

# ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH COLUMBUS, OH

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST

<b>Collection Counters</b>	John Davidson and Mary Jo Leonard
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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 22/23

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	MASS SERVERS
<b>5:00 p.m. Saturday</b>	Joni Teetor, Mary Ballantyne, Mary K. Rainey	Jenna Auber, Jessica Passwater, Nate Cattell
<b>8:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	Jeff & Candee Stiegelman, Lou Fabro	Emily Cloud, Madie Staley
<b>10:00 a.m. Sunday</b>	Diane Hobson, Joan Terveer, Dave & Angela Parker	Spencer Powell, Remy Powell, Maria Connor
<b>12:00 p.m. Sunday</b>	Claire Meeks, Vince Fabro, Mike McGroarty	Matt Neary, Megan, Madison Kerscher

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 17

9:00 a.m. A.J. and Dorothy Walker

### Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Rocco Salimbene

### Wednesday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Bernard Lowjewski

### Thursday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Ralph Sanese

### Friday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Iona Ansel

### Saturday, August 22

5:00 p.m. Schwartz and Winkel Families

### Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Jewel DiOrio

10:00 a.m. Fred Simon

12:00 p.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

## Stewardship and Generosity

Last week's regular collection was \$10,108.00. Your response to God's call to generosity is appreciated!

### Fr. Tim's Birthday

Please join the parish and our Knights of Columbus hosts in celebrating our pastor Fr. Tim's 50th Birthday on Sunday, August 23, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the cafeteria. It's not a secret, tell your friends to join us, too.

## Schedule for the Week of August 16

Tuesday, August 18		
Bible Study	MPR	9:30 a.m.
Senior Citizens Day	St. Brigid	10:30 a.m.
School Advisory Meeting	MPR	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19		
Kindergarten Moms' Social		7:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20		
Faculty Meeting	School	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 22		
Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Center	4:00-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 23		
K of C Hosting BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR FR. TIM	Cafeteria	after 10:00 a.m. Mass
CIBL – Information Meeting	MPR	11:00 a.m.

who go to different Masses, it is a little harder to form a real community. I would hope there could be a more communal approach to things like that. I certainly hope there are more young people responding to vocations. I would love to someone from St. Timothy parish ordained to the priesthood. I don't think that has happened. A lot of priests who have been at St. Timothy's speak about its strengths, they love being there. I would hope that might cause young people to choose that for themselves."

### 21. Last book which you read?

"*The Appeal* by John Grisham. Q: So obviously you love lawyers? A: [Hearty laughter] That's right! None in my immediate family although I've known some to practice law. I enjoy listening to fiction things that give me a sense of what people are going through. John Grisham writes in a way that captures a lot of folks. I like to listen and to things that are a little different than my daily life. I like to listen to books in the car. I find that I am more patient, that as I am riding along and stopped at a red light, and I'm listening to a book, it doesn't really bother me at all."

### 22. Last movie seen in a movie theater?

"I recently saw *Doubt* with Meryl Streep. That was a story of a priest and a nun who were kind of at odds with each other. It was okay. I thought on a whole that it captured some of the realities of Catholicism, although there were some things that priests really would not talk about. I often find that when you see priests and religious in movies that they are just not human. A family friend was in from out of town who wanted to see it."

### 23. How do we reconcile our Christian faith in or with a secular world, or is that possible?

"Well, reconcile means putting together, so, yes, it's possible; but the reality of faith is that it is always going to point beyond this world. So the one thing you have to recognize it that's never going to be perfect. Faith is not about creating a perfect world, it's about reaching for perfection or reaching beyond this world. You can't really make a utopia. Utopia doesn't exist anywhere. But you can reach for something better. If you recognize that people are fallible, they will keep falling, but you can pick them up. I think the challenge is that people often times don't reach far enough. They settle for less, even with themselves. They can be better than they are. In the end faith is believing that God loves you, you personally are worth giving up His life. It comes to an inner awareness of that, that changes how you approach everything. A lot of folks are trying to be loved when they don't realize they are."

### 24. Do you believe the president of the US or any politician can be both a good Christian and politician at the same time, in both word and deed?

"I certainly hope so. Whether they are or not we leave to God to judge. The reality is that it is certainly possible to live your faith. In the end there is a lack of imagination that people cannot believe it can be so. It boils down to where is it you get your energy and where is it you put your attention. If your energy comes from being for others, if your attention is for others' needs, then you're always going to be reaching for something better, and you're going to be leading someone to something better. If your focus is really your own ego, meet your own ambition and desire for power, it is lost. If you are reaching for others, or just building yourself up, that is up to God to decide. I remember when John Paul II came to visit, someone commented that he knelt before the Blessed Sacrament and the president at that time was outside shaking hands with all the people. The comment was that you could see where each one gets his strength. John Paul II was clearly with the Lord and his relationship came out of that, while many a politician's strength comes from the vote. If you look at human history, kingships have long had troubles. Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

### 25. Mel Gibson: good Catholic, bad Catholic, or misunderstood Catholic?

#### Alternate: favorite celebrity Catholic?

"[Laughter] I would leave that to his confessor. He's involved with a branch of Catholicism that doesn't always hold what the universal church holds. I appreciated the *Passion of Christ*, I enjoyed that movie. The effort to proclaim Christ being crucified was done in the media in a very powerful way. I went to see that movie during Lent one year and I remember how powerful that was."

Alternate question response: "I am trying to think of who would be, certainly the pope. [Lay person is who I had in mind.] I think John Wayne became a Catholic on his death bed, I thought that was kind of a neat story. Helen Hayes is Catholic, I have always had a connection there. I really cannot think of anyone currently in our culture. Sadly the ones I can think of are the ones who started out Catholic but aren't anymore: Tom Cruise, Madonna. I had a classmate from seminary who was classmates with Madonna Ciccone in third grade, he showed me the picture where they attended school in Michigan. Unfortunately some folks are Catholics who went on to something else. What I like to see are folks who are consciously out there. I really don't have the time to follow popular culture very much. [I suggested Bono who used to meet with Pope John Paul II.]"

## *A Word from Your Pastor*

Dear Parishioners:

**We have returned to a busy season. Our parish and school community are gearing up for many activities. At this time, we are also able to distribute the Parish Directory that has been created for 2009. As you have heard in announcements at church, we are planning to make the directory available to every registered family, even those who did not have their picture taken this time around. We do this for two reasons. First, we want to build up a sense of welcome and community among all of us. Those who are in the directory have made it possible for all who make use of it to get to know them. Second, we want to allow this beautiful volume, full of smiling faces, to encourage those of you who did not participate this time to do so next time, which will only be a couple of years away.**

**Our parish was founded in 1961. That means we will observe our Parish Fiftieth Jubilee in 2011. A number of our current families have been here since the beginning. We want to plan a celebration that will bring to everyone's awareness the special gift we have in our St. Timothy Church family. Do you have pictures that might be useful for a Jubilee directory? Check your old albums and boxes to find items that you would be willing to share. Loan them to us to scan or, if you have the capability, scan them yourself and send them to the Parish Office. Do you want to help to plan the celebration? Let us know. Now is the time to start.**

**Plans for the Jubilee album include the opportunity for families to add in a special family memory page for a nominal cost. Each family who wishes to do so will be able to create a family memento that will be part of the keepsake for the whole parish.**

**Included in this week's bulletin is an interview with your Pastor conducted a few weeks ago by your Parish Council President. It is offered as an invitation to get to know me a little better. Let's get to know one another and keep growing together as a welcoming community.**

### **PARISH DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTION**

The new directories will be distributed starting this weekend, August 15/16. Fr Tim has decided that every parishioner will receive one copy each and he has a letter with a message to those who took pictures and those who were unable to participate in picture-taking this time around. Since the normal directory printing contract only allows a free copy for those who take pictures, we have bought extra copies.

As we pass out directories, we are checking off names to ensure that every member of the parish gets one copy and one copy only. So the distribution may be a little slow. There will be two distributing areas, one for those who took pictures and the second **for those who didn't**.

**Lady bowlers needed for a fun St. Timothy and St. Andrew ladies' league. We bowl at Sawmill Lanes on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. and usually finish by 2:30 p.m. Good exercise and stress relief. No age limit. Call Mary Jo Leonard at 451-5980 if you are interested.**

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

A spaghetti dinner is being held on Saturday, August 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. This is the third annual Patty Grady Memorial Dinner with all proceeds going to the Tuition Assistance Fund at St. Timothy's. Dinner is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 and under 2 – free. Desserts are \$1.00. Carry-out is available starting at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Tom Grady at 457-4840 or at e-mail [tegrady2@yahoo.com](mailto:tegrady2@yahoo.com).

## **School News**

**Students return to school** on Monday, August 24th, which is a 1:00 p.m. dismissal day. The rest of the week will be regular school hours, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cafeteria will open on Tuesday.

**The Home and School Association** will sponsor a morning coffee MEET and GREET at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24th, for all parents, in the cafeteria.

**Supply lists** for grades 1-8 are now posted on the school web site ([www.dttimschool.org](http://www.dttimschool.org)).

### **Cafeteria Workers**

August 25th: Lehr and Passwater  
August 26th: Rogers, Chappellear  
August 27th: Bigler, Powell, Spees, Vanausdle  
August 28th: Lind, Smith, Silleck, Anderson  
August 31st: Neary, Brahos, Cattell  
September 1st: Stock, Colasurd  
September 2nd: Freeman, Cooper, Thomas  
September 3rd: Reinmann, Cleary, DeVactor  
September 4th: Frank, Myers, Hickey, Lacey

## *PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY*

**Remember in your prayers, JEANNETTE GROESBECK, mother of Ellen Limes; AGNES SOPKO; JOSEPH KIENER, father of Theresa Cattell, who died. May they rest in peace.**

**The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is prayed daily before the 9:00 a.m. weekday Mass.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** is prayed Tuesdays after Mass.

**Bible Study...**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. We're journeying through the Letters of St. Paul with the aid of a text by Sr. Carolyn Thomas, SCN.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come and spend some time in the Presence of our Eucharistic Lord. He hears your cry and has something to tell you if you are ready to give Him the time.

## **Around the Town**

### **Now hiring part-time Guest Reception Associates**

Polaris Fashion Place is looking for high-energy individuals to join the Guest Reception Team. Two positions are currently available. The first opening is for an individual to work 25-30 hours per week. The second opening is for 10-15 hours per week. Applicants must be available to work a flexible schedule of mostly **nights** and **weekends**. Guest Reception Associates need to be able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment. This is a permanent position with hours to increase during the holidays. This position is well suited for mature individuals or college students seeking to earn additional income. Reliable transportation and work flexibility are a must.

Interested candidates are asked to pick up an application at the Polaris Fashion Place Guest Reception desk, located in the main portion of the mall, near JC Penney.

**Watterson High School Sports Mandatory Meeting** to be held Sunday, August 16th. If your son or daughter is interested in playing sports at Watterson during the 2009-2010 school year, please plan on attending a mandatory meeting on Sunday, August 16th, at 7:00 p.m., in the gymnasium. Attendance will be recorded. There will be important information about teams, fees, fund raising and volunteering.

### **14. How is your health, mentally and physically? What do you do for physical exercise?**

"[More laughter] I think I'm doing pretty well. I do a lot of running around. I have no particular exercise program, but like to get out sometimes and walk around the neighborhood. I like to park farther away sometimes to get more exercise. I will run up stairs to retrieve items. I watch what I eat and have lost a few pounds being busy and all."

### **15. Who is your favorite sibling? (Just kidding.) How often do you gather with your family or relatives?**

"The one I can answer because she is already in heaven is my sister Becky. My other siblings did not get to meet her. She died at the age of 3, I was 4. I look forward to seeing her again in heaven. The thing I recognize growing up in a family of eight is the uniqueness of each one. Everyone is unique and different. I try to gather with my family on Sundays. My mother has a meal for all those who come. Depending on what is happening in the life of the parish, I may not get there. Sometimes my parents will attend Mass either on weekdays or Sunday. They go to St. James the Less."

### **16. How does the parishioners' food compare with your mother's?**

"[Hearty laughter] I tease my mother, as she doesn't do the cooking she once did when we were growing up. She now gets these prepared foods. I tease her that it is good, but not as good as mom used to make. No, I like food, there are only two things I do not like, liver and anchovies. Other than that, I can eat just about anything."

### **17. If you were bishop, what would you change about the diocesan mission?**

"I suppose I would include a lot more communication with the priests. I would want to spend time with the priests and get to know them, establish a common vision of things. I feel like we are a bit parochial and isolated because we don't have the times together. That is why I like to go to deanery meetings, but it has been some time since we gathered as a large group."

### **18. If you were pope, what would you change about the church's mission?**

"[More laughter] I don't know that I would change it, the popes whom we have had have been pretty good. I would continue the same line of encouraging discussion and dialogue. I think the way the last couple popes have traveled have held up a mirror to show the diversity of the church in a way. I remember when John Paul II came to the US, I was at a meeting for RCIA in Washington DC. He was promoting and showing the diversity of the church while the meeting I attended had mostly white folks and it was agenda oriented. I have often thought that the American church is caught up in agenda instead of the universal church that it is. When a pope comes to visit a country, you get the same three or four messages that have not changed, yet everyone gets upset about. People need to grow and discover the truth of what those things are, and see what the church really is. I think the popes really help mirror that. I think Pope Benedict's trip to the Holy Land was extraordinary. He talked to people who will not talk to each other. He encouraged them to do what they need to do to find a sense of peace. When John Paul II died, people who gave each other the sign of peace are the same who could not sit across from each other at the negotiating table. The truth is that the church is the people, but the people who are the loudest to be heard aren't necessarily the voice of all the people."

### **19. What do you feel we as Catholics need to do more or less of in the secular world?**

"Catholics live in the world as it is, so they need to be more intentional about what they are going to do in it. Catholics, really, the lay persons, have a responsibility to make holy the secular. It is a false idea that your faith should not influence how you act in public, whether a politician or person in office, or living in your neighborhood, to me that's what is important. Catholics who buy the idea that faith and reason don't work together, or that the secular can't be saved, are buying a dichotomy that just isn't there. The secular can be sacred. To me that is what the church is really emphasizing, that the religious have a responsibility to help make the people of God aware of their holiness, and to live in holiness. The lay persons are called to take that out to the world, consciously, intentionally, and without apology. That ties back into the diocese and where the church needs to be heading toward. I suspect that when Bishop Campbell comes out with his pronouncement resulting from the parish self studies that the results will be that evangelization will be key among his points. To me that's where it is, bringing the Gospel to the world. My job as a priest is to help you realize that your baptism makes you holy and therefore you have a gift that the world won't get except through you. You're in places that they will never see a priest. Every day."

### **20. Where do you see our parish in five years? The diocese? The church?**

"In five years I hope it will be holier. I'll know more people. I hope that some of the things like the festival will where we once relied on one person, we will be able to rely on five or seven. The concept of what needs to be should be more of a team approach. As for the diocese or church, again if we choose a direction, say with evangelization, that there will be sectors where they can come and see, and they'll be able to experience a sense of community. As it is, we have our weekend Masses, but even those people who are there aren't fully there. They come yet aren't really there. The numbers at the Masses changes, so there are some who are there every weekend at that Mass, some

## Getting To Know Your Pastor [A Little Better]

*Fellow parishioners,*

*In advance of Fr. Tim's first anniversary (7/8/09) as pastor at St. Tim's, it seemed to be a good time to assess the first year and perhaps learn a little more about our pastor. Fr. Tim graciously indulged my request, so we met in late June for lunch at which time he responded to what I originally planned to be about 10 brief questions and answers. The Irish got a hold of me tongue, so this turned into 25 questions, but they are well worth the read. These are random questions which I prepared, so mine alone is any blame, but we covered quite a bit as you will see.*

*It is safe to say that he is enjoying his pastorship with us, but as always there is work to be done across all spectrums in doing God's work and finding His ministry for each one of us as well as our parish family.*

*In Christ,*

*–Jim Connors, Parish Council President*



Fr. Tim,

You are quickly approaching your first year anniversary (7/8/09) as pastor at St. Timothy's. We have a few questions to get to know you a little better that we hope you do not mind answering.

### 1. How do you like it so far?

“So far so good. Too busy. It's nice to come back after 25 years ago to see some of the same people who knew me, and to have a parish that played a role in my formation as well. To be a part of this parish at this time was providential. I remember it as a very friendly and welcoming parish, and it still is.”

### 2. Did you enjoy the party we held in your backyard last year, your first weekend on the job?

“[Laughs] I enjoyed the parish festival, though if you remember, people promised me they would have a welcoming party, and that hasn't happened yet. So I am holding out for my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination.”

### 3. What do you miss most about your previous parish, Church of the Blessed Sacrament?

“Knowing everybody. I went back for a funeral not too long ago, and that was one thing I noticed here. I look out and there are still a lot of faces I do not know. When I looked out while at the funeral, I knew every one of them having been there 12 and a half years. That will come in time. When I first came back, there were some people that I recognized from when I was here before. When I went to Blessed Sacrament, I didn't know a soul. I looked out the first week and didn't know anybody.”

### 4. What is the biggest surprise for you in your first year at St. Tim's?

“How busy it is. I really thought I might have a little more availability of priestly help. The reality is just how busy each day is. I try to pace myself and do what I can. When I am done, I rest.”

### 5. What do you see as our strengths and weaknesses first, as a parish overall, and second, as a faith community?

“Strengths are definitely being welcoming; a lot of people willing to help out and participate; a real family atmosphere. A self understanding which was consistent across the board of all the groups here at the parish. In terms of weaknesses, a lot of people willing to help out, but some folks not ready to step forward and take the reins. A lot willing to help but not be in charge. That would be a challenge. In terms of spirituality, I think a lot of folks don't realize they can go deeper in their faith. Some do not see the connection between what they do on Sundays and what the rest of their life is about. This is fairly common in American culture. There are seniors who have been active and faithful, and a middle generation that can sometimes take it or leave it, they will be there but not necessarily commit, they have a ball game or want to sleep in, somehow that doesn't come first.”

### 6. In a paragraph, if possible, what first motivated you to seek a vocation as a priest?

“As far back as I can remember, that's what I always wanted to be. In grade school, they say what do you want to be when you grow up, and I would say a priest. I put this down in a newsletter when in eighth grade. It was always there. I really can't say what it is that struck me or drove me to want to do this. In the end, it is always a matter of choosing to respond. I felt this way through high school and in college. I entered the seminary in 1981 after college. I went to North American College in Rome for seminary. I had gone on an exchange program there in college. When I chose the seminary, the diocese was accepting of my choice as to seminary.”

### 7. What is your favorite scripture passage(s) and why?

“One that comes to mind is the feeding of the multitudes [John 6 and all the gospels] because that is what my ministry is about. I had a time when I prayed about that passage and found it interesting when thinking about and reflecting on it, the role of Jesus really fits, taking what little I have, blessing it, breaking it and distributing it, the eucharist has always been the center for me.

In the book of Revelation, 2:17, regarding the gift of a new name, the sense of unique identity, I really liked it, and did work in theology and finished my license, or degree, in this area. Solomon's Prayer, Lord grant your servant a listening heart. Solomon had a dream and God asked him what he wanted to receive, he said wisdom, but the way he expressed that was a “listening heart. My ministry really is that. Looking for what people need, and listening and hearing, and supplying the sacraments. Most people can solve their own difficulties if someone is willing to listen long enough.”

### 8. What do you see as obstacles to making our parish “family” even better or stronger?

“The busy-ness, the involvement in so many different things, and not necessarily a central focus. I look at what many families are doing and see children involved in many sports and activities, where families don't really have together time; they are together, but they don't really sit down and talk, have a meal, and that kind of thing. Putting God first and focusing on that as the center of things.”

### 9. What is a typical day like in your life?

“[Laughs]. Let me go through a typical week because no two days are the same. Last week may not be typical, but Sunday was the Masses, and then a baptism, Monday was a funeral, Tuesday I had the luncheon with the eighth grade, and couple different appointments, was called to the hospital to do a few anointings, I get calls from Riverside sometimes for people who do not have a pastor and a chaplain is not available; did an early morning confession; 8th grade graduation on Wednesday; the Watterson baccalaureate on Thursday; same for St. Charles on Friday with a graduation; a funeral and wedding on Saturday.....I try to take Mondays off but often do not manage to do that, we have a daily Mass so it does not always happen. I try to have some down time, but when a funeral or other event happens, I need to do it as there is nobody else.”

### 10. Last vacation?

“Last summer I went on a weekend for a family reunion. It was my mother's side, we went to Gettysburg. I had that date set before I arrived at St. Tim's. Over a period of four days being gone, it took five priests to replace me. This summer I have nothing definite planned but am trying to plan a week as we speak. Next year, I do have two pilgrimages planned for my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I hope to get replacements for when I'm gone but if not we will have to deal with that. [Fr. invites me to go on a pilgrimage, but when I mention four kids, he advises that I tell my wife it is actually a vacation for her -- from me [he laughs].”

### 11. What do you like to do in your spare time? Any hobbies, interests, etc. outside of the church?

“[Laughter again] I enjoy movies. Some days when I do get time off, I will go to the library and get DVD's. I enjoy doing genealogy, but it has been some time since I have been able to do that. Reading, although sitting down to do that is a challenge. I like to get books on CD and listen while I drive. I find it makes me more patient since when I am stuck in traffic, I have the book going and it does not bother me as much. I like science fiction. I like travel also.”

### 12. Favorite pope and why?

“Pope John Paul II was pretty special because when I was there my sophomore year in college, I was actually there in the square when he was elected. It was one of the most historic moments I have seen. I was there for the smoke coming out, announcement of the election, and heard him speak his first homilette when he came out. I think he put a good face on Catholicism. He internationalized the church in ways that are just amazing.”

### 13. What lay and religious persons, respectively, have had the most influence on your life and why?

“Well, lay persons would certainly have to be my parents. There were also a lot of lay people involved and committed to the church. I think of many teachers I had who were lay persons. They instilled in me a love of learning and enjoyment of culture and that sort of thing. In terms of religious, certainly a lot of priests. My grade school priest, Fr. Patterson, died a few years ago. A very simple man, yet very committed. We were at St. Gabriel's parish which closed. There were also a lot of Dominican sisters, including my principal Sr. Melita who was instrumental in my being able to go to St. Charles High School. There were several priests there who also were influential.”