

# THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

May-June-July 2018

## I Really Don't Care, Do You?

By Fr. Rick Bolte

These provocative words were on the jacket of First Lady Melania Trump as she visited detained migrant children in Texas near the US – Mexico border on June 21. News media speculated on the meaning. I'm not adding to the speculation but it is a good question, "do you" really care?

Of course we care. We care about national monuments being defaced, we care about climate change, we care about children who are cold waiting for the bus on a winter morning, we care about people fleeing war torn countries, we care about animals in a shelter, we care . . . We care about a gazillion things. What do we really care about?

What is actually important to us shows by our actions. "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:14-17) It is not, of course, a matter of earning salvation by how much we do, but faith shows itself in how we use what we have been given.

How much we really care and what we really believe in shows in how we use the time, talent, and resources we have. We can easily look at our credit card statement or check book to see the concerns expressed by our treasure. We can look at where we volunteer to see how we use our talents. But what about time?

Time is different than how long we volunteer or how long it takes to write a

check. It is much more about how much we pay attention to the concerns. We give the gift of time when we attentively listen to someone who is hurting and needs a friend. We give time when we remember to pray for someone. We give time when we try to learn more about what may be concerning others. Many of us feel so overwhelmed by the challenges of our own lives that we don't have time to be attentive to the needs of others. Sometimes our greatest sacrifice is to give the gift of time.

Something our Church has always taught is that each person has to follow their own conscience, but with that we bear the responsibility of educating our conscience. Without due attention we follow the road of least resistance and presume what we already believe is the truth. Being attentive only to those sources of news and information that bear our point of view is not due attention to educating our conscience.

We can't forget how words and phrases can bias what we hear without our realizing it. An unborn child can be described as 'a blob of tissue', a member of the LGBTQ community as a 'dangerous pervert', a disabled or elderly person as a 'burden on society', and a person crossing a country's border without permission as a 'criminal'.

Why do these words matter? These types of descriptions make their subjects less than human and/or a threat. They invite a person to fear for their rights or safety. And sadly, they allow our leaders and even us to be comfortable when these people are treated in inhumane ways. Jesus tells us, "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did



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not do for me.” (Matthew 25:45)

We must always be ready to educate our conscience. We need to treat all people as ourselves. We

need to try to understand those who are different than us by walking that mile in their moccasins. Let us not allow other people to be dehuman-

ized. Let us “really care” to educate our conscience and to let it show in how we use our time, talent, and treasure.

## STAFF CHANGES



### **Tiffany Evans, Business Manager**

Tiffany and her family have been members of St. Timothy's parish for 3 years. Prior to coming to St. Timothy as our Business Manager, Tiffany worked for 14 years as a financial analyst for Cincinnati Children's hospital. She and her husband Tommy live in Union with their three children, Davey, Addyson, and Austin.



### **Jennifer Loring, Bookkeeper**

Jennifer is originally from Mayville, New York. She and her husband Cory, along with their 2 children; Travis (3) and Ryder (4 months), moved to the Union area in April of this year with Cory's work relocation.

## Our Parish Family

### **New Families**

Michael & Carin Agriesti  
Paul & Suzi Brown  
Roberto & Judith Cabrera  
Brian & Angie Carlson  
Javier & Julia Cervantes  
Huston & Michelle Dockery  
Jeffrey & Heather Dunn  
Michael & Margaret Ernst  
David Eschan  
Tejay & Michelle Evans  
David Feld & Karen Brabender-Feld  
Mary Finke  
Chuck & Ellen Hablutzell  
James & Laurie Harvey  
Robert & Elizabeth Hasken  
Robert & Emily Hengehold  
John & Elizabeth Kahmann  
Cory & Julie Knutson  
Andrew & Lois Kugali  
Mary Lane  
Cory & Jennifer Loring  
Brandon & Andrea McHenry

### **New Families**

Massimiliano & Sara Minarelli  
Jon & Toni Nemi  
Son & Hue Nguyen  
Todd & Suzanne Northcutt  
Patrick & Lauren Ryan  
William & Catherine Schmitt  
Maristel Schulte  
Paul & Roberta Schweinefuss  
William Simms  
Amber Smith  
Donna Stegman  
Joe & Angie Verkamp  
Michael Walsh  
Jenifer Willis  
Jonathan Heinrichs & Lisa Zangari

### **Baptisms**

Nicholas Baker  
Lincoln Berezansky  
Liam Brown  
Kennedi Chadwell  
Rhodes Dockery  
Rory Flanagan  
Sechan Fosco  
Savannah Kleier  
Jake Maier  
Daniel McCormack  
Maddox Montgomery  
Andrew O'Hara  
Caden Profit  
Elena Royalty  
Keegan Vogelpohl

### **Weddings**

Eric and Kaylen Arbogast  
Jeffrey and Kristen King  
Cory and Jennifer Loring



## Gifted By Grace

By Bill Anderson

I believe that I have been truly blessed; blessed by my parentage, blessed by my teachers and mentors, blessed by my wife and children and most of all blessed by faith. As a man of faith, I am called, and have a responsibility, to use my time, talent and treasure to reflect the love of Christ to those I meet and those who are struggling in this world – to make a difference! While I was a Vincentian before I retired and I felt called to practice my faith and let the love of Christ shine through me to those I encountered, I really looked forward to retiring from the hectic “payday” world and dedicating myself to making an impact in the lives of others.

If you desire to hear the truth of my Catholic Faith, “Be it known unto you, That I am now a Christian, and employ my time the practice of Christian Values.” St. Albans

God has blessed each of us with “special gifts” and calls on us to use them to lift up the body of Christ. If you feel called as I do, St. Timothy Parish offers many opportunities to reach out and touch those who just need a little helping hand. St. Vincent de Paul also offers great opportunities. The opportunity to work as a team, to visit families, to see Christ in them and to understand life from their perspective and to creatively share the many resources available to help them to improve their situation. That’s our highest calling, but not the only option open to you by far. You might also assist in the food pantry, our thrift shops, the call center, or a myriad of other challenging areas that are best suited to your gifts and creativity. Monthly donations, gifts of food, clothing or housewares (bikes, etc.) are most welcome, but most of all your

prayers and intentions which help carry us through the difficult calls.

Our last article focused on assistance to veterans to whom we are very thankful as the St. Timothy “Wall of Honor” attests. We also place a strong emphasis on families, whether they are led by a couple or a single parent. In fact, several of our more challenging situations involve a single father with 4 children, a grandmother with two grown sons and a single mother with 3 children.

Single parenting is extremely difficult because even if the children are in school, they require baby sitting during the summer and when the children get sick there is no one to stay with them when they can’t go to school or day care. Then the parents are unable to work and often end up losing their jobs due to attendance or they lack of money for rent or food. With rising rents, increasing prices and reduced federal and state aid we just don’t have the resources to support individual families on an ongoing basis. If there are parishioners who’d like to donate to a “special fund” for “special (single parent) families” we would welcome that support.

With the backing of our parish and key donors we have worked some miracles helping families to move from hotels into apartments. We’ve supported “breadwinners with bikes” (15 or more) to get to and from work. We’ve provided furniture and housewares to help resettle families into their own apartments. Your generous food donations have helped feed the many families (up to 10) we visit each week. So your continuing support during the summer vacation season is essential to our ability to provide meals for families who are struggling. Watch the weekly bulletin for the request(s) of the week.



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## Stewardship of Treasure

### APRIL 2018

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$119,748.69</b>
<b>4% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$4,789.95</b>
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
<b>Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)</b>	
Children’s Home NKY	\$3,000.00
\$5 to 1% Tithe	\$789.95
<b>1% TITHE</b>	<b>\$1,197.49</b>
\$5 from 4% Tithe	\$789.95
<b>Total STYM/Outreach:</b>	<b>\$1,987.43</b>
<b>STYM</b>	<b>\$1,093.09</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>\$894.35</b>

### MAY 2018

<b>COLLECTIONS:</b>	<b>\$64,838.49</b>
<b>4% TITHE:</b>	<b>\$2,593.54</b>
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
<b>Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)</b>	
Rose Garden Mission	\$1,593.54
Education Center	
\$5 to 1% Tithe	\$0.00
<b>1% TITHE</b>	<b>\$648.38</b>
\$5 from 4% Tithe	\$0.00
<b>Total STYM/Outreach:</b>	<b>\$648.38</b>
<b>STYM</b>	<b>\$356.61</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>\$291.77</b>

# Are You “That Man”?

*By Deacon Dave Profitt*

This past February, we launched the Alpha program for men. I wasn't sure what to expect in turnout, but I was pleasantly surprised. What was even more gratifying is how this group drew closer over the 11 weeks of the program and how much they learned from each other. They enjoyed it so much, they asked if I would continue the group after Alpha ended. From Alpha, we went through Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series ending in early June.

We agreed at that time to pick back up on September 19. We meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 and end promptly at 8:00. I needed to find something that I felt would help these good men continue in their desire to grow in their faith and grow as husbands and fathers. After talking

to our 2 priests and the other deacons, we think we have found the best avenue for that to occur.

St. Timothy is pleased to announce that we have been granted a chapter of the **That Man is You!** (TMIY). TMIY was established in 2004 by Steve Bollman as a way of transforming men into being faithful Catholics and strong spiritual leaders of their families. TMIY covers important topics like the scriptural vision of man, the 4 leadership roles entrusted to men and the 5 personality traits necessary for filling these leadership roles. It will also help with understanding how and why Satan always attacks the union between men and women, the 3 main obstacles to

living as authentic men and how to overcome them. And perhaps most importantly, the wonderful renewal that God is offering men and their families through the Catholic Church.

TMIY is structured into fall and spring sessions, each being 13 weeks. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, a brief video and then small discussion groups. We will be done by 8:00 p.m., home in plenty of time to help get the kids in bed.

The discussion groups do not

discuss issues that concerned them. They also learned more about their Catholic faith and how the Church provides the means for us to be the spiritual leaders that are needed in our families. Men need to feel like they're not being judged or criticized for what they think, and this is the environment for a safe expression of the struggles of life we all face from time to time.

TMIY is currently being done by Blessed Sacrament with great success. They do their sessions in the

early morning during the week. We would have loved to do it that way, but the timing is difficult for anyone who has to go north on I-75 in the early morning hours. It doesn't do anyone much good to have a faith filled morning followed by an ex-



require men to talk if they're not comfortable nor is anyone forced to do anything outside of their comfort zone. The idea is to learn that all of us men are going through similar issues in life and we're here to help each other in that journey. This is not sappy, sentimental stuff but real issues that men are facing today in a world that doesn't always appreciate our role in spiritual leadership.

If there's one thing I've learned through the years in my role here at St. Timothy, it's that men and women express their faith in vastly different ways. It took several weeks for the men in the Alpha sessions to open up. Once they were comfortable that this was a safe place to talk, they began to openly

cruciating drive in traffic. We felt it was best for us to do the evening sessions.

We've already begun assembling a leadership team and more information will be forthcoming. If you'd like to discuss this with me, please feel free to reach out to me at [deacondavep@gmail.com](mailto:deacondavep@gmail.com). Ladies, I encourage you to encourage your husbands to attend. Find time for them to become the man God has intended for them to be. You won't be disappointed. I know Fr. Bolte, Fr. Kelsch and the deacons are excited to bring TMIY to St. Timothy. Help us to grow this into a successful way for men to grow in their faith.



# ***Congratulations First Holy Communion Class of 2018***

The St. Timothy Class of 2018 received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 28. Thank you to all who had a hand in making the two Masses a beautiful and memorable occasion for the students along with their family and friends. Receptions were held after Sunday Masses for the students to celebrate this wonderful sacrament with our entire parish. Fr. Rick and Fr. Ross blessed the First Communicant's special gifts and mementos that they received for First Communion. Congratulations!

**Carol Lense - Director of Religious Education**

**Talli Reinert - Religious Education Coordinator**



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**Emma Berns**  
**Heilah Bichler**  
**Molly Black**  
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**Addison Collins**  
**Lucy Dalhover**  
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**Sadie Kaiser**  
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**Zachary Knight**  
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**Julia Tranter**  
**Ava Vogt**  
**Adelynn Washnock**  
**August Westrich**  
**Grace Westrich**  
**Lucia Wiseman**

## Vacation Bible School - June 4<sup>th</sup>

What a great week, and a picture is worth a thousand words!



Our **Desert Sand** group led the week, serving as greeters, readers,



The Sky Blue Group



The Gold Group





**The Purple Group**



**The Sapphire Group**



**The Lime Green Group**



**The Sangria Group**

Together our Groups learned how Jesus  
Rescues us every day in every way.

## **At Vacation Bible School this year...**

Deacon Tom Nolan  
led us in Adoration.

Deacon Dave Philbrick told us  
stories and parables from the bible,  
with some help from our acting crew.

We heard the Parable of Lost things,  
how Jesus calmed the storm,  
Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
and how Peter and John  
healed a lame man.

Our Crafting Staff helped us  
learn about Jesus too.

The Sister's from the Rose Garden  
came to visit, and we helped to collect  
baby basket items for our  
Parish Outreach Project.

We nourished our Souls learning and  
praising our God, and our Snack team  
helped us keep our strength up!

And we needed our strength...

so we could sing and dance  
in Praise of our God!

And we needed time to play!

What a great week!

Thanks to all our Volunteers  
for coming out to help.

Thanks to everyone who was here.

Thank you God,  
for bringing us together  
in your name.







# Mission Week 2018 - An Encounter with the Holy Spirit

*By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach*

On June 10 a group of 18 St. Timothy parishioners headed down to Appalachia to spend a week serving at the Piarist School and in their community. Located in Eastern Ky, in the small town of Hagerhill, the school was founded in 1990 by the Piarist order of priests. Fr. Tom started the school and is still there today. It offers grades 7-12 and provides to the impoverished children in the area, an amazing education and a path out of poverty.

While some of the students are children of professionals, many of them live in the hollers of Appalachia. The school is run completely on donations-no one is charged tuition. Fr. Tom spends most of his summer travelling around the country meeting with donors and raising money. It is not associated with a parish or a diocese. During the school year, he drives their bus to pick up students in three different counties that have no other transportation to school. Fr. Tom Carroll shared some of his many stories about how God has led him on this journey to providing education to these children. Part of their mission includes educating the community about the Catholic Church. There are many prejudices and much misinformation about the church in this area of our state. These families encounter our living God through all the staff and teachers and come to experience the Catholic faith as one that lives out the call to help those in need. If running a high quality Catholic high school in the middle of Appalachia, without charging tuition, isn't an encounter with the Holy Spirit, I don't know what is!

We were also pretty immersed in the culture of Appalachia through

our living quarters. We stayed in a couple of simple cabins in Jenny Wiley State park. Well, actually they were a few miles up a dirt path from the park. Let me just say that Fr. Ross and Paul Dierig are fearless and very skilled drivers! During a rain storm the electric went out and we couldn't use the toilets or shower. The rain washed out part of the road up to the cabin but everyone remained hopeful and we went on with our day becoming more aware of our dependency on God and the people he sends to help and guide us. The Holy Spirit sent us just the right people.

The afternoon we spent visiting a family in a holler was one of my favorite times of the week. As we pulled up we could see trailers with holes in the roofs and missing windows, cars and car parts taking up part of the yard and garbage scattered about. The family is served throughout the year by the staff at the Piarist School so the children sat excitedly waiting for us to come. Four generations of the family lived in the holler. We were stocked with lunch for everyone and games for the kids. We had cleared out the Dollar Store's supply of water guns and bubbles, and had a football and kick ball. The hospitality shown by the family was almost as over whelming as the joy they expressed in playing games and making new friends with us. I think we were all moved by their joy despite what we saw as immense poverty and hopeless living conditions. One of our youth commented about how he was surprised at the amount of similarities we all shared! We could feel

the Holy Spirit alive as shared our time together.

As far as the actual work we completed goes, we were able to build a ramp for an elderly woman who was just returning home from the hospital, we began a closet for a teacher at the school who was in desperate need for storage, we painted the gym they are in the process of building themselves, and totally reorganized the outreach office to increase it's functionality. We had no injuries and no one got sick. I am always grateful to the Spirit when that is the case on a mission trip!

Thanks to Fr. Ross, we were blessed to be able to celebrate the Mass together every day in a variety of different locations and we spent each of our evenings reflecting on our unique gifts and how each of us can use them to serve others and spread the Kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit led us to some beautiful moments of insight and sharing during this time each day. A special thanks to everyone who participated in the trip and to the parents who trusted your children to us. We loved having every one of you with us and are grateful for the gifts you shared with all of us on the trip.

We are grateful to everyone at St. Timothy parish who makes our yearly mission trips possible. We couldn't do it without you! If you have never been on a mission trip, please consider it in the future. It is a great opportunity to grow in your friendship with God and with other parishioners. Stay tuned for more information about next year's trip!

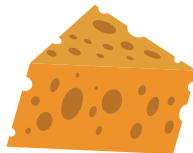


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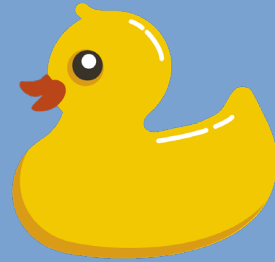
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## Items Needed

- Kids games prizes
- 2 Liter Sodas
- Cans of Pringles or Lays
- Bottles of Alcohol for the BoozenFligen Game
- Bottles of Bourbon for our new Bourbon Booth



## New This Year!



In lieu of a traditional raffle, we are trying a new approach this year! More information coming soon... but let me just say - it involves ducks!

(Not LIVE ducks, don't worry!)

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In addition to the very popular Beer Garden and Craft Beer from last year, we will be adding a new **Bourbon Booth** - you will have the opportunity to experience bourbon at a whole new level!

Our expert bourbon booth team will have our traditional bourbons available, as well as new bourbons for you to try!

## Friday

September 14 + 6 PM - 11 PM

### ROCK NIGHT!

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## Saturday

September 15 + 5:30 PM - Midnight

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## Sunday

September 16 + 12:30 PM - 6 PM

### Country



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# Sponsorship Levels

All sponsor levels will receive recognition in the weekly Parish bulletin and the fall/winter edition of *The Companion*.

## Donut Level

DONATION: \$50

Donut Sponsors will be recognized on the donut trailer during Oktoberfest weekend. One Donut sponsor offsets the cost of 15 dozen holy donuts.

## Keg Level

DONATION: \$100

Keg Sponsors names will appear on custom made bourbon barrel tables in the Beer Garden during Oktoberfest. Keg sponsorship helps offset the cost of a keg. Thank you gift of one Oktoberfest mug included.

## Silver Level

DONATION: \$250

Silver Sponsors will get receive live announcements by emcee during Oktoberfest weekend and will have your company name/logo on a sign in an Oktoberfest Booth. Thank you gift of two shirts included.

## Gold Level

DONATION: \$500

Gold Sponsors will receive live announcements by the emcee during Oktoberfest weekend, your company name/logo on a sign in an Oktoberfest Booth and on Event t-shirts. Thank you gift of two shirts and one mug included.

## Platinum Level

DONATION: \$1000

Platinum Sponsors receive live announcements by the emcee with a custom message during Oktoberfest weekend, special recognition on event signage, Company logo on event t-shirts and website. Platinum Sponsors will receive special Parish Facebook recognition in the weeks leading up to Oktoberfest and during Oktoberfest weekend. Thank you gift of two shirts and two mugs included.

## Schön Level

DONATION: \$2500+

SCHÖN Sponsors receive live announcements by the emcee with a custom message during Oktoberfest weekend and during Awards drawings. SCHÖN Sponsors will also receive featured recognition on our Parish Facebook recognition in the weeks leading up to Oktoberfest and during Oktoberfest weekend. Thank you gift of four shirts and four mugs included.



### Sponsorship Form

Name as you would like it listed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Sponsor level

SCHÖN = \$2500+

Gold = \$500

Keg = \$100

Platinum = \$1000

Silver = \$250

Donut = \$50

Sponsor Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Method of Payment:

Cash

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Make checks payable to **SAINT TIMOTHY OKTOBERFEST**. Contributions can be mailed to St. Timothy, PO BOX 120, Union, KY 41091, dropped off in the parish office or placed in the offertory baskets during weekend masses. **To ensure proper signage, please return by August 15.**

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