

THE COMPANION



NEWS ABOUT SAINT TIMOTHY PARISH IN UNION, KY

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The Christmas Gift *By Fr. Rick Bolte*

"And Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7.) What's so special about Christmas that we should focus on this simple story rather than all the fun of parties and gift giving? Though we readily admit we needed Jesus to save us by dying on the cross, what's the gift of Christmas?

There are lots of gifts we want. We have Christmas lists, we have things we are envious that others have, and there are the things we ask God for when we pray. Jesus coming into the world as a small, seemingly unimportant baby is not on any of those lists. For many of us the real gift of Christmas is illusive as we are busy and focused on what is entertaining, comfortable, or makes us seem more important. To see the Christmas gift requires time and reflection.

Unlike practically all the things on our lists that we often think we have to have, the Gift of Christmas actually is essential. Jesus came into the world like us but if anything, more humbly. His birth acknowledges the goodness of our humanity while denying the need to be something more than we are. So many of us toil under the burden of having certain things, a job with prestige, talents that impress, and/or successes to flaunt. Without reflection we are often unaware of what burden we carry.

From an early age we learn that achievement in certain areas brings approval, attention, and encouragement. Failure brings on disappointment, criticism, or disregard. Craving love in any form, we seek to succeed. It worries me sometimes the pressure children in school feel to get good grades and even to be best in their class. On the

sports field they don't enjoy the game they play but feel the pressure to perform as well as others expect them to. We need the love and applause of mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, etc. We push ourselves to live up to these expectations.

Jesus was humbly human. An itinerant preacher, he lived off the generosity of others. "He journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the twelve . . . and many others who provided for them out of their resources." (Luke 8:1-3.) In the end, Jesus is friendless. "At this point they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him . . . And they left him and fled." (Mark 14:46 & 50.) And he dies a condemned criminal. "Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed." (Luke 23:32.) As the world would evaluate Jesus' life, he was a failure.

Jesus by his birth takes on our shame and sin. "He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness." (1 Peter 2:24.) Jesus didn't sin but carries our sins and shame as he suffers the effects of a world that believes someone has to prove who they are or their value in terms the world accepts. Jesus doesn't. The world doesn't recognize Jesus. "And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light" (John 3:19.) Jesus is rejected by a world that expects him to carry the same burden that they do, to prove their value by what they have, can do, and/or have done. Jesus leads us to freedom that we may live for what is true and righteous. Jesus frees us from this burden. "Come to me, all you who labor



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and are burdened, and I will give you rest . . . for my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11:28 & 30.)

This is the Christmas gift. The freedom from shame for our failures and from the burden of trying to live up to expectations. It is a freedom to

simply be the good person we are created to be. Jesus' birth assures us being the human being that we are is good. All human life, from conception to natural death, is good. Our accomplishments or lack thereof do not define us. Jesus is born with nothing and accomplishes nothing the world

recognizes. Yet in his defeat, as he dies upon the cross, his victory and ours is recognized. "When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God." (Mark 15:39.)

Hoxworth BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who made our October Blood Drive a success! This was only the second time in the past nine years 50 or more units were donated.

Registered	41
Walk-ins	21
Deferred	4
No-show	8
Whole Blood	42
Double Red	8
Units collected	50
Goal	36

Oktoberfest²⁰¹⁷

NET PROFIT \$66,500
OUR BEST YEAR!!!!

We are excited to share the breakdown of our AMAZING Oktoberfest weekend results! Below is the approximate amount each area brought in over that weekend!

Adult Games \$8,400
Kids Games \$3,600
Ducky Downs (new this year) \$1,600
Beer \$24,800
Rides (we earn 25% from Murray Brothers) \$9,500
Food & Soft Drinks \$30,200
Novelties (mugs & tshirts) \$6,000
Raffle (TV, Wagon & Grand Cash) \$17,700
Sponsors \$27,000

Thank you all for volunteering attending and your continued support!!
A special thanks to all our AMAZING SPONSORS and committee members who made the weekend possible!

Our Parish Family

New Families

Alvaro & Vicky Bernal
Jeff & Diana Bethell
Dan & Kendal Brue
Christina Gehret
Michael & Kelly Green
Andrew & Emily Mason
Bob & Patrice Morse
Scott & Rachel Musson

New Families

Pamela Ann Pelletier
Dolores Plumb
Jason & Sara Reedy
David Ecklar & Julie Villari
Hunter & Amber Waugh
Stacey Wellman
Dale & Darlene Wellman
Brett & Ashlee Wesseling

Weddings

Sarah Hoeben and Alexander Davis

Deceased

Herminia Delgado Diaz
Inez Ruth Groat

Baptisms

Teagan Eileen Brinkman
Finlee Ann Bryant
Emily Milagros Butt
Callum Jax Dowell

Baptisms

Collier Jude Dowell
Mason Matthew Estridge
Leo Joseph Flick
Rosalind Marie Flick

Baptisms

Theodore Louis Garnett
Liam Anthony Huntington
Emma Reese McHenry
Zachary Alexander Osborne

Baptisms

Blake Russell
Bryce Michael Sand
Trevor James Vogel
Sophie Grace Wilkerson

The Gift of Life

By Deacon Dave Proffitt

This time of year can be very stressful on people as they go through the process of trying to figure out what to give people as a gift for Christmas. I guess that's why we've seen the proliferation of gift cards. If I can't figure it out, I'll give you a card and let you figure it out. We let the busyness of the season get in the way of what we should be doing, preparing for the coming of the Savior into the world.

Here's an idea of something different for this year's festivities. Let's focus on the greatest gift that any of us have been given, Jesus Christ himself. Nothing will ever compare to the fact that God become man to give us a chance to share in the glory of the Heavenly Kingdom. It truly is a time to rejoice. We can have that deep and personal relationship with God to help us on this journey of life and the challenges we face. Our call is to share that Good News of the Gospel with those we encounter and especially with those we are close to.

Too many of our brothers and sisters do not have that relationship or even an awareness of the possibility of that kind of deep and meaningful relationship with Christ. We now have an opportunity to help them with their journey through life. There are so many out there who realize there is more to life than what they are experiencing, they just need help figuring out what that is.

On January 10th, we will be offering Alpha for Men, beginning at 6:30 in the evening in Brodnick Hall. Alpha is designed to introduce the fundamentals of faith to those who are looking for more in life. It's not a Catholic thing, it's simply an opportunity for men to gather for a meal, a brief video and then some discussion. The purpose is to help men understand who Jesus is and what it means to know him. Whether you are Catholic, some other denomination, an atheist or agnostic or a fallen away Christian, you are welcome. There

is no judgement and all views are respected. Our purpose for offering Alpha is to help those who are seeking more.

Likewise, at the beginning of Lent, we will be offering Walking With Purpose for women. The same principals apply, we're trying to reach those who are looking for more than just the day to day struggles of life. Just like Alpha, Walking With Purpose involves a meal, some study and discussion and a great opportunity to meet other women who are on this journey as well.

Neither one of these opportunities require a commitment. We would just like to invite you to the initial session to see what this is about. If you don't like it, aren't comfortable with it, don't come back. Our hope is that once you see there are others out there like you, seeking more in life, you'll want to be a part of it.

We encourage you to invite as many as you can to either Alpha for men or Walking With Purpose for women. This is a gift that could have some real meaning for people. The parish has created some postcards that you can give to those you would like to invite as a gift. Sometimes all it takes is a little nudge to help people begin those steps on the path to a relationship with Jesus Christ. If you need to get some of the postcards, just stop by the parish office.

I spent 15 years away from church until someone talked to me about being Catholic. It began me on my journey into the Church and it was one of the greatest gifts I could have ever been given. There are lots of people who are going through that same struggle. We can make a difference in their lives if we just make that effort to help them. We don't have to preach to them, just give them an opportunity to take those steps. Have a joyous and meaningful Christmas and may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you in this upcoming year.



Stewardship of Treasure

SEPTEMBER 2017

COLLECTIONS:	\$82,958.38
4% TITHE:	\$3,318.34
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
Deferred Income	\$2,318.34
\$ \$ to 1% Tithe	\$.00
1% TITHE	\$829.58
\$ \$ from 4% Tithe	\$.00
Total STYM/Outreach:	\$829.58
STYM	\$456.27
Outreach	\$373.31

OCTOBER 2017

COLLECTIONS:	\$102,700.02
5% TITHE:	\$5,135.00
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Diocesan Collection -	
Edu. of Seminarians	\$4,135.00

NOVEMBER 2017

COLLECTIONS:	\$84,463.28
4% TITHE:	\$3,378.53
City Heights	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Grant Recipient: (Max \$3,000)	
DCCH Center	\$2,378.53
\$ \$ to 1% Tithe	\$.00
1% TITHE	\$844.63
\$ \$ from 4% Tithe	\$.00
Total STYM/Outreach:	\$844.63
STYM	\$464.55
Outreach	\$380.08



Parish School of Religion

**Pictures of the 8
Agency display
boards made by
the Confirmation
classes for the
Giving Fair**

- * Be Concerned
- * Welcome House
- * St. Bernard Food
Pantry
- * Honk
- * Holy Spirit Ctr
- * DCCH
- * New Perceptions
- * Rose Garden

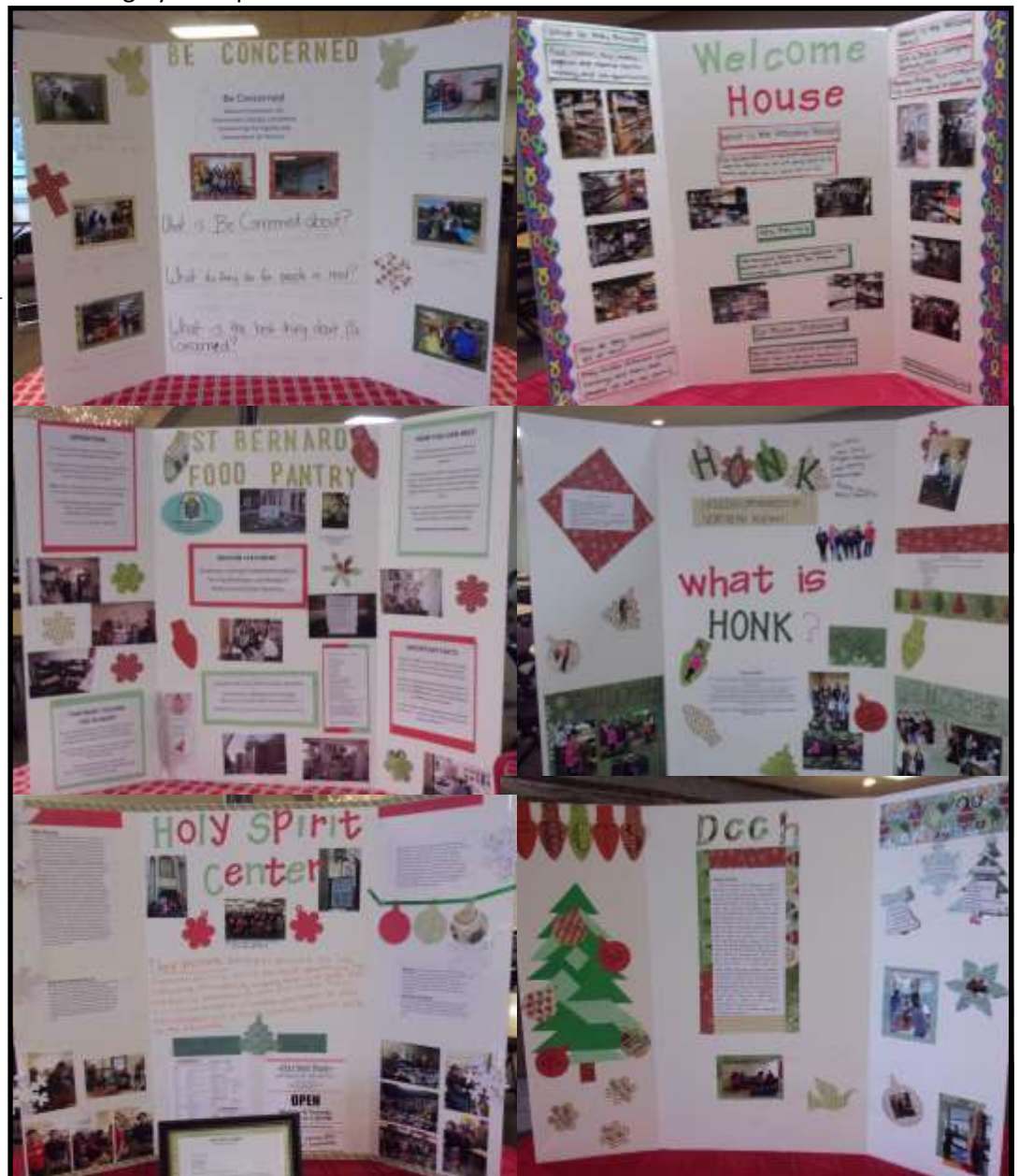
The Christmas Giving Fair

By Carol Lense, Director of Religious Education

The Confirmation classes presented their Outreach Agencies at The Christmas Giving Fair on the weekend of December 2-3. Their efforts raised over \$3,600.00, and we will continue to collect donations until December 19 in the parish office. This project is a great part of our Confirmation program, giving the students a chance to see how fortunate they are, and how what they do for others can make such a difference.

The Giving Fair provides for our Parish Families an alternative giving option. By donating to one of these awesome agencies in someone's name, it gives a gift that gives twice. The gift you give as a donation helps individuals and families right here in Northern Kentucky, giving them the support they need to share in the magic of Christmas, or the much needed basic necessities of life.

Thanks to all of the parents who have been such a great part of this program, from volunteering on Mission Monday at the Agencies, setting up lunch for our hungry students, helping to create the Agency boards in the classrooms, and working the cashier table at the Giving Fair. It is great to see the strength of our Parish in leading by example.





The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Parish is blessed to have had 80 students celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday, December 5. These students have been preparing all year, and reinforcing their knowledge of God's love and forgiveness. We celebrated after the sacrament with a reception in Brodnick Hall. Thanks to all the Catechists and Parents for being a part of this special time.

PSR Upcoming Events

- ◆ Saturday Jan 6 - Confirmation Retreat Hosted by YCET
- ◆ Saturday Jan 6 (4:30 Mass) – Presentation of Confirmation Class to the Parish
- ◆ Monday Jan 15 - Confirmation



VOLUNTEERS

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

Whatever You Did For One Of The Least of Mine, You Did For Me Mt 25:40

By Katy Sullivan, Director of Outreach

Just a few examples of how St. Timothy Parish has answered Jesus' call...

St. Timothy parish collected over 3600 lbs of food to help feed those in need and we collected over 250 new and gently used coats.

Our preschoolers service learning project provided 90 food bags for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute for Thanksgiving and Christmas to ensure all families could enjoy a meal together!

Our Christmas Giving Tree sponsored 51 local families with a grand total of 191 children. Thanks for spreading the joy of Christmas to those in need this holiday season! A special thanks to all the elves that helped with sorting, packing, shopping and delivering the gifts!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" Mt 25:35



Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids Drive

By Mark Sippel

As winter is upon us once again, Christ calls upon us to live out our faith by providing our more unfortunate brothers and sisters a means to stay warm, especially the kids around Northern Kentucky, always a priority. The St. Timothy Knights of Columbus council held a coat drive on November 4-5 and through the fantastic generosity of the St. Tim parishioners, the council was able to purchase over 228 children's coats in varying sizes for both girls and boys through the national KofC Coats for Kids program, along with many numerous donated and purchased adult sizes. All the coats were then forwarded for distribution through St. Vincent de Paul of Northern Kentucky and other services. Thank you to all of our St. Timothy Parishioners for your continued generosity and warmth.



"Naked and you clothed me" Mt 25:36



Thankfulness

By Bill Anderson

We all have much to be thankful for during this HOLI-day season! We at SVDP are most thankful for our generous parishioners and benefactors. We've had a memorable coat drive (almost 300 new and used coats), you replenished our depleted food pantry, provided holiday gift certificates and food donations that allowed us to provide Thanksgiving meals for 20 needy families and will provide presents to grace their family's Christmas celebrations. It is a blessing to be part of a parish which gives and gives from the heart time and time again.

The past several months have been particularly draining on our resources. Not only have the quantity of calls nearly doubled, but the increase has been coupled with families requesting higher levels of rent assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness. We tend to visit the most difficult situations because we are called to assist those who have fallen through the cracks. It seems that single mothers with children rarely receive any child support. We recently assisted a nursing student with a teenage daughter who has been working diligently to obtain her RN degree. She had a particularly demanding term with a higher than average course load and demanding lab requirements which didn't allow her to work as many hours needed to pay her rent. With your support, we were able to step in and cover the short fall. This term she was able to achieve a 4.0 GPA, receive a tuition rebate and get back on track financially.

Sometimes mistakes are for a reason, perhaps even the hand of God at work. We were sent a call for a veteran who was about to become homeless who was outside our normal territory. Because we have a DAV Representative in our confer-

ence, he was able to step in and engage a number of resources to pay his rent, provide food and support his job search. He is now back on track to becoming an independent breadwinner.

Those on a fixed income (SS, SSDI, Medicaid, etc.) find it particularly difficult to afford co-payments for things like orthopedic shoes and prostheses when they lose toes/limbs due to diabetes. They often get mired in red tape by doctors, specialists and insurance providers. It was rewarding to be able to provide the uncovered expenses for this man's shoes to then allow him to look for work and support himself.

For those who are looking for an opportunity to apply their time, talent and treasure to a giving, sharing ministry there are many opportunities within the St Vincent de Paul Society. For those who feel called to visit families in their homes and see the face of God in those we serve, we would welcome new Vincentians. **Contact Bill Anderson at 859-817-0187.** We can always use assistance in our food pantry from teens (volunteer hours) and others. We have many who provide monetary support on an irregular basis (for whom we are very grateful), but those who provide regularly monthly donations allow us to better plan our family assistance. You can do this by contacting Jennifer Casson in the parish office - or by placing an envelope in the collection or poor box. In the pantry, we can still use cereal, box dinners, spaghetti sauce, detergent and personal care items.

Last but not least, is your continuing prayerful support, as God's grace and spiritual blessing are essential to our ministry in service and non-service activities. Thank you one and all for your continuing support in the many ways you are called...



*Poor Box for
SVDP donations
In Gathering Space*



**Please call the Parish Office
if you know of someone
who would like to attend
Mass but needs help with
transportation.**

St. Timothy Youth Ministry - What's Been Happening in Our Corner

By Paul Dierig, Youth Ministry

What an exciting last couple of months for the youth group of St. Timothy. Let's start with our annual St. Timothy Oktoberfest. While everyone went home Sunday evening at 6pm, your St. Timothy Youth Group stayed behind and literally tore down the tents, threw tons of trash away, stacked table and chairs, put the benches on the trailer and drove the golf carts from one end to the other searching for things to do!

Your Youth Group, on occasion, serve the homeless at the Mary Rose Mission in Florence. The teenagers really enjoy serving the less fortunate and have the chance to interact with the, "guests" and listen to their stories of life on the street or living on a fixed income. Your teens do know how to wash dishes, clear and clean tables, as well as sweep and mop the floors, don't let them fool you!

We really enjoy helping out Don Forman with the St. Vincent de Paul group of St. Timothy. Don oversees the food pantry in Brodnick Hall and at times on Sunday we spend a good hour and a half sorting can goods and stacking them in the food pantry. It becomes a competition between the teens on who is the fastest or who can stack the most. It is a sight to see!

Earlier last month I had the opportunity to speak to the MOPS, (Mother of Preschoolers) here at St. Timothy. I went through my background and what it means to me on being the Youth Group Minister. I also talked

about how active our group is with outreach here at the parish and outside its walls. I thought maybe it was my good looks but, I am sure it is the hard work that the youth do that the MOPS decided to donate 5 blow up couches for the Youth Room!!! The Teenagers got to use them during movie night a couple of weeks ago!! They loved them. Thanks Ashleigh Schneider and MOPS!!!!

Back in October was the Parish wide baby shower. I want to share with you an email I received from Stacy Rettig, Families for Life Coordinator.

"Paul, I can't thank you enough for your support of the baby shower this year! I was so impressed with the youth last night. They jumped right in, so eager to help and serve. I'm not sure how we could have managed bringing everything over from the preschool. The students tackled that project with great enthusiasm! Please pass along my sincerest gratitude for their help and service of the most vulnerable in our community!"

Speaking of the most vulnerable, we are going to Washington, DC next month for the annual March for Life. If you would like to financially "sponsor" a youth or pray for us, that would be wonderful!

Folks, your Youth Group here at St. Timothy is very active!!! If your teenager is interested in Youth Group don't hesitate to contact me via email or call the Parish Office. Paul Dierig: pdierig@saint-timothy.org





St. Timothy Catholic School

Pilgrim Queen

By Sarah Mueller

The Pilgrim Queen was an idea that the Family Ministry group at St. Timothy School had to help families become more familiar with the devotion to Mary and the beauty of the rosary. It was an idea that started because we wanted our school to be united in our Catholic faith as well as share this faith with each other through a common and simple devotion that our kids would enjoy. The Pilgrim Queen is a beautiful, yet simple, shrine of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is portable and made to travel from home to home bringing Christ's presence and love to all those she encounters. She is meant to encourage families to pray together, to come together to celebrate their faith and all they love about God. They create a place for her in their home while she visits for a week, decorating and personalizing her space with handmade art, candles, flowers, rosaries, etc. She comes to each family with a special kit complete with children's books, a Saint Juan Diego CD, coloring pages, rosaries, prayer cards, rosary pamphlets, and more. She helps families to bring their focus to Our Lord each day and celebrate their many blessings, including each other. She is a vehicle of Christ's love.

Many parishioners worked together to collect special items to make the idea exciting and fun for the kids. They made rosaries, photo albums of an actual pilgrimage to Guadalupe, as well as provided books and prayer cards. The love they put forth to make this dream a reality has produced much fruit. The kids are all talking about the Pilgrim Queen. They excitedly collect the special bag to bring home to their families on their week. They share photos and stories as well as post her visit on Facebook, making their love for Christ and Mary known to all.

The response has been overwhelming...so tremendous

in fact that we had to begin a second Pilgrim Queen to be sure each family would have their requested time with her! What a blessing she is to our school family.

St. Timothy Catholic School has been one exciting adventure. We have been so thrilled to be able to develop the school of our dreams. Starting from scratch means we can do amazing things and carry them out how we envision. With God all things are possible! This is what happened with the Pilgrim Queen. She started as an amazing idea and now the reality is she is bringing Christ's love to our school families and helping them to get comfortable praying together. They are sharing their faith with friends and family, bringing apostles to Christ and setting hearts on fire with His love. The school families are actively 'Stirring into Flame the Gift of God'! This is what our school is all about, bringing Christ to others and sharing the beauty of our Catholic faith with all we encounter. Our school is feeding the fire of our children's faith and the Pilgrim Queen is fanning the flames!



Ava Vogt 2nd Grader
St. Timothy Catholic School

Support St. Timothy's Catholic School Gym Fundraiser ~ WIN! Your choice of:

2018 Mercedes-Benz 2-Year Paid LEASE

OR

\$10,000 IN CASH



Drawing March 23, 2018

\$50 per Ticket (Only 500 will be sold!)

Purchase tickets in School or Parish Office

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St. Timothy Catholic School

Service Learning Outreach Activities

Hope Ministries

By: Molly Brue; Sixth-grader, Saint Timothy Catholic School

My sixth-grade class went to Hope Ministries for a service learning project. Before I went, I had never really thought about how blessed I am. I have food, shelter, a great family, and the things that many people take for granted.

When we arrived, they took us on a tour, showing us where they pack food, clothing, and birthday supplies. This is one of the many things that I didn't think about. Some kids' parents don't have the resources to throw their kids birthday parties. But thanks to Hope Ministries, they get a 11 birthday bag." These include cake mix, frosting, party decorations, and small party favors.

While we were there, we also packed backpacks that included non-perishable food items, water bottles, and blankets.

This project, in particular, had a major effect on me. It made me realize how many things I have that I take for granted. It is a great service learning activity and I am thankful that St. Timothy Catholic School gives the students this opportunity.

"For the Son of man himself came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)



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November 3, 2017

Debra Thomas
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Dear Friends of HOPE,

WOW!!! Thank you so much for all your hard work last Friday at HOPE. We really appreciate all you did. You are a great group of young people and it was our privilege to have you serving beside us to meet the needs of those less fortunate. It is so wonderful to see young people involved in helping and serving in the community. The following week we have helped numerous people receive clothes, food and other needed items that you worked on while you were here. Great job!

HOPE Ministries has many partners in ministry in Northern Kentucky and we are so grateful for each one of you.

Thank you again for the time and energy you gave to HOPE and our client families. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Jackie Shelton
Director

Faith-based • Volunteer-driven • Non-profit corporation



Camp Joy

By: Addison Dierig; Eighth-grader, Saint Timothy Catholic School

Hi! My name is Addison Dierig and I am an eighth grader at Saint Timothy School. Last week, I went on a field trip with my class to Camp Joy. Camp Joy is a three day overnight camp located in Clarksville, Ohio where the class can do a number of different things such as team building exercises, rock climbing, and an interactive underground railroad simulation. Let me explain what my class experienced at Camp Joy.

When we arrived at Camp, I was surprised to see how big it was. Camp Joy has over 300 acres of land to explore! The first activity we did at Camp Joy was games. The whole class participated in games such as Ninja, Zip Zap Zop, and Simon Says. Next, we had free time to play basketball or Gaga Ball, a version of dodgeball. Then, we had an outdoor class that taught us how to use a compass and we got ourselves lost then used our newly acquired compass skills to find our way back. After that, we got to meet the animals of Camp Joy, including a cute bunny named Fuzzlers! After dinner, we had an activity called New Games. We played games such as "Honey, I Love You", which is a game where you try to make people laugh, Spud, which is a type of dodgeball, Fish In A Barrel, which is another version of dodgeball, and Giants, Wizards, and Gelflings, which is a type of tag.

The next day, after breakfast and free time, we had team building exercises. This segment consisted of trying to line us up in order of our birthdays on a log without touching the ground, attempting to balance our weight on a wooden board that was sitting on triangle, trying to get out of an "electric fence", and getting to lunch on skis with no snow. All of these tasks required communication, patience, and planning. The next activity we participated in was the rock wall.

In my opinion, the rock wall was the most fun of all. Everyone was cheering each other on and it was a great chance to challenge yourself. There was also a ropes course that we did with a partner. While on the course, you had to work together to get up the wall. The rock wall was also a great team bonding experience. Then, after more free time and some dinner, we got to experience the underground railroad simulation. In this simulation we were put in the shoes of slaves in the 1800's. We were sold at a slave auction where we were treated like we were slaves, the owners taunted us and made us do ridiculous tasks such as making a leaf pile, cradle a log, or picking up rocks. When we arrived at the plantation we had to make a hay pile for our pillow and we had little light while doing so. When the owner left, we made plans to escape and started on our journey. We posed as a traveling church choir from Saint Timothy on our way to Blessed Sacrament. We were led by Percy Fitzwallace (A.K.A. Paul Dierig) a conductor on the Underground Railroad. We met many people along the way and they all treated us differently.

We met a quaker, an indentured servant, an abolitionist, a bounty hunter, a crazy woman, and a John Brown follower, all were played by counselors. This was an scary, exciting, and awesome experience and I'm glad I got to spend it with my classmates.

On the last day, we didn't do much. After breakfast and free time, we had wilderness survival where we learned how long we could survive without necessities. I was surprised to find that the most important thing you need is a positive mental attitude. We also had to build a shelter and make our own fire. After that, we had more free time then lunch. Then, sadly, we had to go. I had a wonderful experience at Camp Joy and so did my classmates. I would happily go again if I had the chance.





ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Living, Learning & Serving in the Light of Christ

OUR STUDENTS are provided with a nurturing atmosphere where they can grow academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally through the use of differentiated instruction, tiered lesson plans, and learning with individualized accommodations when needed. We want to help our students succeed in their educational journey—mind, body, and spirit.

OUR STAFF have ongoing continuing education as well as an individualized growth and development plan. We teach to the spectrum, differentiate instruction, and genuinely care for the well-being of our students as a whole. Administration has an ongoing open door policy for students, parents, and staff. Our staff also includes:

- Intervention Specialist
- Speech Therapist
- Reading Specialist

OUR FAITH is integrated into our lives and we live and teach our Faith in all that we do! The students attend Mass once a week as well as monthly reconciliation, which puts their faith into action through prayer, song, and intention. With the use of our Catholic curriculum, students learn the fundamentals of our Faith and how to bring their own Faith to life. Our students contribute to our community through service learning projects; making a difference in the lives of others. Our students connect with one another through Faith Buddies, Olympic Day, and monthly assemblies where they work together in multi-modal activities. Our students learn to be confident by using the gifts that God gave them to be themselves and help others. All this is part of our Faith - The Faith we learn, live, and love.

SERVICE LEARNING is at the core of Saint Timothy Catholic School. Service Learning invites the students and their families to experience and understand our Faith through acting on the gospel message. Service learning invites students to be actively involved in a service project from the beginning to the very end through the following process:

1. Investigation
2. Preparation
3. Action
4. Reflection
5. Celebration

Saint Timothy Catholic School has participated in Service Learning for the past seven years, and this dedication to helping others has transferred to our new school. Saint Timothy Catholic School and Preschool received the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service for the past six years. We are unwavering in our commitment to be a Service Learning School.

OUR MISSION

St. Timothy Catholic School will unite with families to extend the mission of our Parish to “Stir into Flame the Gift of God”. The school complements the Worship, Community, Outreach, and Faith Formation ministries of our parish. We will accommodate children of varied learning styles and economic backgrounds and strive for the excellence of each student’s academic, social, emotional and physical growth deeply rooted in our Catholic faith. Especially through Service Learning, our students will become active and responsible citizens who embrace the teaching and Gospel message of Jesus Christ and His Church put into practice.



Parent Testimonials



"Our experience at St. Timothy Catholic School has been wonderful! Our children are in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 this year. We chose St. Timothy Catholic School because it offered all of the opportunities we were looking for in an elementary school. The leadership is strong and committed to excellence. Our priests, Fr. Rick and Fr. Ross, and our principal, Ms. Thomas, greet each child by name at morning drop off. We feel like we are placing our children in caring hands. The academic challenges are appropriate for each of our children in his or her own way. We most appreciate the focus on family time and service to others, which are reflections of our Catholic faith."

- Elizabeth and Matthew Barker

Emily, Norie, Ethan, and Evan's mom and dad



"Saint Timothy has truly been a blessing for our son. The school focuses on the individual needs of each child and not the standardized test scores like public school. St. Timothy's teaches materials in a variety of ways as not every child learns the same way. Our son loves the staff, teachers, and fellow classmates at St. Tim. It is truly an environment of compassion, caring and service. We have never seen our son more excited and engaged about learning! He comes home excited about the experiments that his teacher does in science. He loves the state of the art STREAM lab. He says the lunches are phenomenal. It's an environment with small class sizes totally focused on student learning and growth. I wish St. Timothy School opened sooner! Our son would never go anywhere else. Thank you so much for caring for our son!"

- Sam and Lisa Forlenza,
Antonio's mom and dad



"Saint Timothy Catholic School has been such a positive experience for our middle school daughter. It is a great feeling to pull up to drop off your child for school and be greeted by the school staff and to have that staff know your child and greet them upon arrival. Our daughter has struggled for the past 7 years in school both academically and socially. She was becoming depressed and did not enjoy going to school. She actually commented the other day, "Mom, I'm much happier this year. I feel included and people actually respect me." What a blessing as a parent to hear your struggling child say something like this. Academically, she will most likely always have changes, but to have your child be included and accepted is truly priceless."

-Melissa and Mark
KendallAddie's mom and dad



"Bringing our child to St. Timothy has been a breath of fresh air. We were nervous changing schools, since our daughter was doing extremely well at the previous institution. We went to St. Timothy to see how they were going to handle the new school being built. As soon as we entered the building, it was evident they were driven to make this the preeminent grade school in the area. From the cutting edge technology in the classrooms (Chromebooks for the children, a STREAM lab, etc.), to the focus of educating students on all subjects (not just ones being tested nationally or in the region). The energy and the focus of the teachers is evident as you walk in the front door. Everyone from the substitute teachers to the principal have the same goal, and there is no confusion they are teaching academics, but also teaching how to be responsible and caring individuals. The staff is always looking for ways to make school a great place, and it shows on the smiles of the children that attend St. Tim's. We haven't had any regrets on the decision to come to St. Tim's, we only wish the school had been built sooner to allow our child even more time to develop within the school."

- Vince and Kristin Bonno
Morgan's mom and dad

2017-2018 St. Timothy School Tuition

	Participating Parishioner	Non-Participating Parishioner or Out of Parish
1 child	\$5,595.00	\$6,624.00
2 children	\$8,952.00	\$10,598.00
3 children	\$10,341.00	\$12,193.00
4+ children	\$10,701.00	\$13,942.00

*A **non-refundable** registration fee of \$100 is due at the time of registration. Upon acceptance, a \$200 fee is due upon acceptance. These fees will be applied to tuition. Financial Aid is available for parishioners in need through the school office.

Please contact Jennifer Fedders at 859-384-5100.

Tuition for the 2018-2019 school year will be set in Spring 2018 and will have the tuition and fees broken out.

Annual Diocese of Covington

Nativity Scene 2017

St. Timothy Parish

Sponsored By: The Knights of St. John

Commandary #94, Northern KY

Hosted By: Boy Scout Troop 702, St. Timothy's Parish

Live Manger: December 16 - 23 ~ 6:30 - 8:30pm



The Infant Savior calls persons of different faiths and ages to his stable to share the unity, joy and peace of Christmas!

Holiday Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, Dec 23 - 4:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 24 - 9:30 am, 11:30 am (NO 8 am)



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Join us early before each Mass to relax and enjoy special Christmas music!

Saturday, Dec 24 - 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 10:00 pm

Sunday, Dec 25 - 9:30 am, 11:30 am (Children's Choir)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, Dec 30 - 4:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 31 - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, Jan 1 - 10:00 am



SAVE THE DATE:

The Feast of Saint Timothy ~ January 28, 2018

We will celebrate as a parish family at all the Masses that weekend, as

well as a special evening prayer service on Sunday January 28 at 5 PM

followed by a delicious soup supper.



Mark your calendars now.

Happily Ever Aftering in...

Camelot

5:30 pm: Music, Cocktails & Appetizers

*7:00 pm: Dinner & Dessert,
followed by Live Auction & Dancing*

12:00 pm: The Last Dance

Requesting the honor of your presence at the annual

*St. Timothy Dinner Dance Fundraiser & Live/Silent Auction
Saturday, February 10, 2018 • Brodnick Hall*

Feel free to dress in period clothing. Prizes awarded to the top three best looks.

Name(s) (_____) Phone #

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

Each reservation includes 2 drink tickets

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

Credit Card #: _____

(circle one) Visa MC Discover Amex Expiration Date

Zip Code (for credit card processing) _____

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

We will be unable to attend but would like to make the enclosed donation

I am interested in helping with the Dinner Dance (planning, decorating, etc)

Please send to the Parish Office Attention: Kara de Nijs.





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St. Timothy Women's Breakfast

When: January 20, 2018

Place: Brodnick Hall

Time: 9:00 to 10:30am

Speaker: Mary Malloy

Topic: "Just Breathe"

Cost: \$5.00

Come relax with family and friends. All are welcome.

Doors open at 8:30; breakfast is at 9am.

Sign up after Mass on January 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th.

Contact: Pat TenBrink PJOAN@twc.com
or 859-282-6468



JANUARY 26, 2018
BRODNICK HALL
6:30 ~ 9:30 PM
ALL MEN ARE INVITED!
BRING A WILD GAME DISH
OR A SIDE DISH TO SHARE.
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED