

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY  
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## Church of St. Timothy

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Mission Statement: We are a progressive, welcoming Catholic community that values full participation in worship and community service. We commit to being a peace-loving, Eucharistic community providing integrated faith formation and applying gospel values to daily living.

### Parish Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Joe Whalen
<b>Deacon</b>	Tom Quayle
<b>Deacon/marriage ministry</b>	Joe Frederick
<b>Stewardship/Development Director</b>	David Bach
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Joy Heifort
<b>Receptionists</b>	Jill Hanson, Mary Kalk
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Libby Huebner
<b>Coordinator of Liturgical Music</b>	Therese Jorgensen
<b>Communications Director</b>	Rhonda Miska
<b>Junior and Senior High Youth Minister</b>	Kristen Neuman
<b>Pastoral Minister; Befrienders</b>	Maggie Philbrook
<b>Coordinator for Children's Ministries</b>	Kristen Raaen
<b>Maintenance Director</b>	Barry Schuetzler
<b>Director of Liturgy and Music</b>	Bill Steffl
<b>Director of Administration and Finance</b>	Cathy Sullivan

See our website for full listing of all parish staff members.

### Office hours:

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	closed

### Mass schedule (adapted due to Covid-19):

<b>Saturday: (registration required)</b>	5:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday: (registration required)</b>	8:30 a.m.
<b>Sunday (registration required):</b>	10:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 3:00 p.m. outdoors between Doors 3 and 5, or by appointment.

**Prayer requests:** Call 763.717.1730 or 651.233.9622

**Communion for homebound:** Contact Maggie Philbrook

**Baptisms:** Parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Call the parish office for scheduling.

**Weddings:** Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding.



**May 9 and 16, 2021**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**and Ascension Sunday**

## Financial Update

It is over a year since in-person Masses were cancelled and the parish office was closed due to the pandemic. As the director of administration and finance for the Church of St. Timothy, it was a time of great uncertainty. Fr. Joe, the finance committee, and I did not know what to expect financially. How would our parish finances be impacted? Thirteen months after that sudden shift, I offer this brief update to answer that question. There is no doubt that Covid-19 has changed parish income and expenses. The below chart compares the average monthly income during the preceding three fiscal years and for the first three quarters of this current fiscal year.

	Monthly Average Totals Past 3 Fiscal Years	July 1, 2020 - Now	Difference
<b>Income</b>	\$146,395	\$138,351	-\$8,044
<b>Expenses</b>	\$141,502	\$116,517	-\$24,985

As you can see, although our current average monthly income is down \$8,044, our average monthly expenses are also down \$24,985. This decrease in expenses is due in part to a decrease in utility expenses since our buildings are not being used as much. More importantly, as soon as we realized this pandemic was going to tremendously alter our parish's functioning, the staff implemented a spending freeze. Only purchases that were necessary to keep things functioning at a minimal level were approved.

As these averages show, I am pleased to report that we are doing well financially. It is also important to note that the PPP loan we received a year ago, which paid for our staff salaries for 2.5 months last spring and early summer, was fully forgiven in November. In addition, even after considering the operating income and expenses I highlighted above, since July we have been able to support individuals and other organizations through our outreach funds and extra collections for a total of over \$100,000. That is a wonderful testament to the generosity of St. Tim's parishioners, even in times of uncertainty.

I am optimistic that parishioner giving will also increase more towards our normal level as well. Know that the rest of the staff and I all look forward to the day that we can say we are fully open with no restrictions. Until then, know of my gratitude for all who have continued to give financially this past year as well as my gratitude for parish lay leadership's continued guidance through these challenging times.

As we continue to move through pandemic and adapt our ministries, may our God of hope and new life be with each of you this Easter season.

Cathy Sullivan

Director of Administration and Finance

### From July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 outreach funds supported:

- Individuals within the parish and the greater community with basic needs
- St. Tim's monthly soupline program
- 156 families through our Thanksgiving basket program
- 187 families through our Christmas basket program
- AHEF (Anoka Hennepin Educational Foundation)
- Alexandra House
- Anoka County School Supply Program
- Birthright
- Cars for Neighbors
- Catholic Charities
- Family Promise
- Hope 4 Youth
- Meals on Wheels
- Salvation Army Anoka County Food Shelf
- Second Harvest Heartland
- Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
- The Dwelling Place

**Thank you for your generous support of our shared parish mission!**

# Welcome to St. Tim's!

## Daily Scripture Readings

### Readings for the Week of May 9 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Monday: Acts 6:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138: 1-3, 7-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22, 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday (Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle): Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18: 23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23-28

Ascension Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; I Jn 4:11-16; Jn 7:11-19

### Readings for the Week of May 16

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68: 10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36; Jn 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2, 5-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 34; I Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### May they rest in peace

We prayerfully remember these members of our parish family who have died:

- Frederic (Fritz) Graves
- Judy Schommer
- Betty Wagner
- David Williams

May the departed rest in peace and may the grieving know comfort. Contact Maggie Philbrook, our pastoral minister, if you would like grief support.

### Liturgy Update

St. Tim's continues to offer three in-person Masses every weekend: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and Sundays at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. with required registration. Registration opens every Monday at 8:00 a.m.. In keeping with state and archdiocese guidelines, we continue to practice safety protocols including distancing between household parties and requiring masks over the mouth and nose. Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to offer a safe, reverent experience of worship.

We celebrate all the mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers in our St. Tim's parish family this Mother's Day. Throughout the month of May, we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother.

"Mary is the mother of Yes. Yes to God's dream, yes to God's care, yes to God's will."

- Pope Francis



## News and Updates

### Rental support from RentHelpMN

Do you know a renter who is in need of support? The pandemic has caused financial stress for many. RentHelpMN makes it possible for eligible renters to get caught up on overdue rent and utilities dating back to March 13, 2020. It also makes provisions for those at risk of falling behind on rent payments due to the pandemic.

To apply for RentHelpMN, please visit [renthelpmn.org](http://renthelpmn.org) or call 211. The 211 helpline has multilingual staff available to answer questions from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Please spread the word about this opportunity for financial assistance.

### Food shelf garden

St. Tim's food shelf garden, a project of the Social Justice Committee, is located at the southeast corner of our campus. The harvest goes to the nearby Salvation Army to provide fresh, local produce to families in need. The garden averages over 500 pounds of vegetables (beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, and rhubarb) each year. Call the parish office or email [sttimothychurch@churchofsttimothy.com](mailto:sttimothychurch@churchofsttimothy.com) if you want to assist with planting, weeding, or harvesting in the garden during the growing season. Volunteering in the garden is a great way to enjoy the beauty of God's creation while reducing hunger in our local community.

## Cornerstone: Call for Submissions

The Cornerstone is a publication by and for parishioners of the Church of St. Timothy and we are now accepting submissions for our June issue. The theme will be "Welcoming Summer and Ordinary Time" as we reflect on a new season of life and growth as well as a slow, gradual, but sure emergence from the global pandemic. In the church calendar, we begin the season of Ordinary Time after celebrating Pentecost. In the natural world, we are welcoming longer, brighter, warmer days after a cold Minnesota winter. And in our St. Tim's community as well as in other communal spaces, we are experiencing a loosening of restrictions given higher vaccination rates after over a year of unprecedented challenge.

- What does it mean to you to move into ordinary time after the extraordinary season of pandemic?
- What are your hopes, dreams, and intentions in this new season – for yourself, for your family, for the parish, for our nation, for our world?
- Where do you find the presence of God in the natural world as we transition from spring to summer?
- Where are you witnessing new life in this season after the isolation of pandemic – in your relationship with God, with others, with the natural world?
- What is it that you take with you from the "extraordinary" season of pandemic into a new chapter of life – what have you learned and how has God invited new growth amid the challenges?

We are inviting 300-450 word personal reflections by parishioners for our June Cornerstone. The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 17. Contact Rhonda Miska, our Communications Director, in the parish office to submit.