

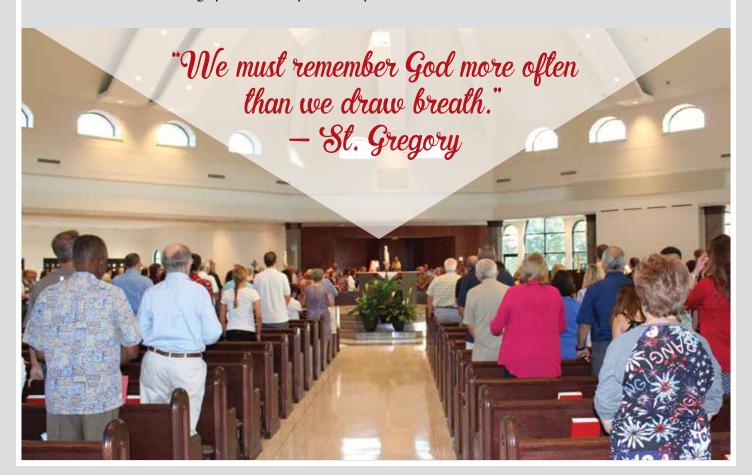
Lift Up Your Hearts



Near the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest exclaims, "Lift up your hearts!" and the people respond, "We lift them up to the Lord!" This is a signal that the Mass's central prayer has begun — the prayer that makes Christ's Body and Blood present as we remember His great work of salvation.

If prayer, as the *Catechism* teaches, is "lifting one's mind and heart to God," then our whole lives can be filled with prayer. Daily actions, done with love, can become prayerful. Mindfulness of God's presence in hard times or joyful times becomes a prayer. As St. Paul says, "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess 5:16-18).

When we invite God into our daily lives, we are filled with a confidence and peace, knowing that He is in control, no matter what happens. Do you desire more peace in your life? Is God calling you and your family to spend more time with Him? During our Stewardship Renewal, listen to God's call in your life and challenge yourself and your family to live a more Christ-centered existence.





FINDING NEW WAYS TO PRAY

When the apostles asked Jesus, "teach us how to pray," He taught them the Our Father. In addition to this beautiful prayer, there are many different ways to pray. Just like each of us has a different personality, the way we pray that brings us the closest to God will be unique.

Some people find the Rosary helpful in meditating on the life of Jesus. Others gravitate toward prayerfully reading Scripture or spiritual books. Still others are most comfortable praising God through song, or speaking to God during quiet meditation. And some people like a mix of all these. No matter what form of prayer best suits you, it should always lead to a heart-toheart conversation with Christ, and an openness to the Holy Spirit working in your life.

Ways To Pray

- Pope Francis' encouragement is to read and meditate on the readings for each day, found at usccb.org/bible/ readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps such as iBreviary, Magnificat, or Divine Office and ask God how to apply them to your life.
- Spend time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Make daily actions into a prayer. For example, pray for your child as you fold their clothes, thank God for His gifts as you prepare dinner, or praise God for creation when you take a walk.
- Revisit Catholic devotions such as the Rosary, novenas or the Stations of the Cross.







SERVING IN LOVE

Mother Teresa was devoted to prayer. On a visit to one of her convents, she heard the sisters report that there was not enough time in the day to do their charitable work. "Then you must pray more," she replied. As a result, the sisters added another full hour to their prayer schedules.

Prayer inspires us to act with love, and sustains us when the going gets tough. How is God calling you to serve? During our Stewardship Renewal, take the opportunity to pray about which ministries God would like you to join.

Combining Prayer And Action

- Ask God to show you your personal gifts and how best to use them.
- Get involved in one of the prayer ministries at our parish listed in this Ministry Catalog.
- Pray for our ministries, our parish leaders, and all parishioners. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our parish community.
- No matter what ministry or group you are involved with, always begin and end your meetings or activities by praying with and for one another.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely."

— Proverbs 3:5



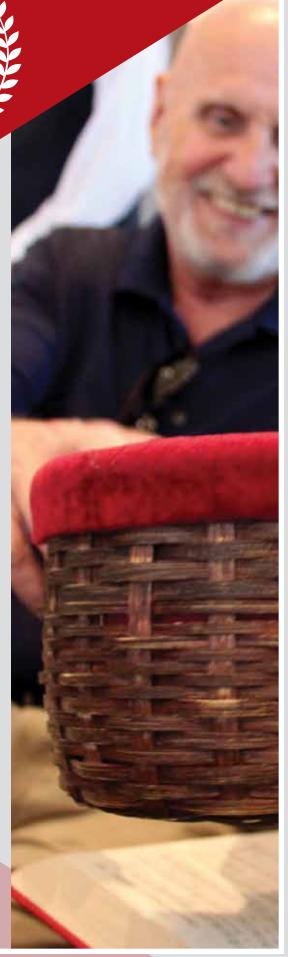
A PRAYERFUL OFFERING

As early as Genesis, there is a very strong connection between worship and sacrifice, between honoring God and giving Him "first fruits," the best of what we have. Even today, dropping our envelope in the offertory basket is a kind of prayer. It is like saying, "Lord, I believe in You and Your Church so much that I am willing to give You something very important to me."

While the amount of our gifts will vary from one person to another, the spirit in which our gifts are given matters even more. If you write a check simply out of habit, or the amount is negligible compared to your monthly budget, you may need to reassess. Does your gift adequately reflect God's importance in your life? At St. Timothy, we invite parishioners to work toward giving the full scriptural tithe (10% of your gross income) to God, with 5% given to God through the parish offertory, 1% to the diocese and 4% to other charitable causes. How can you move closer toward the scriptural tithe?

Praying About Your Gifts

- Pray about how much you give to God. Is your financial gift a percentage of your income? Does the amount of your gift reflect that God is the first priority in your life?
- Does your spending on entertainment, fast food or casual shopping prevent you from making a specific, percentage-based gift to God through the offertory each week?





Faith Formation

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER (ECLC)

For more than 25 years, St. Timothy ECLC has provided a stimulating, age-appropriate learning environment for children ages 2-5 years. The ECLC offers half-day classes for two, three and four year olds on a school year calendar basis. Extended care and enrichment classes are also offered in the afternoon for enrolled students. Volunteers assist the ECLC with various activities.

Contact: Daisy Cintron, 813-960-4857, preschool@sainttims.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

This ministry seeks to provide the 6th, 7th and 8th-grade youth a place to gather, grow in faith and foster relationships with God, each other, their families and other adults who are active in their faith. Music, games, sports, service projects, classes and retreats are just part of this varied program. Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 6:45-8:15 p.m. Adult advocates give of their time to pass on their faith to this energetic, youthful community.

Contact: Justin Lantz, 813-968-1077 ext. 232, justin.lantz@sainttims.org



HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN FAITH FORMATION

Life Teen Youth Ministry and Faith Formation leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Through an emphasis on the Eucharist and the intercession of Mary, we provide Confirmation preparation, opportunities to serve at Mass, Eucharistic adoration, discipleship groups, service opportunities, retreats & camps, community and fellowship events and weekly Life Nights following our Sunday 5:30 evening contemporary Mass. Gatherings are held in the John Paul II Youth Center, a lively and engaging youth space that fosters the arts, sports and many other gifts students bring to the program. Many adult volunteers working behind the scenes or directly with the youth are essential to the success of this ministry.

Contact: Justin Lantz, 813-968-1077 ext. 232, justin.lantz@sainttims.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We want St. Timothy's young adults to feel connected with our parish. While most of the groups and ministries included in this guide are open to them, the parish also wants to provide opportunities for our young adults to grow and share together as they seek to live out their faith during this season of life. Leaders willing to facilitate a small group, coordinate a service opportunity or social event, or assist in reaching out to others are especially needed.

Contact: Justin Lantz, 813-968-1077 ext. 232, justin.lantz@sainttims.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADAPTED (RCIA) FOR CHILDREN

RCIA for children prepares them for full initiation into the Catholic Church. This program is offered for children who are 7 years old or older who have not been baptized, have been baptized in a different denomination, or have been baptized Catholic but have never attended religious education classes. Adult volunteers lead the weekly classes from August-April.

Contact: Peggy Cloutier, 813-961-1716, peggy.cloutier@sainttims.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-5 - CATECHISTS

A team of dedicated catechists (teachers) work with the children of the parish to help them grow in their understanding of their own faith in God and knowledge of the Church. This journey is accomplished by using resources approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and following the curriculum guidelines set forth by the Diocese of St. Petersburg for each grade. Adults serve in a variety of ways from August through April as the children learn about their faith and prepare for sacraments with age-appropriate texts and activities.

Contact: Peggy Cloutier, 813-961-1716, peggy.cloutier@sainttims.org



MARRIAGE MINISTRY

A team of clergy and married couples work with engaged couples to help them prepare for marriage. The Marriage ministry also offers weekly presentations during Lent, with time for reflection and discussion designed to help couples grow in their faith and relationship with each other. Couples with strong, faith-filled marriages assist with mentoring, coordinating, and planning.

Contact: Deacon Peter J. Burns, deaconpeter@sainttims.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA initiates adults – either unbaptized or baptized in other Christian faiths – into the Catholic Church. Parish members share in the RCIA experience by accompanying those to be initiated on their spiritual journey serving as sponsors, godparents, prayer partners or teachers. While assisting those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, volunteers often strengthen their own faith and knowledge.

Contact: adultRCIA@sainttims.org

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study enhances our relationship with God by providing a greater understanding of Holy Scripture in the context of the modern world. Emphasis is placed on scriptural relevance to daily life and close adherence to Church teaching. A combination of individual prayer and guided self-study; weekly, small group, non-confrontational sharing sessions; and well-researched lectures are supplemented by occasional guest speakers. This study is open to all adults. The formal Bible Study sessions are held weekly, from September-May, on Tuesdays from 10-11:45 a.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Small group facilitators commit to meet weekly on Monday at 11 a.m. or Tuesday at 7 p.m. with the lecturer to prepare for the Tuesday sessions.

Contact: Sallie Stockdill, 813-909-1652, flmukasallie@aol.com or Bill Lynn, 813-960-7630, wlynn45@verizon.net

WOMEN OF GRACE

This group study provides women the opportunity to discover God's awesome purpose and mission for their lives. The multi-dimensional program nurtures and feeds – spiritually, mentally, and emotionally – participants as they learn to fulfill their call as a woman of grace in the world today. Classes are offered in the spring and fall each year.

Contact: Diane Tousignant, womenofgrace@sainttims.org

FISHERS OF MEN

Heeding the call of Christ in Matthew 4:19, and in recognition that Christian men need the help of other like-minded men to assist them on their faith journeys, the Fishers of Men Ministry is committed to establishing vital and lasting relationships with other men through small faith sharing groups, proclaiming the Good News to men of the parish, enhancing their understanding of Catholicism and supporting them in their roles as Catholic fathers and husbands. The group also ministers to those men and their families in the parish and the wider community who may be unemployed, troubled, poor, sick, imprisoned, or oppressed. Presently, the Fishers of Men Ministry has one small group meeting each Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:45 a.m. As other groups are formed, they may meet at other times.

Contact: Dave Szymanski, d.szymanski@me.com



Worship

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers provide an important ministry of both prayer and service. These youth assist with parish liturgical celebrations and are called to be visible models of a prayerful spirit at Mass. Young people who are beginning fourth grade and older may volunteer for this ministry and training is provided.

Contact: Carl Attkins, altarservers@sainttims.org

AMBASSADORS

The Parish Ambassadors greet worshipers, provide information and answer questions concerning the parish community before and after all weekend Masses. Volunteers make a commitment to serve at a certain liturgy on a rotating schedule.

Contact: Lisa Talmo, lisatalmo@aol.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist at Mass along with the set up and clean up of the sacred vessels. Participants in this ministry make a commitment to serve at a certain liturgy on a rotating schedule. Training is required and provided.

Contact: Fr. Kevin Yarnell, fryarnell@sainttims.org

FUNERAL MINISTRY

This ministry comforts those who are mourning by assisting with funeral preparations and the various funeral liturgies. The ministry also provides resources and guidance for those wishing to pre-plan their funeral and those plans can be kept on file in the parish office. Volunteers to help on the day of the funeral are especially needed.

Contact: Rose Pelphrey or Cathy Summers, 813-968-1077

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The Liturgical Environment committee utilizes art and decorative mediums within our worship spaces to foster a sense of reverence and appreciation during specific seasons of the year. This ministry endeavors to present visual expressions of our faith and history, so that upon entering our church, we are inspired to prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God. The primary work of volunteers is the setups of seasonal decorations which occur during daytime hours.

Contact: Kim Saffer, kas86@tampabay.rr.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry endeavors to develop a prayerful singing assembly through celebration, preparation, evaluation, education and personal ministry. Volunteers assist as instrumentalists, cantors, choir members, and praise and worship band members. Those who sing or play an instrument may find this a meaningful way to share their talents with the church. Training is available and an audition is not necessary.

Contact: Chase White, 813-968-1077 ext. 235, chase.white@sainttims.org

READERS

Readers have the privilege of proclaiming the words of Sacred Scripture at Mass and are challenged to deepen their love of God's Word. Participants in this ministry make a commitment to serve at a certain liturgy on a rotating schedule. Training is required and some expertise in public speaking is essential.

Contact: Fr. Kevin Yarnell, fryarnell@sainttims.org





SACRISTANS

Sacristans serve our liturgies behind the scenes. Volunteers prepare the church for Mass. In addition, sacristans wash the altar linen, care for the vestments and other similar tasks.

Contact: Mary Bratton, mpbratton@aol.com

USHERS

Ushers welcome the people of God to each liturgical celebration. Participants in this ministry are also responsible for assisting with seating, taking up the collection, directing the Eucharistic procession and distributing the parish bulletin and other materials after Mass. Training is provided.

Contact: Joe Matta, yf4joe@yahoo.com or John Roskovensky, roskoskippy@yahoo.com

Outreach

ANNULMENT – A TIME FOR HEALING

The Catholic Church reaches out to the divorced through this ministry. One of the ways the Church offers to help people achieve healing and closure is through a declaration of nullity or "annulment." A Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court) declares that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential four elements required for a binding union. This group provides assistance in submitting a petition to the tribunal for a declaration of nullity.

Contact: Deacon Jerry Crall, 813-968-1077 ext. 244, deaconjerry@sainttims.org

BEREAVEMENT

The Bereavement Ministry offers the consolation of God's healing love through emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual comfort. Through each other, we share strength, compassion, peace and love manifesting the glory of God within us. This ministry is a source of blessing as we reach out to our brothers and sisters experiencing a loss.

Contact: Brenda Covini, Certified Grief Counselor, 813-968-6546, bcovini3@gmail.com or Glenn Perry, 813-948-8806, ggperry1@verizon.net

CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS COME HOME

St. Timothy Catholic Church is a family community, and we are here to listen to those who may feel distant from their faith. Our invitation to everyone is to come, and know that St. Timothy is your home. In the ministry called "Catholics Can Always Come Home," we want to help those who feel alienated from their Catholic faith to experience being reunited in the Body of Christ. This is a gradual process of answering questions, resolving hurt, and renewing faith. Participants will always be welcome with a spirit of care.

Contact: catholicscomehome@sainttims.org

CATHOLIC CANCER NETWORK

This ministry provides parishioners and non-parishioners who have been impacted by cancer with the opportunity to discuss their specific concerns with a person who has previously been affected by cancer. It is not intended to provide medical advice and all information is kept confidential. We help those facing cancer to cope with the loss of control, understand the choices based on the situation, provide a place for family members to get information and seek help in troubled times, as well as encounter an advocacy center for early screening for all types of cancer.

Contact: Kevin Castora, 813-920-7182, kcastor1@tampabay.rr.com



CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE (CDSG)

This powerful 12-week program is designed to guide participants to encounter Christ – with all of His love, mercy and healing power in a deeply personal way. CDSG was created to assist those separated or divorced in moving past the pain of one of life's most difficult experiences. The program leaders have been through divorce themselves and are examples of the healing and restoration that can occur after the breakup of a marriage. CDSG healing ministry is open to ALL, regardless of faith or length of separation or divorce.

Contact: Gina Gawienczuk, gina@sainttims.org

LIFE MINISTRIES

Our Life Ministry works to advance the Church's teachings in many areas related to human life. Care of the elderly and handicapped, euthanasia, cloning, capital punishment, abortion and abortion healing are among the concerns. Participants in the ministry first learn about these complex issues and then seek ways to promote a culture of life in our parish and the wider society.

Contact: Theresa Helmich, 813-240-9679, thelmic2@aol.com

PRAYER TREE

This group prays for intentions placed in the prayer box or submitted through our parish website. We pray individually each day and meet twice a month on Saturday morning following the 9 a.m. Mass to pray together. All parishioners are invited to assist us in this vital ministry that impacts our entire parish.

Contact: George Armenia, Sr., georgearmenia1@verizon.net

PRISON MINISTRY

This ministry serves English-speaking women who are incarcerated. Participants seek to listen, comfort, and encourage these women through song, prayer, Scripture, and the Holy Eucharist calling upon the Lord to help them and work through them. The people of this ministry pray that those who they encounter come to know the love of God in a deep and profound way.

Contact: 813-968-1077 ext. 261, svdp@sainttims.org





SICK AND HOMEBOUND

We bring the healing and comforting power of Jesus in the Eucharist each week to parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We also assist in the monthly celebration of Mass at larger facilities that have a high concentration of Catholic residents. Training is provided and volunteers are needed to expand this vital ministry.

Contact: Deacon Glenn Smith, deaconglenn@sainttims.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

The SVDP is an international society devoted to charity. The vocation of the Society's members, called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and to bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Vincentians strive to seek out and find the forgotten, the victims of exclusion and those suffering in adversity. Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice which includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation, and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions. Membership in the society and the local conference is open to all who seek to commit themselves to their neighbors in need.

Contact: 813-968-1077 ext. 261, svdp@sainttims.org

Community Life

55 & UP CLUB

Through monthly meetings and special events, we serve the spiritual, social and personal needs of our senior citizen parishioners. Participants are welcome at monthly meetings and encouraged to help with fellowship and the planning of activities that provide information and recreation to all members.

Contact: Dandy Lindquist, 813-264-9183

A MOM'S LIFE

A Mom's Life supports and affirms women in their many roles – mothers, wives, daughters, sisters and friends. It is a ministry about women bonded by their vocation and their faith coming together to share the joys and struggles of motherhood. It is about being loved, chosen, and empowered to do all God has called us to do. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to participate in our twice monthly meetings September - May.

Contact: Yashira Anderson, yashira117@gmail.com

BINGO

The Bingo volunteer team provides a welcoming atmosphere for those in our community to play Bingo and socialize. Each Friday that bingo is held, our players enjoy 28 games and reasonably priced dinner items, some of which are homemade and donated by our players and volunteers. We strive to provide a level of service to our players that is widely respected throughout the Tampa bingo community. Parishioners are needed to maintain our reputation for hospitality and assist with this community event.

Contact Chris Canedy, cccanedy@verizon.net

BROTHERS UNITED IN CHRIST

All men are welcome to attend the weekly Wednesday evening meetings of Brothers United In Christ. We gather to pray, share, learn and support one another.

Contact: George Armenia, Jr., garmenia7@gmail.com



CREATIVE HANDS MINISTRY

Creative Hands Ministry is a fellowship of creative talents providing handcrafted gifts to the people served by the various ministries of St. Timothy Catholic Church. These include a gift package for new members of the parish, greeting cards for Thanksgiving baskets, items for the Women's Club annual baby shower and baby booties for Catholic Charities. We have an open membership and meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. Those who are unable to attend the meetings are welcome to work on projects at home.

Contact: Jan Kelly, 813-892-5556, jekel2006@yahoo.com

GIFTED! Growing In Faith Together Every Day!

We welcome and embrace all children and adults with special needs (those affected by physical, intellectual, or developmental disability) and their families to a Mass once a month. Following Mass, the group shares a meal, fellowship and short program. Participants grow in faith together as they worship and experience the prayer and support of our Parish community.

Contact: Dino Scanio, dinoms@verizon.net

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team works to update, improve, and assist with the maintenance of the grounds and ponds surrounding our parish. We use Florida Friendly principles to ensure that our landscaping reflects the sense of welcome and worship we extend to all. Volunteers can participate in many ways. Adopt-A-Bed Team members are assigned a garden bed to weed on the church grounds. Flower Team members help care for the flowers that are used to decorate the inside of the church, especially during the Easter and Christmas Liturgical Seasons. Rose Team members are responsible for the regular pruning of the roses. Community workdays held each spring and fall are open to all parish members.

Contact: Diane Tousignant, dianetous@hotmail.com or Chris Canedy, cccanedy@verizon.net

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Our goal is to extend hospitality to parishioners and visitors by serving coffee and donuts after Sunday morning Masses and assisting with special parish events. Ministry team members are typically asked to serve no more than one Sunday a month. We welcome and encourage families to serve together.

Contact: Nancy Favilla, nfavilla@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members of the Knights of Columbus have the opportunity to strengthen our parish and community, grow in their faith and gain exclusive access to a portfolio of top-quality insurance products. Among the many services we perform for the parish and community, is assisting with Wednesday evening Mass and Adoration, leading the rosary service following the 9 a.m. Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month, organizing a fall golf outing, and providing support for the parish and community needs with both talent and fundraising. Membership is open to practicing Catholic men 18 years or older. Applications are available from any member who will submit the application to the Council for consideration. Once approved, the applicant becomes a member following their first degree ceremony which may take place at any of several area parishes.

Contact: Michael T. Fleming, flemmt@verizon.net



LEGACY GIVING

Beyond our weekly offerings, gift planning can be an incredible way by which to benefit a parish, school, or diocesan organization. Bequests in a will or trust, charitable gift annuities or charitable lead trusts are just a few ways by which we, as disciples of Christ, can make a significant, long-term impact in the lives of others. Additionally, gift planning can potentially provide tax savings and lifelong payments for the giver and surviving loved ones while creating a lasting legacy for ourselves. Arrangements are made through the Catholic Foundation of the St. Petersburg Diocese which provides donor services and manages the financial resources.

Contact (within our parish): Larry Schinsky, 813-774-1222 or the Catholic Foundation, www.catholicfoundation.org

MEN'S CLUB

The St. Timothy Men's Club is a social and service club open to all men of the parish. We gather monthly for a business meeting and social time. The Club sponsors a golf tournament, the monthly pancake breakfast, and performs many service projects on behalf of the parish. With the funds raised, the Men's Club makes financial contributions to benefit other ministries within the parish.

Contact: Larry Schinsky, larryschinsky@gmail.com

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

This group welcomes individuals and new families to the parish on the last Sunday of the month following the 11 a.m. Mass. Volunteers help with set up, clean up and visiting with the newest members of our parish family.

Contact: Marilu Wernock, marilu.wernock@gmail.com

SINGLES MINISTRY

This ministry seeks to provide single adults with opportunities for fellowship though monthly gatherings and special events.

Contact: Joe Castrigno, jcastrignojr@yahoo.com

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Our mission is to enhance the St. Timothy parish community by providing training, scheduling, and support to parishioners meeting in Small Christian Communities (SCCs). SCCs are groups of 8-12 parishioners who gather in an informal and relaxed setting on a regular basis, either seasonally or throughout the year. Elements of a typical SCC are prayer, faith sharing, mutual support, and learning.

Contact: deaconpeter@sainttims.org



WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Timothy Women's Club endeavors to do God's work by fostering community service, promoting stewardship and nourishing spiritual growth for all women of the parish. We offer a way for women to become active in the parish community and to meet and socialize in a friendly environment. Our Annual Holiday Boutique provides funds that help to meet goals of the parish and other charitable endeavors. The Club meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m., August through May, in the Parish Center. Members will find opportunities to serve the club and parish in many ways.

Contact: Michelle Barry, mbarryfl@gmail.com

Ministries Outside of St. Timothy

In addition to the service opportunities organized and sponsored by groups within the parish, St. Timothy partners with other organizations in our community, primarily by providing volunteers for their work. The Trinity Café ministry is one example. Two sites in the Tampa area provide meals in a café setting seeking to meet the physical need as well as maintain the dignity of those who face hunger. St. Timothy regularly organizes groups to assist with serving a breakfast or noon meal. Additionally, groups have assisted with Habitat for Humanity, volunteered at Guiding Star Tampa, provided food for formerly homeless veterans, participated in blood drives and during the Christmas season, volunteers help at Metropolitan Ministries' Holiday Tent. These activities are promoted in the parish bulletin and contact information is given there.

