributed the weekend of **October 1 and 2**. Be sure to pick one up! Items can be dropped off in the church office during the week, or at church the weekend of **October 8 and 9**.
- Individuals and families are invited to help sort the baby donations on **Monday, October 10, at 6:00 pm** in Brodnick Hall.
- On **Thursday, October 13, at 9:30 am** Families for Life will be putting the baskets of baby items together and delivering them to local pregnancy centers. Children are welcome!
- On **Sunday, October 16, at 10:30 am**, Families for Life will be hosting a Living Rosary. All are welcome!
- On the weekends of **October 22-23 and 29-30**, Families for Life will be collecting signatures for the Pro-Life newspaper ad that will appear in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* in January. Make sure to sign your name to this powerful demonstration of each person's Right to Life.
- St. Tim's will be participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign again this year, **September 28-November 6**. The campaign is credited with saving the lives of 11,796 babies since 2007. Join citizens across the United States, as well as in 23 countries, in the movement. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for more information.

**RCIA** is a process of conversion to faith in Jesus Christ and his Church. Based on the practice of the early Church. RCIA consists of various stages by which adults (generally 18 years and above) are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are interested in attending RCIA classes contact Deacon Dave Profitt at [DeaconDave@twc.com](mailto:DeaconDave@twc.com).

## Advent Study on the Mass

By Fr. Eric Andriot

Have you ever found yourself sitting at Mass and wondering why we do the things we do during the celebration of the Eucharist? Have you ever noticed that at the beginning and end of the Mass the priest and deacon kiss the altar? Did you know that there are times when the priest says a prayer silently to himself? Did you know that the Mass consists of four different parts? Have you ever asked yourself why the priest is wearing a particular color vestment? Do you know who all of the different people are that help with the Mass? If you have

found yourself wondering these things, then come join us this Advent to find out. This year Father Eric Andriot and Deacon Dave Philbrick will spend three weeks discussing these, and other related questions about the Mass and the Sacraments. What better way to prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas than to learn more about how we celebrate the Mass. If you have specific questions feel free to forward them to Father Eric at [eandriot@saint-timothy.org](mailto:eandriot@saint-timothy.org). More information will be posted in upcoming bulletins.





***September 28 - November 6***

***Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children***

The Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days for Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



Prayer & Fasting



Community Outreach



Peaceful Vigil

40 Days for Life is helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion. With God's help, and the participation of 700,000 volunteers in 636 cities across 36 nations, 40 Days for Life has seen 11,796 babies saved from abortion, 133 abortion worker conversions and 74 closed abortion centers.

**For this Fall campaign to be successful, we *need YOU!***

Make plans now to take part in the most visible campaign component - prayer in front of Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati - in repentance for the destruction of innocent lives right here in our midst. Organize your congregation or sign up as an individual.

***Pray and get involved to save lives!***

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati

Contact: Mary Clark, [cincy40days@fuse.net](mailto:cincy40days@fuse.net) 513-791-4039

Go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for inspiring and hopeful stories in these trying times







# Oktoberfest<sup>2016</sup>

List of this year's winners :  
Big Screen Tv - Joe Rachford  
Boozenvagon - Stephanie Suhr

Raffle Drawings:  
\$5,000 - Greg Zolton  
\$1,000 - Carol Frerman  
\$500 - Virginia Baumgartner











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## All Saints Day Mass - And Memorial Celebration for All Souls

### *Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us*



Remembrance

St. Timothy parish will celebrate its annual All Saints Day Mass and Memorial Celebration for All Souls on Tuesday, November 1 at 7pm. During a candlelight procession, we will read the names of parishioners and immediate family members of parishioners who died since November 1, 2015. 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](mailto: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 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***