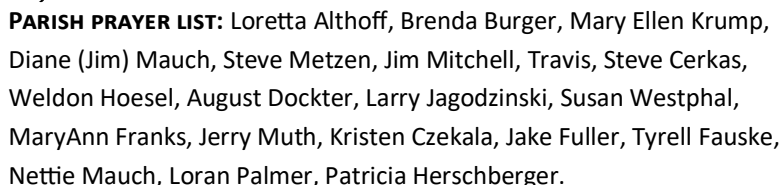




Sunday 22A, Sep 3, 2023

**Confessions: St A—Sat, 4:30 pm; Sun, 8 am.
Or call for an appointment (no problem).**



Intercessory prayer asks “on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one’s enemies” CCC 2647. Please let us know who (with their permission) we can lift up in prayer. Thnx.

ceptable that “the Son of the Living God” would be permitted so horrific future as to be killed by the people he came to enlighten and heal.

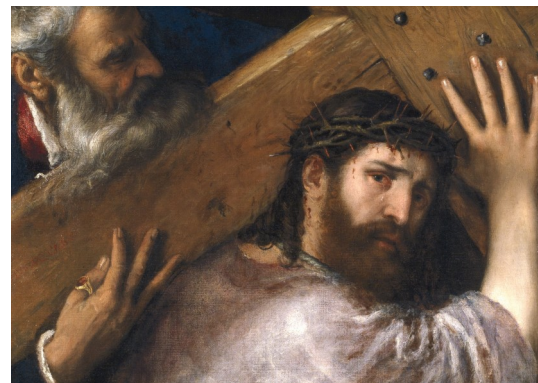
Jesus exposes Peter's seeming compassion as a barely veiled temptation from Satan to annul the Father's plan.

Peter's concern triggers a response from Peter that will characterize the Christian call for all the centuries to follow: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

How's that working out for you? Can take a sec to name how the Cross takes shape in your life? Make the Sign of the Cross over your body. Most of us learned this 'move' as little children, long before we became aware what it might entail to be 'signed by the Cross.'

Own it. This is
Jesus' pattern and
ours.

What patterns of resistance to suffering might we need to break from to accept Christ's call?



Last Week's Giving

“Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly.”

Peter, the newly minted spokesman of the group, steps in to declare, "God forbid!" He saw it as unac-

Mooreton: Plate \$128.25
Children
Envelopes \$2,025



Mantador: Plate \$153
Envelopes: \$1,130
Bldg Fund: \$250
Pledge Payment:

St. Anthony's Fall Barbeque & Potluck

All welcome!
Come join us in celebrating,
Fr. Michael's 60th birthday!!

Saturday, Sept. 9th
following Mass
in the Parish Hall

Free will offering
Please bring yard games
and a lawn chair if
you wish, and BYOB.



SEP 3, FEAST OF ST. PHOEBE. In her honor, we will use the month of September to look at Women in the Church.

In Paul's letter to the Christian community in Rome, Phoebe is not only the first person Paul names, but he talks about her very positively: "I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is also a minister (*diakonos* in Greek) of the church at Cenchreae, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a benefactor to many and to me as well" (Rom 16:1-2).

Cenchreae was one of the two ports of the ancient city of Corinth, where Paul was when he wrote to the Christians in Rome.

Paul's mentioning Phoebe first, before greetings to and from dozens of other people in Rm 16, indicates that she most likely was the person who delivered his letter to Rome. She represented him to the Christians there. Moreover, Paul's reference to Phoebe is especially prominent in that he calls her a *diakonos*, "minister; servant".

Does this mean Phoebe was a "deacon"? We need to be careful since the Church's understanding of ordained ministries developed only

gradually over the first few centuries. In the Gospels, Jesus asks everyone who follows him to be a "servant", *diakonos* Mt 20:26; 23:11; Mk 9:35; 10:43; Jn 12:26.

Yet the early Christian *diakonoi* were not merely "servants"; they were clearly also leaders in the early Church, including Timothy ^{1 Tim 4:6}, Tychicus ^{Col 4:7; Eph 6:21}, and many others ^{2 Cor 11:23; Phil 1:1; 1 Tim 3:8-13}. Paul also refers to himself as a *diakonos* at least 8 times ^{1 Cor 3:5; 2 Cor 3:6}, and even calls Jesus a *diakonos* twice ^{Rom 15:8; Gal 2:17}!

Therefore, Paul's reference to Phoebe as a *diakonos* in Romans 16:1 clearly indicates that she was a servant-leader. She's been honored with the title "Saint" in the Catholic Church for many centuries.



This is very interesting. The Synod on Synodality Pope Francis has called begins in Rome next month. The question of women's roles in the Church is on the table. From one of the Vatican's worksheets, we read: *What concrete steps can the Church take to renew and reform its procedures, institutional arrangements and structures to enable greater recognition and participation of women, including in governance, decision-making processes and in the taking of decisions, in a spirit of communion and with a view to mission?*

Catechism classes begin

Sept 10,

Sept 17 St A Sun Mass

begins new start time 10:45



Religious Education

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts!

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers!

And the BEST place to be is in God's hands!

Land for Sale by Bid, 9-29-2024. See notice at church entrance.

A broken life in the hands
of God is ripe for blessing.

Keeping God's House Beautiful,
September

Sts PP: *Bev Waxweiler, Marietta Pellman, Denise Hejzmanek, Pam Foertsch

St A: *Aimee Flaa, Alexis Peltier, Yvonne Ward, Ronna Althoff, Kari Callenius, Lisa Mauch

**THIS WEEK'S
CELEBRATIONS:**

Todd Althoff, Fr Michael, Deirdre Foertsch, Loran Palmer, Daryl Foertsch, Jaida Fobb

Curt & Sue Berg,
Ben & Vanessa Haberman,
Ashton & Derek Mauch,
Don & Donna Thiel



MEAL AT STS PETER & PAUL,
FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS.

SEP 17, ST ANTHONY
BEGINS 10:45 MASS TIME

ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU'RE UNIQUE.
JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEP 9-13, FR. MICHAEL'S DAD & SISTER CATHY COME FOR A VISIT

SEP 9, SAT AFTER MASS, ST. ANTHONY COOK OUT

SEP 10, MASS TIMES SWITCHED FOR THIS SUNDAY ONLY,