



SAINT TIMOTHY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



2018 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

*What Do  
You Seek?*

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## CONVERSION TO STEWARDSHIP

"Although man can forget God or reject Him, He never ceases to call every man to seek Him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, 'an upright heart,' as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 30).

In the light of stewardship, we see life as God intended it to be lived. God created us for a reason — to be with Him forever in heaven. He created other things on earth to help us achieve this goal. Consequently, we should use earthly things to seek to grow closer to God or remove them if they are a hindrance. One could say that the “conversion to stewardship” comes when we truly believe that everything we have should be used for God’s purposes. This is the life of the steward.



### **TIME:**

*Do I make time for prayer, to read the Scriptures, to thank God and ask for His help?*

### **TALENT:**

*Is my talent at work, actively building the Body of Christ?*

### **TREASURE:**

*Do I give a proportionate amount of my treasure to God through the weekly offertory?*



*“Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion.”*

**From Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response**

## SEEKING CHRIST WITH OUR TIME



Unlike our talents, which can be cultivated by practice, or our money, which can be recouped by more work, our time is limited and cannot be regained. This is one reason it is so important for us to use our time on earth wisely. How we spend our time reveals what it is we truly seek. Ask yourself — where does God fit in? What do you seek with the use of your time?

Each time we pray, we invite God into our lives at that moment, strengthening the foundation that we stand upon. During this year's Stewardship Renewal, will you seek to strengthen your relationship with God?

***“Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”***

**— 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18**

### ACTION STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

- *Spend time in prayerful study of the Scriptures, asking God what He would have you learn about Him and His will for your life through His Word.*
- *Go before Him in the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, giving Him thanks for the good things He has brought to your life and asking for help in the challenges.*
- *Research the lives of the saints, read their works, and ask God for the grace to live as they did.*
- *Use Catholic phone and tablet apps such as iBreviary, Magnificat, Divine Office or The Pope App to pray and learn more about our Catholic faith.*

## SEEKING CHRIST WITH OUR MINDS

The work of stewardship and evangelization always begins at home — “home” in our own hearts, and then the “home” of our parish. Of course, a faithful steward seeks Christ by sharing his or her talents in service to others. But an important step toward growing closer to Christ is through a personal commitment to a life of seeking Him through formation in the faith.

As Catholic adults, our continued formation is a talent we must cultivate for our entire lives. Whether it is regularly reading Scripture, attending Scripture study classes, participating in retreats, or engaging in meaningful discussions on the faith with our Catholic friends and fellow parishioners, there are many ways we can grow in our faith.

There is no doubt we live in a world dominated by technology. This can pull us away from the spiritual life. Yet it can also be used to help us seek Christ. Thanks to the Internet and a multitude of “apps,” we have a seemingly endless supply of formational opportunities. Ultimately, by seeking Christ in our own personal formation, we in turn will have something more meaningful to give back to our loved ones, our parish family, and the wider community.



### ACTION STEPS TO GROW IN FORMATION

- Search [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) (the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) or [vatican.va](http://vatican.va) (the website for the Holy See) for the daily readings.
- Read one paragraph from the Catechism every day.
- Seek out answers to the questions you’ve had about our faith by talking to priests and knowledgeable parishioners.
- Participate in faith formation opportunities available at our parish.

# Treasure

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## SEEKING CHRIST WITH OUR POSSESSIONS

Just as time and talents are gifts from God, so too, are material things, or treasure. And just as the use of our time and talent reflect what we are seeking, so too, does the use of our treasure.

God has a plan for every aspect of your life, including your finances. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2404) tells us to be “stewards of providence,” and calls us to use our resources not just for our own good, but for the good of God’s work in the Church. Creating a personal budget is one way to apply God’s principles to our finances and become better managers of the resources He has entrusted to us. We must learn how to take the gifts God has given us – our skills, our abilities, and our income – and use them to seek after His work.

Our parish invites each family to give 10% of its gross income to God – 5% through the offertory, 1% to the diocese and 4% to other charities – to give according to the scriptural tithe. In order to accomplish this goal, however, we also must learn how to manage the remaining 90%. By setting goals, creating a budget and sticking to the plan, and most importantly coming to a greater understanding of the role generosity plays in our financial and spiritual lives, we can all exercise good stewardship of our treasure. Will you work toward seeking Christ through a specific, percentage-based commitment to Him through the offertory?

### ACTION STEPS TO BE FINANCIALLY GENEROUS

- *Pray about the best use of your financial resources and ask God to show you where you need to give Him priority in them.*
- *Evaluate your regular offertory gift and increase it based on what you think God is calling you to give until you reach the full tithe.*
- *Make a commitment to give regularly to God through the parish offertory, and be faithful to your tithing commitment, even when you attend Mass elsewhere.*



# 2018 MINISTRY CATALOG

## *Faith Formation*

### **ALPHA**

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over 11 weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith designed to create conversation and dinner is included. Alpha happens twice a year at St. Timothy and everyone is welcome.

Contact: [alpha@sainttims.org](mailto:alpha@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 on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:45 a.m., and 7 to 8:30 p.m., from September through May. Small-group facilitators commit to meet weekly with the lecturer to prepare for the Tuesday sessions.

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### **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 to 8:45 a.m. As other groups are formed, they may meet at other times.

Contact: *George Martin, [geocm@msn.com](mailto:geocm@msn.com)*

### **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 and camps, community and fellowship events and weekly Life Teen 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](mailto:justin.lantz@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*

## **EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

This ministry seeks to provide the youth in grades 6-8 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 to 8:15 p.m. Adult advocates give of their time to pass on their faith to this energetic, youthful community.

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justin.lantz@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*

## **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 7 and 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.

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peggy.cloutier@sainttims.org*

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

RCIA initiates adults — either un-baptized 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](mailto:adultRCIA@sainttims.org)

### **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 women of grace in the world today. Classes are offered in the spring and fall each year.

Contact: [Diane Tousignant, womenofgrace@sainttims.org](mailto:Diane.Tousignant@womenofgrace@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](mailto:Justin.Lantz@sttimothy.org)

## *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: [Fr. Lou Turcotte, flou@sainttims.org](mailto:Fr.Lou.Turcotte@sttimothy.org) and [Carl Atkins, altarservers@sainttims.org](mailto:Carl.Atkins@sttimothy.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](mailto:Lisa.Talmo@aol.com)

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration is a time of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament — a host consecrated at Mass and made visible to those in the chapel. Our Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Participants in this ministry commit to being present each week on the same day/time for one hour of Adoration. Our goal is to have at least two people scheduled each hour the chapel is open. Of course, anyone is welcome to pray in the Adoration Chapel at any time.

Contact: [Julie Pope, 260-705-8222, julie@transproconsulting.com](mailto:Julie.Pope@transproconsulting.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. Lou Turcotte, flou@sainttims.org](mailto:Fr.Lou.Turcotte@sttimothy.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.

*Contacts: Rose Pelfrey 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. Lou Turcotte, frlou@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**

Ministers of Hospitality/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.

*Contacts: 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.

*Contacts: Brenda Covini, Certified Grief Counselor, 813-968-6546, bcovini3@gmail.com or Glenn Perry, Ph.d., 813-948-8806, ggperry5@gmail.com*

## **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 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, 813-476-0419, kcastor1@tampabay.rr.com*

## **SURVIVING DIVORCE**

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. Surviving Divorce 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. Surviving Divorce healing ministry is open to ALL, regardless of faith or length of separation or divorce.

*Contact: Gina Gawieniczuk, 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, human trafficking, euthanasia, cloning, capital punishment, abortion and abortion healing are among the concerns, as well as advocating to those in position to write laws and develop policies. 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.

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Theresa Swanda, theswan17@verizon.net*

## **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 in this ministry 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 AND 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, 813-294-8063.*

### **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 monthly meetings September through May.

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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,  
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## **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 a 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](mailto: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.

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Chris Canedy, [cccanedy@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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, are assisting with Wednesday evening Mass and Adoration, leading the Rosary service following the 9 a.m. Mass on the third 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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### **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.

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### **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 monthly August through May in the Parish Center. Members will find opportunities to serve the club and parish in many ways.

*Contact: Kathy Gutschmidt, [sttimuwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:sttimuwomensclub@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.

## **A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

*Jesus, teach us to pray.  
Help us to manage our  
time so that we can  
spend it with You. Holy  
Spirit, fill us with Your  
gifts. May we offer  
ourselves in sacrifice  
for all in need. Father,  
give us generous hearts.  
Help us to manage our  
finances and to give  
You priority. As Your  
faithful disciples, we  
ask this for ourselves  
and people everywhere,  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
— Amen*



# Time to Commit

The famous Christian author, C.S. Lewis, once wrote, "A person whose hands are full of parcels cannot receive a gift." Stewardship is a lifelong conversion of heart, mind and soul, so that we are able to receive God's love and return that love to Him. The better we understand our Catholic faith and our personal role within God's kingdom, the better equipped we will be to share God's love and resources – our time, our talent, and our treasure – with others. This year, how will you take the next step in your journey of sharing God's love through personal formation and conversion?



**What Do You Seek?**  
ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
2018 Commitment Card  
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

After completion, please bring this card to Mass on **Nov. 3/4**, or mail using the envelope provided. Thank you and God bless you!

## Time

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Using my time on earth wisely; making time for personal prayer, family prayer and quality time with friends and loved ones.

*Please place a check mark in the circle next to your prayer commitments:*

Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days \_\_\_\_\_

Attend weekday Mass at least once a week \_\_\_\_\_

Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Spend time in Adoration once a month \_\_\_\_\_

Pray together with my loved ones \_\_\_\_\_

Read the Bible for at least one hour a week \_\_\_\_\_

Pray the Rosary at least once a week \_\_\_\_\_

Go to Reconciliation every other month \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule time for a spiritual retreat \_\_\_\_\_

Be a friend or acquaintance to Mass \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for the sick of our parish \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for my country daily \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for an increase in vocations \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for our priests \_\_\_\_\_

## Talent

Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

Using my God-given abilities to strengthen the Church and help others, especially through parish ministries and activities.

= Currently Involved    = Interested in Joining

↓ Clearly write the first name(s) of interested family member(s) on the line.

**FAITH FORMATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  Alpha

\_\_\_\_\_  Bible Study

\_\_\_\_\_  EDGE Middle School Faith Formation

\_\_\_\_\_  Fishers Of Men

\_\_\_\_\_  High School Life Teen Faith Formation

\_\_\_\_\_  Marriage Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_  Religious Education K-5 — Catechists

\_\_\_\_\_  Rite Of Christian Initiation Adapted (RCIA) For Children

\_\_\_\_\_  Rite Of Christian Initiation Of Adults (RCIA)

\_\_\_\_\_  Women Of Grace

\_\_\_\_\_  Young Adult Ministry

**WORSHIP**

\_\_\_\_\_  Altar Servers

\_\_\_\_\_  Ambassadors

\_\_\_\_\_  Eucharistic Adoration

\_\_\_\_\_  Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

\_\_\_\_\_  Funeral Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_  Liturgical Environment

\_\_\_\_\_  Music Ministry

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## Treasure

Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Timothy is asked to give a specific percentage of income based on the 10% biblical tithing:

**5% to St. Timothy**  
plus 1% to the diocese  
and 4% to other charities

My Offertory pledge to St. Timothy:

Percentage of household income:  %

Please complete either a weekly or monthly offertory gift:

Weekly gift \$  x52 = \$  annually  
OR  
Monthly gift \$  x12 = \$  annually

**Weekly giving based on proportion of income**

At St. Timothy each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach an amount that you know is right for you.

**Weekly Giving Chart**

% of Hhld Income:	10%	5%	4%	1%
	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	\$96	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$70,000	\$135	\$67	\$54	\$14
\$100,000	\$192	\$96	\$76	\$19

Please bring your completed Commitment Card to Mass on **November 3rd or 4th**, or mail it to the parish in the envelope provided.

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