

Financial Snapshot December 2013

For the year 2013:

Target revenues and expenses (Budget %)	100%
Actual plate receipts	167%
Actual pledge receipts	104%
Actual expenses	94%

St Timothy's concluded 2013 in a very strong financial position, with revenues exceeding plan and expenses less than budgeted. Plate was especially encouraging, finishing the year at 167% of our projection. Pledges also came in at 104% of our budgetary estimate. We are entering 2014 in great shape! We look forward to presenting the 2013 year in review and the preliminary 2014 budget at the annual meeting.

The Finance Committee

St. Timothy's Mission Statement

Inspired by the Spirit of Christ, we glorify God by being a welcoming Christian community with meaningful and joyous worship, challenging education and care and respect for all God's creation, while proclaiming the Gospel and reaching out to the world.

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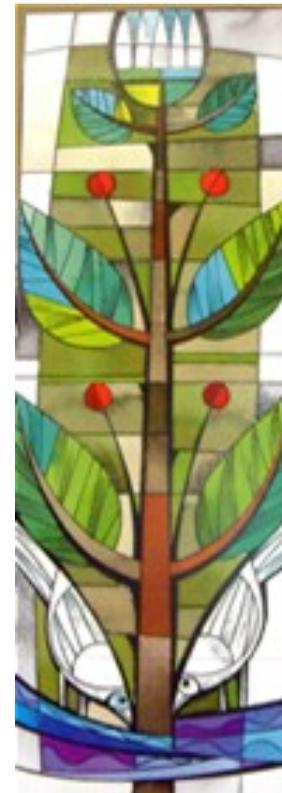
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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Creve Coeur, MO

February 2014



Epiphany Season Window is a creation-themed window celebrating in rich verdant colors the manifestation - the Epiphany - of God in creation...the tree of life; waters springing up to eternal life. More than magi here, the window expresses the universality of the creative energy of God and our invitation to drink of these streams of living water.

Dear Good People of St. Timothy's,

The season after the Epiphany is a part of what the Catholics call Ordinary Time. It is a time in the Church Year when we think about how Christ becomes manifest; apparent and revealed to us. There is a lot of focus in this season on how God calls us and what we do about the call. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Baptism of Jesus as the primary feast of this season and it is one of the Sundays that the Prayer Book declares to be especially fitting for the celebration of Baptisms.

An old Presbyterian minister named William Barclay wrote commentaries to make the Gospels more understandable. Barclay once said that there are two most important days in a persons' life; "the day we are born and the day we discover why."

Perhaps Jesus' baptism was a moment of coming to know "who he was." He began to discover his mission in the voice of the Father, who said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." I can tell you that for me, even as a grown man, the thought that my father might be pleased with me, that my mother might really be proud that I am her son, is about as good as it gets. Now sometimes I have not lived up to it, but I know that deep down, in spite of my failures and theirs, that my folks love me. Not every one has had that same experience of parental love, but that kind of love is available to all of us in Christ.

The love of God in Jesus is first and last for us. We Episcopalians are prone to say things like, God loves you and there is absolutely nothing that you can do to make God stop loving you. We are radical that way.

The following Sundays continue the discussion by talking about how the first disciples heard the witness of John the Baptist, Look, here is the Lamb and how they sought him out and asked to spend time with him, to abide. Then on the next Sundays, the gospels tell how Jesus went about calling disciples from many walks of life to devote themselves to him by following him. Then we sit with those first ones at Jesus' feet to hear what Matthew the Evangelist places at the core of the message of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount. In all of this we find ourselves confronted with the call to discipleship. It is all about following him. Discipleship in three words is "to follow Jesus."

I am very interested in promoting the idea of lifelong Christian formation; that we are never done with learning, never done shaping our lives to conform to the shape of the One who first loved us. I hope that some of you all will join me in "Catechesis Sorta" Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:15am, beginning on February 2, to enter into a time of study and prayer and to seek companions on the journey of discipleship.

Marvin

FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 - Emma Barnes
Luc Wiggins | 12 -Norm Moenkhaus
Judy DeMarco
Chase Nauman | 22—Deanna Mason
Paul Pennel |
| 5 - Carol Rogler
Alfonso Gioia | 13 - Ellen Lindsey
Irena Pennel | 23 - Chelsea Holland |
| 6 - Mitzi Uyemura | 19—Sasha Hinrichs | -24 – Rick Dyer
Aaron Agne |
| 9 - Brad Huesemann
Frank Sandy | 21—Lorraine Weisler | 26 – Steve Jasper
27 – Kate Buckley |
| 10 - Kirk Fritsch | | 29—Verne Luther |

FEBUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 – Kate and Eric Buckley | 19 – Karen and Rick Sharp |
| 14 - Pat and Jerry Evans | 22 – Cathy and Chuck Agne |



Now's Your Chance to Make Good on Your Resolution

To celebrate using the spacious new Fellowship Hall, we would like to invite women who are interested in trying the Jackie Sorenson Step Aerobics Workout to join us for four free classes and four half-priced classes to sample the program. We are a group of middle aged plus women (of varied fitness levels) who meet Wednesday evening and/or Saturday morning for an hour of stretching, ab work, hand weights, and cardio routines-all choreographed to lively music. For details and meeting times please contact Nancy Setzer at [314-878-2500](tel:314-878-2500) or the instructor, Lanny Corley, at [314-795-3433](tel:314-795-3433). We would like to know ahead of time if you plan to attend a class.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Andrea , Jeff, and Stephanie Johnson on the death of Andrea's father, Lazaro Gelstein, who passed away on Friday, December 20.

FAT SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Fat Sunday Breakfast will be in our new parish hall on March 2nd this year and what better way to celebrate than to bring the whole family in for our renowned Pancakes, Ham with Warm Syrup. There's fun for the whole family with crafts and face painting for our younger parishioners to enjoy. The youth of the parish do the cooking and the proceeds go toward our youth programs. So sign up in the Narthex and show up with a big appetite. It's just \$4.00 per person with a max of \$15.00 per family. We start serving at 8:45 and finish when everyone has had their fill.

A New(ish) Fellowship Opportunity

On the 4th Sunday of the month, St. Tim's "Lunch Bunch" meets at a nearby restaurant for lunch after the 10:30 a.m. church services. The February lunch will be on Sunday, February 23 at Cuisine d'Arte, 701 N. New Ballas Rd., 12:15 p.m.

We'd be delighted to have you join us. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to get to know others from St. Tim's and for everyone to enjoy a good lunch and fellowship. Please sign up on the flyer on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space by Sunday, February 16.

Music for February 2014

February 1, —Saturday

John Hexem, Pianist and Cantor

February 2, —Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy String Quartet

February 8, —Saturday

Matt Bear, Baritone Soloist and Cantor

February 9, —Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
Pat Evans, Flute and Steve Crock, Guitar

February 15, —Saturday

Matt Bear, Guest Organist
Alice Fritsch, Soprano Soloist and Cantor

February 16, —Sunday

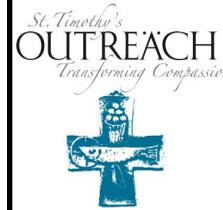
Matt Bear, Guest Organist & Choir Director
The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Recorder Consort

February 22, —Saturday

Mary Robert, Soprano Soloist and Cantor

February 23, —Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
Will Crock, Violin
The Saint Timothy Youth Choir



**Magdalene St. Louis Presents
Making a House a Home – Renovating and Furnishing Our First House
February 20 at the Mercantile Exchange Building**

To purchase, renovate and furnish their first home, Magdalene- St. Louis is seeking approximately \$350,000 in pledges and donations.

This meaningful evening includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, wine and beer, musical performance by the Jeremiah Johnson Blues Band, and guest speakers.

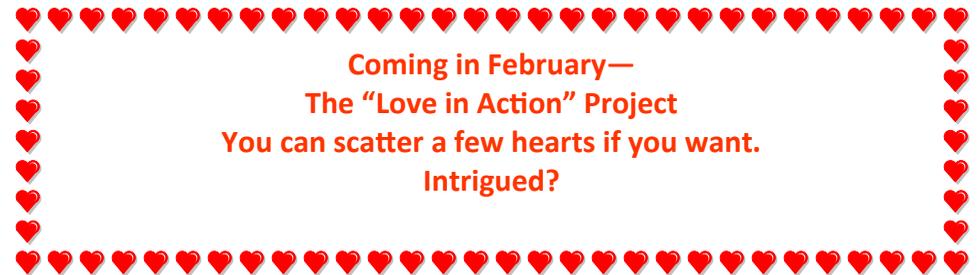
The event is free and open to the public, but advance reservations are required. Email invitations will be sent the first week in January and can be shared with your guests.

To ensure you are included by email invitation, contact us at info@magdalenestl.org to be added to our mailing list.

Please be as generous as possible; any gift amount is welcome and appreciated.

Doors open at 5, program begins at 6. Valet parking is available.

Mercantile Exchange Building
618 Washington Avenue, Suite 202
St. Louis, MO 63103



From the
Director of Christian Education

The Spring of 2014 offers several opportunities for our J2A class.

February 15-17 - "Urban Adventure" - Over this long weekend, teens Adam Barnes and Jared McAvoy will travel with their leaders, Kim Dressel and Steve Crock, to an undisclosed city. The teens will manage the itinerary and budget, without assistance of technology.

May 17 – Confirmation at Christ Church Cathedral - Confirmation is an adult decision; the *Journey to Adulthood* program helps our youth prepare and Father Marvin's Catechism—Sort of will help adults.

May 31- June 7 - Pilgrimage – The group goes on a journey like none other. As pilgrims, they are defined as "wanderers in search of holy places." They are in search of the face of God. As we plan and prepare, please keep, Adam, Jared, Kim, Steve and me in your prayers.

Faithfully,
Peggy

More upcoming and ongoing activities ...

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:45am
Meet to discuss and learn about the weekly Bible readings. Contact The Rev. Roy Moore for more information rmooremo@att.net

Parent Fellowship and Conversation

Parents can gather during youth choir rehearsals the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8:55 a.m. in the Library.

Parents of Younger Children AKA "MOMS" 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am
Parents of babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and elementary-age children meet to chat while the children play. Contact Heidi@saint-tims.org

Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 7:30pm
Our thirty voice all volunteer choir of men and women provide outstanding musical leadership at the principal liturgy each week from September through June and on all major festivals and special celebrations. Meet in the music room for rehearsals. Contact Dean@saint-tims.org

Women's Dinner - All women are welcome to attend on Tuesday, February 25, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with appetizers and have a dinner catered by Art of Entertaining. Not only will we have a chance to visit, but we will hear about holiday Pantry and some of our other ministries. We also want to discuss the group's future path. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Tickets are \$18. Questions? Ask Nancy Setzer or Judy DeMarco

Lenten SOUP *Suppers*

5 Wednesdays in Lent

Mar 12th – April 9th

6:00-8:00pm

An Intergenerational Evening Series Featuring a meal, Sacred Conversations and prayers for the people of St. Timothy's and their guests.

Kiva Plus to Host Special Guest Speaker

At our upcoming Kiva Plus meeting on February 11 at 7pm, we will have the author of the book, "[Cry Purple](#)" speaking to us. Christine McDonald writes in this book about her journey from almost two decades of prostitution, crack addiction, and prison to her present life of blindness, motherhood and happiness.

If you attended the Launch for Magdalene St. Louis at Christ Church Cathedral back in May, then you heard her speak. You can also watch her recent [interview on Saint Louis TV Live](#).

PLEASE mark your calendar and invite your friends and family. It is sure to be a very moving and educational evening!

More about St. Timothy's Kiva Plus Ministry:

This ministry was created after parishioners had an emotional response to Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's book, "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." We came together and created this Social Justice ministry which strives to achieve social justice for women, locally and globally, by empowering them through loans, grants, and education.

We give microloans through Kiva.org, donate to non-profits such as Worldwide Fistula Foundation and Heifer, and we are creating relationships with local organizations like Magdalene House St. Louis. Everyone is welcomed at our meetings. All you need to bring is your desire to make a difference in the world around you.

Meetings are the 2nd Tues. of each month from 7-8:30pm in the South Fellowship Hall. Contact Danielle Pennel (dani.adoption@gmail.com) or Deacon Jan O'Neil (jawoneil@gmail.com).



