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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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Contact the Pastor six months before desired date

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Contact Dave & Mary Pat Boulware 614-371-8410

All other meeting locations, contact the Parish Office.

Bulletin Submissions: Monday at Noon – 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 9-17

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

Monday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Mary Lou Palma

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Janice Dorrian

Wednesday December 13

9:00 a.m. Floyd Miller

Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Ruth Conone

Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Garbuglio Family

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. Patrick Tweed

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Saint Timothy Parishioners

11:00 a.m. William and Patricia Grady

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 16-17

USHERS AND GREETERS

5:00 p.m. Lori Walker, Robert Walker

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

11:00 a.m. John Stellar

LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Leslie Young

9:00 a.m. Lou Nobile

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

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Axel Urra, Allan Urra, Allison Urra

9:00 a.m. Grant Tobe, Laila Kramer, Ethan Garlow

11:00 a.m. Juan Soberanis, Ayleen Soberanis, Alessandra Soberanis

PASTOR'S DESK

From the Desk of Father Dan



I hope your Advent Season has gotten off to a good start with time for prayer to receive the Lord more deeply into your life at Christmas. I'm praying for all of us to have that experience.

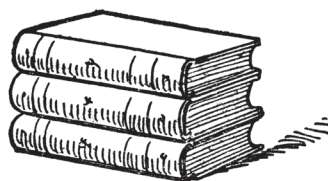
I'm asking for some help today. I need someone or a few people to coordinate the schedules of the various liturgical ministers. I'll be the first to admit that I don't know the technicalities of Ministry Schedule Pro, but I'll be the first to say that it doesn't provide what we need. If it automatically generates schedules each month, it needs to have someone to make changes to it. For example, a friend of mine moved out of the parish years ago, but he still shows up on the schedule of ushers. I'll say to him, "You're scheduled to usher next week." He gets so frustrated because he says he has notified people several times to remove him from the schedule.

If a few of you agree to take on these tasks, I'll see to it that we all understand how the system works and what we can do to make it serve us better. It seems that each weekend at all the Masses, we are wondering if we'll get the liturgical ministers we need.

Please prayerfully consider if you can help our parish with this important task.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration



Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I rest with gratitude for our Savior, Who sees me, and Who hears my wishes, and prays to the Father, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for our final resurrection in Him."

– Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

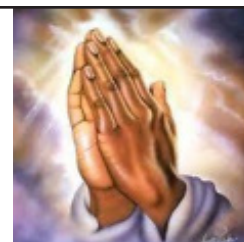
ST. TIMOTHY UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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.	
	11:00 a.m.	
January 1st	9:00 a.m.	NOT a Holy Day Of Obligation this year

Rest In Peace

Janet Geiser

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



SCHOOL NEWS**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.

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Feast Day: December 14

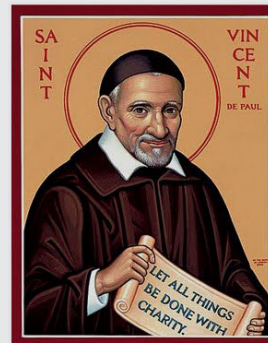
Patron Saint of: Mystics

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery – through death to life – strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest. Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely – to experience the dying of Jesus – as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment, John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly, John underlines the Gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49 – a life short, but full.

In his life and writings, John of the Cross has a crucial word for us today. We tend to be rich, soft, comfortable. We shrink even from words like self-denial, mortification, purification, asceticism, discipline. We run from the cross. John's message – like the Gospel – is loud and clear: Don't – if you really want to live!

Read the full article: "Saint John of the Cross" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-of-the-cross/>. (Accessed November 28, 2023).

AROUND THE TOWN AND BEYOND**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS**

"Go to the poor: you will find God."

– Vincent de Paul

HELPING THE HOMELESS WITH TENTS IN THE COLUMBUS DIOCESE

Christmas is almost here, and many of us are excited for festivities with family and loved ones. But for some of our neighbors in the Diocese, this holiday just means more hardship.

The Columbus Diocese has a number of counties located in the Appalachian region that is historically economically disadvantaged. These counties in Appalachia have some of the highest poverty rates in the country including Chillicothe, Ohio where our previous pastor Father Timothy Hayes was assigned. A report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition found that Ohio fails to have an adequate supply of affordable rental housing. This has driven thousands of families to end up homeless. In Ohio, there are over 10,000 homeless people on a given night of which 3,000 are families.

After the Chillicothe homeless shelter closed its doors leaving many without a place to sleep during the night, our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Timothy purchased tents and propane heaters to assist the homeless families in Appalachia. These tents and heaters provided protection against the inclement winter weather and a small measure of privacy and dignity until the families received a housing voucher to secure affordable rental housing.

COATS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Annual Coats for Christmas giving will take place on the weekends of December 9th and 16th. There will be a specially labeled box in the Church Lobby for your monetary donation. Your cash donation will not only go 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.

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