

*Remain in Me, as I Remain in You*

2022 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



SAINT TIMOTHY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



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# Remain in Me, as I Remain in You

As Christian disciples, it is vital that we are intimately united to Christ. It is He who we follow. It is His truth that we proclaim. So it only stands to reason that we can't truly be His disciples without a personal relationship with Him. How can you follow someone you do not know? How can you boldly proclaim a truth about which you are not greatly familiar?

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us, "Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. ...Apart from me, you can do nothing."

Most of us are keenly aware that committing to be Christ's disciples, and, in turn, living the stewardship way of life involves selfless service to God and neighbor. In serving others selflessly, we share the good news of Christ's boundless, selfless love for all of us. But before we can do that, we must come to know the Lord. This is why the time element of stewardship is so crucial. We cannot truly, selflessly share of our talents and our treasure unless we are firmly rooted in the one who has selflessly given them to us first.

During this year's Stewardship Renewal, how can we "Remain in Him" and answer God's calling to proclaim the Gospel, by our words and by our deeds? The way in which we live should glorify the one who made us. All that we do – at home, at church, at work, and elsewhere – should bring glory to Christ.



*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." – John 15:5*

# STEWARDSHIP OF *Time*

## MAKING TIME FOR PRAYER

Our lives as Christian disciples must be firmly rooted in Christ Jesus, for He is the vine and we are the branches. We must wisely use the time He has blessed us with – spending time in prayer on a daily basis, reading the Scriptures, celebrating the sacraments and so on.

Then, armed with a strong prayer life and an intimate personal relationship with the Lord, we can go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel by loving one another “in deed and truth.”



As Christians, each of us is encouraged to make time for prayer every day. It is through prayer that we receive the peace that can only be found in doing God’s will. There are many ways to practice prayer, and each one connects us to God in a unique way.

## ACTION STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE:

- ▶ Pope Francis’ encouragement is to start spending 15 minutes every morning in quiet prayer by reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture. A helpful place to start is the readings for each day, found at [uscgb.org/bible/readings](http://uscgb.org/bible/readings) or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat, Divine Office or Hallow.
- ▶ Thank God for the good things He has given you that you might take for granted throughout the day.
- ▶ Examine your conscience before going to sleep and say an act of contrition like we do at Mass.
- ▶ Pray with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and the *Glory Be*.

# STEWARDSHIP OF *Talent*

## **BEING AN ACTIVE SERVANT**

Every week, our parish is buzzing with activity. There are groups that pray together, groups that minister to other parishioners, and groups that reach out to the community. Christ Himself taught us that “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). When we lay down our wants and desires to serve each other, God blesses our efforts! Will you consider where God is calling you to serve Him?



## **ACTION STEPS TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN SERVICE**

- ▶ Pray about how the gifts God has given you can best be used to serve others.
- ▶ Use your Commitment Card to find a parish ministry that will help you grow personally in living out your faith.
- ▶ Commit to being faithful to God through those you serve in word and deed.

# STEWARDSHIP OF *Treasure*

## **CONSISTENT AND GENEROUS GIVING**

Our deepest reason for giving is not because our parish has needs, but because we have a spiritual need to give. We are called to give to God from our first fruits, and to recognize that everything comes from Him. Our gifts to God should be out of faith and gratitude for what God has done for us. Just like the apostles who laid down their nets the moment that Jesus called them, we too should lay down everything, even something as important to us as our finances, to follow Christ. God's promise to us is a promise of life and security when we place all of our trust in Him. "The Lord will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

## **TAKE A STEP TOWARD 10 PERCENT**

At St. Timothy we honor the scriptural tithe. We invite parishioners to give **5%** of their gross income to God through the offertory, **1%** to the diocese and **4%** to other charities.

Determine what steps you can take toward giving 10% of your household income. Consider increasing your gift by 1% or 2% increments until you reach the scriptural tithe and be faithful to your commitment, whatever it may be.

## **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 scriptural 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.



# 2023 MINISTRY CATALOG

## FAITH FORMATION

### Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where participants have an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith freely, in a friendly and informal environment. Alpha includes a free dessert, an awesome video and small-group discussion. Please join us! Everyone is invited and welcomed, including parishioners and non-parishioners. Invite and bring your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers near and far. Alpha is offered both online and in person. We look forward to seeing you at Alpha!

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### 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. This study is open to all adults. This study is done with a combination of individual prayer and guided self-study, weekly small-group, non-confrontational sharing sessions and researched lecture presentations. The Bible Study sessions are held weekly on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:45 a.m., and are 7 to 8:30 p.m. The study runs from September through March with holiday breaks and meets in our Parish Center.

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### EDGE Middle School Faith Formation

This ministry seeks to provide the youth in sixth to eighth grades 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 volunteers give of their time to pass on their faith to this energetic, youthful community.

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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.

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### Life Teen High School 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted (RCIA) for Children

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

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## 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.

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## Small-Group Ministry

The Small-Group Ministry hopes to encourage and support friendships while providing participants an opportunity to reflect on their faith and discover what it means to live as followers of Christ. Small groups meet weekly throughout the year.

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## The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course (TMC) is for couples who are seeking to strengthen their relationships. TMC is a seven-session, online course helping couples navigate the modern challenges in marriage. TMC is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively, and resolve differences.

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## Women of Grace

This group study provides women the opportunity to discover God's awesome purpose and mission for their lives. The multidimensional 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.

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## Young Adult Ministry

We want St. Timothy 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.

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## 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.

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### Ambassadors/Greeters

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.

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### Eucharistic 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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Wednesdays, adoration is in the Day Chapel after the 9 a.m. Mass until 5:45 p.m., and then following 6 p.m. Mass until 7:45 p.m. Participants in this ministry commit to being present each week on the same day/time for one hour of adoration, or serve as a substitute when a weekly adorer is unable to attend his/her scheduled hour. 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. Those who participate in this ministry are called Guardians of the Most Holy Eucharist.

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## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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: Deacon Peter J. Burns,  
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## **Funeral Ministry**

This liturgical 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. Documents of pre-planned funerals are kept on file in the parish office. Volunteers for lector, EMHC and altar server must be certified by our parish. Volunteers to help on the day of the funeral are especially needed for the Reception Team.

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## **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 setup of seasonal decorations which occur during daytime hours.

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## **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.

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## **Parish Safety Team**

The Parish Safety Team provides a hospitable and safe environment during Mass and designated special events. The team is available should an emergency arise during Mass such as if a parishioner gets sick, trips or falls. Members are trained in first aid, CPR and as escorts for emergency services to the area assistance is needed. We need medical team members, including first responders, and non-medical team members.

*Contact: Tom Boudreaux,  
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## **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: Deacon Peter J. Burns,  
deaconpeter@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.

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## **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.

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# 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.

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## **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.

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## **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*

## **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.

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## **Hands Lifting Hearts — A Culture of Life Ministry**

Hands needed to help the hearts of foster/adopted children and families. This CULTURE OF LIFE ministry offers help through many acts of service including prayers for the family, delivering a monthly meal, yard work, small home repairs, or help with the children — any way that you are personally called to support these amazing families. Our CARE COMMUNITY surrounds these families with a team approach to support them with your giving hearts.

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## **New Beginnings**

New Beginnings is an interdenominational outreach ministry at St. Timothy Catholic Church for widows within the parish and the surrounding communities. We gather together in acceptance, understanding, and love to support each other. We are strong and capable women who are determined to continue life's journey with safe activities and community service.

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## **Parents of Addicted Children**

We provide a safe, non-judgmental and confidential space for parents of addicted children of any age, 15 or 57. The group is facilitated by parents who are in different stages of dealing with these issues. It is a place to share our journey, find comfort, learn about addiction, explore options, discover resources and get an understanding of recovery. Meetings are conducted with kindness, compassion, mindfulness and prayer.

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## **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.,  
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## **Prison Ministry**

This ministry serves both men and women who are incarcerated. Participants in this ministry

seek to listen, comfort and encourage these men and 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. This ministry is coordinated through a Diocesan Liaison for Hillsborough County Jails and the Sherriff's office.

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## **Pro-Life and S.O.S. Human Trafficking Ministries**

Our life ministries work to advance the Church's teachings in many areas related to human life. Pro-life, human trafficking, capital punishment, healing the victims of abortions and abuse are among the concerns, as well as advocating to those in position to write laws and develop policies. Participants in the ministry learn about these complex issues, promote a culture of life in our parish and in our community, and offer help in many ways to improve victim's situations.

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## **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.

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## **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP)**

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.

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### **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.

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### **Unbound**

Unbound is a ministry of healing in which a trained prayer team prays with individuals to assist them in overcoming the spiritual obstacles they encounter in their path of Christian discipleship and taking hold of greater freedom in Christ. Unbound Prayer does not replace the ordinary means of growth in the Christian life, such as personal prayer and the sacraments. Nor does it replace the ordinary means of human development, such as counseling and other forms of psychological support. It serves as an additional tool that addresses the specifically spiritual influences that are frequently a part of any personal problem.

*Contact: Michele Laurain,  
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## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

### **55 and Up Club**

Through monthly (September-May) meetings and special events, we serve the spiritual, social and personal needs of our senior 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.

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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.

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## **Brothers United in Christ**

Brothers United In Christ is an Accountability Group for Men rooted in our faith. Our mission is to provide a safe, trusting, non-judgmental forum for men of faith striving to increase their faith and relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. All men are welcome to attend the weekly, Wednesday evening meetings.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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, sponsoring the monthly pancake breakfast, 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.

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## **Legacy Giving**

Beyond our weekly offerings, gift planning can be an incredible way 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 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.

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## **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 at quarterly gatherings. Volunteers help with set up, clean up and visiting with the newest members of our parish family.

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### **Parish Health Ministry**

The Parish Health Ministry is a resource of health information for parishioners. We support other ministries and organizations at St. Timothy to help build a healthier and safer parish. We work with St. Joseph's Hospital Faith Outreach and perform blood pressure screenings at the monthly pancake breakfast.

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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 and our volunteers for Bingo, help provide funds that help to meet goals of the parish and other charitable endeavors. An annual retreat nourishes the spiritual growth of

the ladies of our parish. The club meets monthly, August through May, in the Parish Center. Members will find opportunities to serve the club and parish in many ways.

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### **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.

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*Please keep until Fall 2023*

# STEWARDSHIP INVOLVES *Commitment*

It is difficult to give God any percentage of our time, talent, or treasure if we do not first give Him 100 percent of our hearts. For this reason, our Stewardship Renewal is a time for growing closer to God above all else. It is a time to make God our top priority, and then express this growth through written commitments. How will you turn more readily to Him with your whole heart?



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