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**MASSES**

**\*Weekday masses suspended until further notice**  
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

**WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesday 8:00 AM (**Labor Day through Memorial Day**)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend each month. (**Please check with parish office for current schedule**) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made by contacting Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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**WEATHER POLICY**

If Bay City Public Schools or Auburn Area Catholic School close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of all (including the St Anthony site) evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5

## Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Monday

479: Eph 4:32—5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday 8 am Word and Communion

480: Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

### Wednesday

481: Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday

482: Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Lk 13:31-35

### Friday

666: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

### Saturday 4:30 pm Mass

484: Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef Lk 14:1, 7-11

### Sunday 9:30 am Mass

153: Wis 11:22—12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 2 Thes 1:11—2:2 Lk 19:1-10

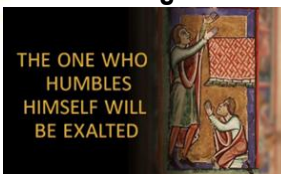


## EDUCATION / FORMATION

**Family Talk Time:** *Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families:* Sara McGinnis Lee

*When you pray, do you think more about God in all his goodness or about yourself? Have you ever humbly asked God for forgiveness like the tax collector? What do you think was God's response?*

### Reflecting on the Word:



In Jesus' time, Pharisees followed the Jewish law strictly and spent a lot of time in the temple praying. Tax collectors of the day were despised because they took more tax money than needed from people and pocketed the excess. So why does

Jesus criticize the Pharisee and praise the tax collector? The Pharisee, in lifting up all his good deeds, compared himself to others, thinking himself superior. He feels he has earned his position before God. His prayer is to himself, praising himself. The tax collector, knowing his own faults, prays to God asking for his mercy. His focus is on God, knowing he is in desperate need of his mercy. Our worth does not come from our good or bad deeds; it comes from being a child of God. Nothing can change our value in God's eyes. We must respect each other, not because the person has done good things but because they are a beloved child of God.

### Living the Word:

This week research images of the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Discuss how each are portrayed. Do the colors, textures and scenes align with what Jesus was teaching?

**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. Do you know someone who might consider becoming Catholic or would like more information about our Catholic faith? Contact Sandy DesJardins, [faithformation@auburnac.org](mailto:faithformation@auburnac.org) or 989-662-4335.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Monday, October 24th – Choir Practice 6:30 pm**

**Remembrance Weekend**

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – CLOW/ Nursery – 9:30 am**

**"Trunk N Treat" 4-5:30 pm**

## STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Target:** \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$8,742

**World Mission Sunday:** \$585 **Food Pantry:** \$45

**Mission Co-Op:** \$430

**Children's Good Deeds**

...Putting away laundry without telling Mom "No"...

...Helped puppy sit...

## AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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We will have a mass for All Saints Day on November 1st. Please consider joining us in celebration of this holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 9:00 am. Fall is in the air, we were hoping to have the playground completed by the middle of this week, however, God has other plans for us. We are set to wrap it up next week since we have received a few major rain days in a row. This has made our clay playground extremely difficult to navigate.

The staff and I will attend the MANS conference on the 3rd and 4th of November. This will give us a chance to learn some new practices for use in the classroom and at school. The Gospel this week reminds us to act with humility. We are not perfect, nor should we try to be. We are sinners who may or may not make the right choices throughout the day. The truth at the end of the day is whether we are justified in our attempts to be better people and how we will be judged by God.

### God Bless

**Medical Update...** I met with the surgeon. While he complimented me on getting stronger, he said he wants to delay surgery so that I can progress further with exercises, especially walking and weight gain.

The surgery originally scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> will be pushed back a couple of weeks to sometime in November. It will be a 3 ½ hour surgery. Followed by a 7-10 day hospitalization. I learned early on to never argue with a doctor. He has inside information! ~Fr. Tom ~



## Proposal Three

Last week the following communication was received from the Bishops of Michigan via the Michigan Catholic Conference in Lansing: **As citizens and pastors in Michigan, we call your attention to an immense threat to the dignity of human life on this November's ballot: Michigan voters are being asked to consider Proposal 3, the most extreme proposal concerning abortion this state has ever seen. We urge you to vote NO.**

Based on an analysis of the proposal and ballot summary language, it is clear this proposed amendment to the state constitution intends to;

- **Repeal existing laws requiring informed consent for abortion and parental consent requirements and parental consent requirements for teens seeking abortion**
- **Repeal existing laws requiring abortion clinics to be licensed and inspected for health and safety reasons.**
- **Allow anyone to perform an abortion and prohibit any legal consequences if a woman is harmed.**
- **Allow for late-term abortions due to undefined mental health exemptions in the proposal.**
- **Define viability to apply only to children who can survive without extraordinary medical care.**

Last, because the amendment also extends the "right to sterilization" to any individual regardless of age, a minor would be allowed to seek sterilizing drugs or gender-changing procedures without parental consent.

Let us be clear: If Proposal 3 passes, there would be no real limits on abortions or sterilization procedures in Michigan, outside of voluntary consent. And no matter how one feels about abortion, this proposed amendment goes beyond *Roe vs. Wade*. The proposal would change our state constitution, which is more consequential than any law. We urge you to read the proposed amendment, words matter particularly as they relate to constitutional amendments. Visit [www.micatholic.org/Proposal3](http://www.micatholic.org/Proposal3) for more information and to read the proposal.



## FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

### **Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time:** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

One man approached God humbly. Aware of no one else except God, he prayed simply, quietly. So clear was his perception of the all-holy and wholly other God that his own sinfulness was revealed, and in the clarity of that moment he prayed for mercy.

A similar perspective toward God and self is recommended by the ancient sage Jesus ben Sira, who, in today's first reading, calls his readers to approach God with an attitude of trust and reliance. With ears that are open to the weak as well as the strong, with eyes that perceive the lowly, the orphan and the widow with the same tenderness as they behold the independent, well-connected and the wealthy, God calls forth truthfulness from all who pray.

As for the Pharisee in today's Gospel, the only revelation he experienced was a revelation of himself. He spoke his litany in his own honor from a skewed perspective of undue self-importance and inordinate pride. To add to the odiousness of his performance, he compared himself to others, and in particular to the tax collector. In the rarified atmosphere of his own conceit, there was no room for anyone else. He did not meet God; he did not listen; he did not pray; he was not justified—all because he lacked perspective that kept him from bowing low before God to enter the communion that is at the heart of all praying.

### **Quality of One's Gift:(Sirach 35)** *Celebration*

Today's excerpted text is part of a longer section devoted to sacrifice and prayer (34:18-35:20). Like the prophets, ben Sira agreed that for a sacrifice to be pleasing and acceptable to God, it was to be motivated by genuine faith and adherence to God's will as revealed in the law. Anything other than authenticity and integrity at worship constitutes hypocrisy. After asserting that an evil person's sacrifice is mere empty ritual, as compared to that of the just person's most pleasing offering (34:18-35:12), Jesus introduced the theme of God's impartiality. To both rich and poor, God judges the warmth of one's heart and not the size of one's wallet; therefore, it is not the quantity of the offering that ensures its acceptance but the quality of the character and fidelity of the one who offers.

### **Living Sacrifice: (2 Timothy 4)** *Celebration*

Before encountering the risen Christ on the Damascus Road, Paul was Saul, an orthodox observer and defender of the Jewish faith. Well educated in the law and traditions of his people, Saul was also fervent in his prayerful participation in the Jewish liturgy, which included an elaborate system of sacrifices. Ordinarily these sacrifices consisted of animal, grain, oil, and incense offerings that were variously intended to honor God, ask for forgiveness, petition for some need or gratefully acknowledge God as the source of all life and goodness. Aware that all authentic worship began from within, Saul was no doubt careful to integrate the faith he professed with his everyday life. However, after the Damascus encounter, Saul who became Paul learned of the one, perfect, unique and unrepeatable sacrifice of Jesus that obviated all other sacrifices. Paul also learned that belonging to Jesus necessarily involved believers in the dying and rising of Jesus. Union with Jesus also meant that believers participated by faith in his saving sacrifice, and for that reason, Paul began to realize that his own life, with all its joys and struggles, was a living sacrifice

### **Pharisee and Tax Collector: (Luke 18)** *Celebration*

No doubt Jesus' assessment of these two men probably surprised his contemporaries, who would have held Pharisee in high esteem for all his accomplishments. But this parable, like all of Jesus' teachings, attempts to clarify the proper perspective of human beings before God. Human beings are to realize that forgiveness and salvation are not merited by any human action, however noble. Merciful healing and justification are God's gifts to sinners in Jesus Christ.

We all share some of the attitudes, both good and bad of the two men of Jesus' parable. To gain a proper balance, to maintain a truthful perspective, we are to keep our eyes, our hearts and our minds focused not on ourselves or even on one another but first and foremost on God. When that focus wavers or dims, we return again and again to God in prayer, asking, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

### **Room for God?** Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

Few of us probably pray with the brassiness of the Pharisee, who fasted, tithed, and was altogether pleased with his accomplishments. Implied in his attitude is the suggestion that God should be pleased and behave toward him in a manner befitting such outstanding righteousness. While we may not come to God full of boasting, we may come before our Maker so full of worry and anxiety that the presence of anything or anyone else within us is virtually impossible. Does this mean that we are to perform some sort of Herculean psychological effort at making our minds and hearts a *tabula rasa*, a blank slate? Obviously not, for all these worries and preoccupations are part of who we are. Rather than try to attain some level of detached amnesia, we can gather up all those things that cause us to be filled with anxiety and surrender them to God as gift. Surely God will know what to do with them. Then, in the peace and empty openness that comes with such trusting surrender, there shall be ample room for God to enter and remain with us, not as a sounding board or a passive receptacle for our petitions, but as a partner with whom we are free to dialogue in love and truth. When we have room for God, we will then have room for loving all those who are our brothers and sisters in God.

### **Study in Contrasts:** Rev. Anthony Marinelli, *Service*

The prayer of the Pharisee is one that is based on many truths and one distortion. The Pharisee speaks the truth: he fasts twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays); he tithes on all that he possesses (far beyond the requirements of the written law). He is not grasping or crooked or adulterous. He is a "good man." But he prays "with head unbowed." He does not go home justified, because at the heart of his prayer is pride. The tax collector, on the other hand, can do no recitation of his virtue, but is in touch with a much more fundamental truth: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." He leaves justified, by his own virtue. He finds his salvation in God, not himself.

*"Lord, be the priority  
of my life"*



**Trunk n Treat** Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.



If you would like to donate candy for this event there will be a container in the front entrance of Church.

Sign-up sheets are at church doors to decorate your trunk or to let us know that you will be attending the event.

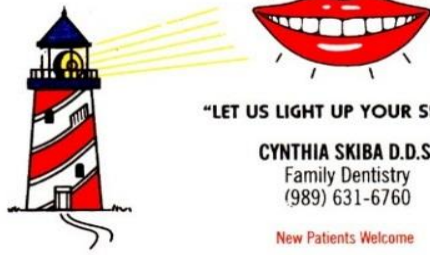
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