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NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

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SURRENDER! *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

"Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus" (Rom 1:1); so Paul describes himself. He is not speaking of Christ physically or mentally overpowering him. He is speaking of a choice he has made to surrender to Christ.

To surrender to Christ, we first have to recognize that there is a difference between our will and God's. As much as that would seem self-evident, there are times we are so sure that what we believe is right, that we are sure God must be on our side. It is hard to imitate the humility of Thomas Merton, "the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so."

There are times when the good just seems so obvious. We pray for the health and life of those we love, those whose families would be devastated without them, and those who seem to be exceptionally good people. We pray for things it seems our world definitely needs; an end to poverty, war, the pandemic, etc. We try to add, "not our will but your will be done." We want to imitate Christ's surrender to the will of his Father in the garden of Gethsemane.

Paul's slavery to Christ, like Jesus' surrender to the Father's will, is more than acceptance that even when we pray, things may not go our way. A big part has to be letting go of control; to trust to God's will what the outcome will be. Trust in God and so turning our lives over to Him wouldn't be so tough if it came with guarantees. If we knew our health, a comfortable living by our standards, success in our endeavors, good and happy children, good relationships, and the like were all sure to work out for us; we might try. But God doesn't guarantee things will go as we expect, so trust is hard.

To trust God, we need to know Him. To know God intimately is not knowledge about a God up in the heavens somewhere but an experience of God in the depths of our being. There is a goodness that we touch. It is beyond us yet a part of us. In a very real way it is part of our true self, the self our hearts long for. This is the intimacy with God that allows us to truly know God and to surrender to him.

To trust in God is to trust in the goodness we know in our hearts. It's to affirm that Goodness (Godness) reflecting the image and likeness of God within us. We love that goodness and when we are conscious of it, we want to choose it. We can come to prize this goodness above all else. We need silence in the presence of the Lord to be attentive to our heart's desire. We need to be in touch with that presence and to fall in love with what we know is so good. We gradually realize it is a goodness greater than any other.

But we still have to choose it. It will seem to be in competition with the "reality" of our lives. We still have our work, families, households, friends, and so many other things that are good and important. We can't be asked to ignore the necessities of living. Truth is we can't enter a day without some plan of action. There are things we should do, have to do, want to do, and/or plan to avoid. Without thinking, we plan our day on some basic level.

In the Our Father, we pray for God's will to be done here on earth. We also pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." We are not asking for our physical necessities to be provided. We are asking to be given this

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day what we need to be about God's will. This is where the awareness becomes a choice. With a mindfulness of the goodness of God's presence within us, we ask that we may recognize the opportunities God gives us today to say yes to the goodness in our hearts. Things that are obstacles to our plans for the day can become occasions to choose the goodness deep within us. The person we find uncooperative, slow, or unaware changes from the person we get angry with to one we may minister to. The frustration of long lines at stores, crowded traffic, and

anytime things take longer than we want to wait become opportunities to be kind and concerned for others.

God doesn't ask us to opt out of the world. Rather, to surrender to the goodness of his presence within us. We don't stop living in the "real" world, we just surrender to a greater good than what we often pursue. Instead of being all about what we want to accomplish, we choose to be the person God created us to be. We become, by our daily "yes" to God, the very compassionate person we want to be. Our surrender is our salvation even now.

Our Parish Family

New Families

Justin and Mary Austin
Christopher and Deborah Boulware
David and Rita Brick
Thomas and Elizabeth French
Jim and Susan Giebler
Matthew and Jennifer Hughes
Benjamin and Sara Kaseman
Mederic and Deborah McLaughlin
Michael and Lauren McNaughton
Edward "Lee" and Ashley Metzger
Raymond and Judith Miller
Ryan and Deanna Moon
Steve and Cheryl Moura
Richard and Natalie Mudd
Phuong "Tara" and Thanh "Jimmy" Nguyen
Terry and Sheree Nies
David Stefek

Baptisms

Juliana Elizabeth Bach
Ty Christopher Evans-Burns
Sophia Marie Kehling
Olivia Faye McKenzie
Lainey Margaret McNaughton
Lincoln Luong Nguyen
Bronson Douglas Patton
Oscar Embry Pitre
Carter David Steffen
Audrey Katherine Stow
Oscar Daniel Tejedor Watters
Oliver Etienne Velez
Imogen Harris Wooster
Elizabeth Zuniga
Esmerelda Zuniga

Deceased

John Coleman
Jessica McDaniel
Mary Merten
James Pichotta

Wedding Anniversary Certificates Available

Couples who are celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or 60 + anniversaries in 2021 can pick up their congratulatory certificate and a letter from Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, D.D. in the parish office. May God bless all who are called to the Sacrament of Marriage.

St. Timothy YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Timothy Youth Group meets Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30, both Middle School and High School students are welcome! Encourage your students to come out and join us for fellowship, faith and fun! Look for schedule updates and information in the weekly Bulletin.

Sunday, Feb 6 12:30-2:30 in School Cafeteria
Sunday, Feb 13 12:30-2:30 in School Cafeteria
Sunday, Feb 20 NO Youth Group

Youth Group Dance - Friday, Feb 25, 7-9:30pm in Brodnick Hall

Email List - If you'd like to receive the latest communication from St. Tim's Youth Ministry, get on our list! We need your name, grade, email and text/phone number. Parent's info and/or youth info is welcome. Email Annette Howard ahoward@saint-timothy.org or text/call at (859) 466-4515.



The **Safe Environment** program seeks to provide a safe environment for all adults and children connected with the Diocese.

The ADULT program, known as **VIRTUS**, educates adults on the fast changing technologies and grooming behaviors used by predators to lure their victims. Background checks set up an additional barrier for those who seek access to children to abuse them.

Children have a natural desire to learn and to admire those adults who choose to share their time and talents with them. As adults it is our duty to nurture and protect children. That is why we take seriously the need to train every volunteer so that everyone can identify and create a safe environment where children will grow and thrive.

Please keep up-to-date on your Virtus monthly bulletins. Contact the parish office 859-384-1100 if you need to register for Virtus.

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Dear Lord, through the intercession of St. John Paul II, we ask that you come to the aid of our youth. Through the many distractions and confusing messages present in our world, please help the young people hear your voice. May they grow ever closer to you!

St John Paul II., friend of youth, pray for us.

St. Timothy
YOUTH
MINISTRY





DO YOU HAVE THE HEART OF A VINCENTIAN?



St Vincent de Paul is a fraternity of the Catholic faithful (Vincentians) who have a heart for the disadvantaged and grow in faith and spirituality as a benefit of their prayerful journey with their “families” and friends.

Has God been calling you to shelter his sheep, to show them “the way”? Fathers Bolte and Hennessey have been encouraging you to reach out and get involved personally in our outreach. Have you been trying to find your calling? Have you been anticipating retirement and looking to pursue a vocation where you can positively impact the health and well-being of others? Do you believe, “Service to others is the rent you pay for the blessings you enjoy”?

Perhaps you’ve been looking for an outlet for the skills you’ve honed in business, family and church life. God never leads you where his Grace will not support you. And we have the resources to help you guide the way.

Do you have one flexible day a week you can share with your neighbors in need? Are you ready to say yes to God’s call?

Every year during Advent Mary shows us “the way,” Saying yes to Gabriel bringing Christ into the world. God calls each of us to grow His kingdom; to See Christ in our “families” and help them find their “way” and see Christ in us. Every time we say yes to the “call” we bring Christ into our life and the lives of others. I’m starting with the man in the mirror, I’m asking him to change his ways.

If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make a change.....Are you ready for your life to change? Come and join us.

Call Debbie Curtin at 513-532-6958 for more information.

St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Commit \$10k to School Expansion

By Mark Sippel



St. Timothy's council of Knights of Columbus has committed to contributing \$10,000 toward the expansion of St. Timothy School. The Knights Grand Knight Mark Sippel presented the first payment of \$5,000 to Fr. Botle to show the council's continued commitment to the growth and success of both St. Timothy school and the parish. This council of the KofC is made up solely of St. Timothy men with the steadfast support of their wives

committed to the betterment and growth of St. Timothy parish, the Dioceses of Covington and the Catholic Church worldwide. In addition to this first \$5k payment, the council is committed to donating an additional \$1,000 a year for the next 5 years to complete the \$10,000 donation. In addition to the \$10k donation for the school expansion, the council, through the generosity of the parish's participation and donations has already raised an approximate \$4,500 towards the school's KofC athletics fund through fundraisers like the Lenten and Memorial Cross project and collectors raffle held last year. The council will continue to raise funds for the athletics fund to be used to help equip the new school gym and athletics programs. If you are a practicing catholic male 18 yrs of age or older and wish to join the Knights of Columbus and our parish causes, please go to **www.kofc-st-timothy.org** for more information. And thank you to all of St. Timothy parishioners for your continued support of the St. Timothy KofC.



Outreach Has Been Busy!

By Pat Seuberling, Outreach Ministry

November

In conjunction with SVdP and Knights of Columbus, we collected food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas meal bags and coats for Area people in need. In addition to collecting coats, the Knights purchased new coats, hats and gloves for the **177 children**. Thank you to the many volunteers and groups who helped with these 2 projects. The youth group helped pack bags for **65 families**. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls helped with stapling item lists and passing out the bags, and collection of food items.



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YOU



December

Outreach saw Santa's workshop in full force. We were able to help **55 families with 178 children**, aged 3 months to 17 years old, have a Christmas. **15 families** were from Gallatin County and the rest were from our Florence area. Parishioners donated **27 bikes**, **2** electric scooters, a basketball hoop, Ipads, and a mountain of toys and clothes for every child. Each child received, shirt, pants, shoes, coat, hats, gloves and **3** wish list items. Many parishioners gave extra. These items were given to the Western Kentucky area tornado victims. In addition, **\$450** of Kroger gift cards were given to St. Timothy School who held a collection to purchase diapers for those that lost so much. St. Timothy is blessed beyond belief by the generosity of our parishioners. **YOU are ROCK STARS!**





January

January was for feeding those who have no homes. We fulfilled **2** service projects for recipients of our grants. We packed 70 meal bags with sandwiches, soup, fruit cups, yogurt and cheese sticks, granola, hard candies and more. On a very cold night, these were delivered to the evening guests at NKY Emergency Shelter. They were grateful for the sustenance and the caring of our parish.

In addition, **77** volunteers packed **23,112** family mac-packs to be distributed to **6+** food pantries in NKY for NKY Hunger Relief.



Of course, every month we also prep and serve meals for the guests of **Mary Rose Mission**.

There are truly angels among us! We are a parish that cares and shares. I am blessed be able to work with each of you. Thank you to everyone who has helped with every one of these projects!

Looking for Volunteer Activity for the Family?

Enjoy a little time in the beauty of our newly renovated worship space at St. Timothy, as you participate in it's care. Help is needed for plant watering and care inside our church. This opportunity requires a small commitment of time, and offers a flexible schedule that is determined with other plant care committee members. We are also in need of volunteers to help with decorating. **No experience needed.** This is an awesome opportunity for families and those needing service hours. For more information contact **Christine Jones, Art and Environment Committee**, mattmchristine@gmail.com.

We also need help with maintaining the candles in the sanctuary on the steps and altar. Contact Fr. Hennessey for more information regarding the candles at bhennessey@saint-timothy.org.

St. Timothy Men's Golf League



The St. Timothy's Golf League will have an organizational meeting on **Wednesday, February 23 at 6 pm in Brodnick Hall**. Returning teams need to be present and pay their dues. Potential new members can submit their applications to join. If you cannot attend, and would like to join, or express your desire to return, contact **Joe Mangiafico** at Joe.Mangiafico78@gmail.com.



St. Timothy Young in Spirit Seniors

The February meeting for the **St. Timothy Young in Spirit Seniors** will be **Wednesday, February 16 at 11:00 am in Brodnick Hall**. There will be a hot meal served.

For reservations, please contact Jackie Sedor at 859-485-1640 or jackieann00@gmail.com. Reservations must be made **no later than February 8**. For the remainder of the year, we will continue meeting on the second Wednesday each month at 11:00 am.

Mission Trip 2022 - "Building the Kingdom"

St. Timothy is once again putting our faith in action. We will be travelling to **Harlan County Kentucky June 19-25** to rebuild the Southeastern Kentucky communities in need. Our group will be working to help with disaster relief, building projects, feeding the homeless and community outreach to the elderly and orphaned children. I am looking for adults 18 and older with carpentry skills, painting skills, and general maintenance capabilities to help lead our group together with the staff of Catholic Mission Trips Inc. This is a great week for parents and grandparents to work side by side with their child to help Build our Kingdom and grow in their Catholic faith! Look for student sign up information coming soon in the weekly bulletins.

Interested or questions? Contact Pat at pseuberling@saint-timothy.org.



St. Timothy Men's Group

The St. Timothy Men's Group meets on the **2nd and 4th Saturday of each month** following the 7 am morning Mass in Brodnick Hall.

To receive the email with the meeting details, contact:
Greg Egbers at gegbers@fuse.net or 859-240-6679.



The St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Are Looking for You!

Looking for a way to give back to your Parish and Community?

JOIN THE KNIGHTS TODAY!

The Knights are open to any Catholic Man over 18.

For membership information visit www.kofc-st-timothy.org or contact TJ Mueller - tjmueller17@gmail.com



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Breakfast with Santa 2021



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Santa and Mrs.
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us during their
busiest time of
year!



EVENING UNDER THE Stars

St. Timothy Dinner Dance, Fundraiser & Auction

SATURDAY *February 12th* 2022

5:30 pm: Music by DJ, Cash Bar & Appetizers, Silent Auction Tables open until 11pm

7:00 pm: Dinner & Dessert, Followed by a Live Auction & Dancing

12:00 am: The Last Dance

Name(s)

(_____)_____
Phone #

_____ # Tickets x \$50 each = \$ _____ is enclosed.

Method of Payment: (circle one) Cash Check Credit Card (via website below)

DINNER ★ DANCING ★ SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION ★ CASH BAR

_____ See attached list of guests at our table _____ NO seating preference

_____ Unable to attend but would like to enclose a donation _____ Interested in helping with Dinner Dance decorations

Please send to the Parish Office, Attention Brynne Wesselman

Tickets can also be purchased online at: <https://DinnerDance2022.givesmart.com>

All silent bidding will be done through this website as well.

Silent auction winnings are paid automatically by credit card registered with GiveSmart.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022



**Bishop John Iffert celebrated Mass
for the Feast of St. Timothy and
blessed our newly renovated
worship space on January 23rd**





**Bishop John Iffert
visiting St. Timothy
Catholic School**





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