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*“To the King of Ages, the immortal,  
the invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.” ~ I Timothy 1:17*

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. • Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Holy Days

Vigil 6:00 p.m. • 9:00 a.m.  
or as announced in the bulletin

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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To schedule Baptism, contact the Parish Office.

#### **Weddings:**

Contact the Pastor six months before desired date

#### **Parish Center, Gym:**

Contact Dave & Mary Pat Boulware ..... 614-371-8410

*All other meeting locations, contact the Parish Office.*

*Bulletin Submissions: Monday at Noon – [bulletin@sttimchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@sttimchurch.org)*

**St. Timothy Parish Mission Statement:** "United in the Body of Christ, we strive to promote the greater glory of God through a spirit of welcome and willing service to our brothers and sisters."

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*December 2-10*

**Saturday, December 2**

5:00 p.m. Doc and Dolores Gels

**Sunday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Saint Timothy Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Ivo DiRienzo

**Monday, December 4**

9:00 a.m. Ruth Conone

**Tuesday, December 5**

9:00 a.m. Jon and Irene Altman

**Wednesday, December 6**

9:00 a.m. Robert Horner

**Thursday, December 7**

9:00 a.m. John Francis Foley

6:00 p.m. Mary Anne Reinmann

**Friday, December 8**

9:00 a.m. Barbara Miller

**Saturday, December 9**

5:00 p.m. Saint Timothy Parishioners

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. Ruth Conone

11:00 a.m. Timothy Riedel

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

*December 9-10*

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

5:00 p.m. Joe Basbagill, Jim Competti

9:00 a.m. Pat Sergio, Joe Briski

11:00 a.m. Tom Lacey, Matt Peppercorn

**LECTORS**

5:00 p.m. Open

9:00 a.m. Lou Nobile, Kitty Quinn

11:00 a.m. Mark Hauenstein, Joseph Raju

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. Tommy North, Natalia Restuccio,  
Imani Snelling

9:00 a.m. Eloka Nwaneri, Chijindum Nwaneri,  
Chialuka Nwaneri

11:00 a.m. Colette Peppercorn,  
Genevieve Peppercorn, Vivian Peppercorn

**PASTOR'S DESK**

**From the Desk of Father Dan**



I am providing again this week my comments on our efforts to get the parish financial situation better organized. Thank you to those who responded this week to ask that their WeShare contributions be changed to Electronic Fund Transfers. I ask that you consider this transition if you currently use WeShare. With WeShare, the parish only gets a percentage of your donations. The rest is kept as a fee for the transaction.

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One of the biggest challenges for me coming on board the first of August has been to straighten out the parish finances with the help of the new bookkeeper. We have had, and continue to have, staff from the Diocesan Finance Office to help us with this. They and the entire parish staff have been a blessing.

I can let you know of a couple of things that we have made progress on.

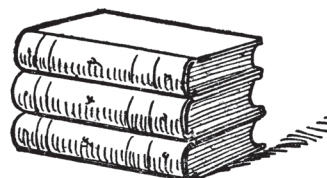
First of all, we are in the process of moving our accounts to Huntington Bank, which has welcomed our business and is willing to work with us. That has not been our experience with our current bank these past months.

Secondly, I think we have our electronic fund transfers working now; and for the majority of parishioners using EFT, there should be withdrawals starting December 1st. A couple of families will see a withdrawal this coming week (these contributions are designated for a special fund.) I realize that the EFT's have not been working since June or July. This, of course, has meant that we have not received the EFT contributions that you intended to donate to St. Tim's. If you would like to help make up this deficit (about \$11,000 per month), we would be happy to accept it!!

Thirdly, I want to remind you that from your contributions to St. Tim's through WeShare, we only receive 86 to 97 percent of the gifts you give because of the fees charged by WeShare. I would like to encourage you to consider using electronic fund transfers rather than WeShare. Huntington Bank does not charge for incoming EFTs. I would hope that eventually we could drop the WeShare program because, frankly, it's not fair to you that your total gift is not used for the purpose you intend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office. The process of totally moving our accounts to Huntington will, of course, take some time, but I feel confident that this is better stewardship of parish resources.

Have a blessed week.  
Fr. Dan



**NEW HYMNALS**

Notice that the new Hymnals have arrived and are in the pews. The front cover is purposely left loose from the outer cover. Please do not "fix" the hymnals.

**ST. TIMOTHY UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

|               |            |   |
|---------------|------------|---|
| December 7th  | 9:00 a.m.  | Weekday Mass                              |
| December 7th  | 6:00 p.m.  | Immaculate Conception Vigil               |
| December 8th  | 9:00 a.m.  | Immaculate Conception                     |
| December 23rd | 5:00 p.m.  | 4th Sunday of Advent                      |
| December 24th | 9:00 a.m.  | 4th Sunday of Advent                      |
| December 24th | 4:00 p.m.  | Christmas Vigil (in the Church)           |
| December 24th | 4:00 p.m.  | Christmas Vigil (in the Gym)              |
| December 24th | 8:00 p.m.  | Christmas Vigil                           |
| December 25th | 9:00 a.m.  | Christmas Day                             |
| December 30th | 5:00 p.m.  |   |
| December 31st | 9:00 a.m.  |   |
| December 31st | 11:00 a.m. |   |
| January 1st   | 9:00 a.m.  | NOT a Holy Day Of Obligation<br>this year |

**STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH**



|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| October 1st  | Offering Total: \$ 7,336.00  |
| October 8th  | Offering Total: \$ 7,371.00  |
| October 15th | Offering Total: \$ 6,511.00  |
| October 22nd | Offering Total: \$ 6,002.00  |
| October 29th | Offering Total: \$ 11,091.00 |

October WeShare Contributions: \$ 13,305.00

October Total Church Contributions: \$ 51,616.00

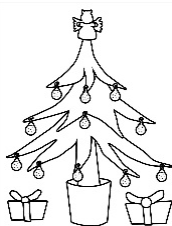
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**St. Timothy Book Club**

A few months ago, we read "Carlo Acutis the First Millennial Saint" by Nicole Gori – great read not just for us, but also for our teens. From December 1-7 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in their Life Center, will have a display of Eucharistic Miracles after each Mass. The exhibit shares 151 approved miracles of the Eucharist from the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis before his early death. Check out his website: [miracolieucaistici.org](http://miracolieucaistici.org)

**St. Timothy School Beta Club**

Please support our Giving Tree. Pick an ornament suggestion or buy your own gift for a child, tween or teen. Leave your unwrapped toy donation under our Giving Tree by Sunday, December 10, 2023. The proceeds benefit the local Firefighters for Kids Toy Drive. Thank you for your support.



**St. Timothy School Open House Signs Available**

St. Timothy School has Open House signs available to help advertise our Open House on Sunday, January 7th at 12:00 p.m. If you are willing and able to place a sign in your yard, please take a sign. The signs are located in the church vestibule.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
*I gaze upon the monstrance containing Jesus – body, soul, blood, and Divinity – and I smile at the intimacy of it all. I close my eyes and pray.*

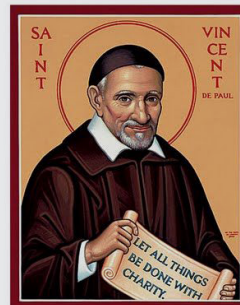
**AROUND THE TOWN AND BEYOND**

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|  | <p><b>JOIN US FOR AN EVENING MISSION ON THE EUCHARIST</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> St. Andrew Church</p> <p><b>When:</b> Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.<br/>Talk lead by <b>Dr. Edward Sri</b></p> <p><b>Register at:</b> <a href="http://www.standrewparish.cc">www.standrewparish.cc</a></p>   |
|  | <p><b>JOIN US FOR A TRIDUUM CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b></p> <p><b>Where:</b> Immaculate Conception Church</p> <p><b>When:</b> Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.<br/>"Advent with Mary" talk by <b>Dr. Edward Sri</b></p> <p><b>Register at:</b> <a href="http://www.iccols.org">www.iccols.org</a></p> <p><b>DR. EDWARD SRI</b> is a theologian, author, and well-known Catholic speaker.</p> |

*Rest In Peace*  
**Mary Lou Harrison**  
**Robert Pannella**

*May perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS**



*"How pleased Our Lord is with your concern for the relief of His suffering members."*

– Vincent de Paul

**CLOTHING FOR THE POOR**

Dorothy Day, Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, stated that everything a baptized person does each day should be directly or indirectly related to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. One of The Corporal Works of Mercy is to clothe the poor.

With your donations, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) is helping those in need by providing support and volunteers to the SVDP Clothing Distribution Center. The mission of the SVDP Clothing Distribution Center is to provide clean clothing and linens in good condition and without cost to the needy men, women and children.

The Clothing Distribution Center is located in the rear of the J.O.I.N. building at 578 E. Main Street in Downtown Columbus, and is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Clients are escorted by SVDP volunteers as they select garments and linens on a quota system. Individuals and families are eligible to select the free clothing and linens every 30 days.

**COATS FOR CHRISTMAS**

The Annual Coats for Christmas giving will take place on the weekends of December 2nd, 9th and 16th. There will be a specially labeled box in the Church Lobby for your monetary donation. Your cash donation will go not only toward purchasing coats, but socks, gloves and other winter clothing items for the SVDP Clothing Distribution Center. If you decide to donate a coat or other clothing item, please deliver them next to the grocery cart in the church lobby.

*Thank you for your generous support, which allows our SVDP Conference at St. Timothy to conduct numerous programs to assist the poor in our local community.*



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