

October 23, 2016

Ordinary Time
Thirtieth Sunday



***Be Merciful To Me,
A Sinner***

Today we reflect on the attitudes one brings to prayer rather than on the prayer itself; self-righteousness or humility.

Jesus tells the parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector who go to the temple to pray. The Pharisee does not actually pray. Rather, he explains to God why he is better than other people. In contrast, the tax collector knows that he is a sinner. His is a prayer of petition: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by Jeanette Lackey in memory of Mitchell Lackey Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Friday, October 28
8:00 a.m. Geraldine & Edward Toth
- Saturday, October 29
6:30 p.m. Charles "C.W." Havel
- Sunday, October 30
6:30 a.m. Della & Anton Raab
9:30 a.m. The Deceased of the K.J.Z.T. Society #14

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

- First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22—12:2
- Responsorial Psalm:** 145
- Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2
- Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Shiner Strudel Sale
November 12

Homemade Apple Strudel (Unbaked Only) - \$15
For Moulton & Flatonia orders and deliveries
call Philip & Jennifer at 361-594-8468.

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Larry Seifert.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment	\$17,080.00
Contributions So Far	\$13,087.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 3,993.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

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| <i>K.J.Z.T. Society #14</i> | <i>Joyce Pavlicek</i> |
| <i>Niki & Chad Chaloupka</i> | <i>Richard Kalisek</i> |
| <i>Karin & Kenneth Filipp</i> | <i>Janet & Bill Darilek</i> |
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Do please consider making a donation.

ST. JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Rudy Darilek
Joann & Joseph Roach

ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY FUND

Karen & James Thomas

Pharisee or Tax Collector

The Pharisee is not a horrible villain, nor is the tax collector a hero. Despite his arrogance, the Pharisee is, in fact, a pillar of the community, faithful and dependable.



Because of his generous tithing, the salaries of ministers are paid so that they can preach on this parable. This problem is that his prayer and his life

are out of sync. It is the same with the tax collector. While his prayer for mercy is in the best spirit of penitence, his life is not. Neither character can be absolutely embraced or dismissed. Each simply shows us a side of ourselves that needs integration.

CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

Catholic Daughters Court #2018 Bake Sale, November 4 beginning at 7:30 a.m., downtown at the SouthStar Bank corner. Proceeds from the sale will help the Catholic Daughters attain their charitable goals. Members are asked to donate two items. If possible, please have your items at the bank corner by 7:30 a.m. Thank you in advance for your support.

Altar Society Raffle prizes are still being accepted for the raffle held in conjunction with the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner in February. Contact Bernice Ellinghausen (596-7721) to donate prizes.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:50 p.m., YMC
- TUESDAY – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room.
- WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, YMC
- THURSDAY – Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, former KC Hall
- FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

Judgment Belongs To God

Luke displays wonderful irony in his story of the Pharisee and the tax collector. Throughout the gospel, Luke has contrasted the genuine faith of sinners and foreigners with the hypocrisy of self-righteous insiders.

The Pharisee of this story places himself far above other people on his own merits: He notes commandment-breakers – of whom he is not one. He draws God’s attention to the outcast tax collector, to whom he bears no resemblance. God is then reminded that every Monday and Thursday the Pharisee fasts and that all his food is “clean” (it has been tithed); he made his ritual harvest – festival offering on all that he had. He believes that his scrupulous practices make him better than anyone else, particularly those he considers sinners. But his very words condemn him and betray his own heritage.

By contrast, the tax collector relies on God for his justification: This man clearly sees how he stands before God. He has nothing to offer. Even his own people have cast him away from society because of his collusion with Roman authority as a collector of the Emperor’s taxes. His penitence (beating the breast was and is a common gesture for penitents) leaves room for God to act and he is made right before God by God’s grace and his own humility.

The conclusion Jesus draws from the story is that judgment belongs to God. The tax collector knows how he stands with God. The Pharisee works in complete illusion. For the tax collector, God sets the requirements of their relationship; the Pharisee makes his own rules and sets his own standards. One man knows in the depths of his being that he is not God; the other is overwhelmed by a striking resemblance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 23 – James Wenske
Oct. 24 – Dennis Barta, Nathan Holub
Oct. 25 – Dana Blahuta, Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck,
Pollyanna Motal, Patsy Zamykal
Oct. 26 – Justin Anderle, Jason Gold
Oct. 27 – Hattie Darilek, Reese Nieto, Ollie Haikenwaelder
Oct. 28 – Noah Bartos, Thomas Dornak
Oct. 29 – D. J. Darilek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Oct. 23 – Ann & Kyle Koncaba
Oct. 26 – Georgia & Adolph Dziadek
Oct. 27 – Congratulations Shannon & Bradley Baker
on your 15th Wedding Anniversary
– Shirley & David Schoenfeld
Oct. 28 – Congratulations Floris Ann & David Simper
on your 55th Wedding Anniversary

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

World Mission Sunday

This day is designated to offer prayer and financial support for missionaries around the world. It is also a day to remember that the Church is missionary at its very core. All the baptized are called to carry on the mission of Christ and to proclaim the good news to the world. *Be generous.*

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

November 1st – *The Feast of All Saints*

We celebrate all those men and women whose lives in some way mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ on a profound level.

Mass Schedule: Praha – 4:30 p.m.

Moulton – 6:30 p.m.

November 2nd – *The Feast of All Souls*

On this day we make expiation for the dead. We pray for the forgiveness of all their sins, that God may bring them to himself to join the Saints.

Mass Schedule:

Praha – Blessing of the Graves at 4:00 p.m.

Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Moulton – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Blessing of the graves after Mass.

Book of The Dead

In keeping with the Church’s tradition of praying for the dead, we will display the Book of the Dead. It contains the names of our loved ones prayers were requested for on the *All Souls Envelopes. You are invited to leaf through the pages, and note the names. You may write the names of others you might want our parish family to pray for.

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.

2 Maccabees 13:44-46

*Drop your All Souls envelope in the collection basket or mail slot at the office by Oct. 31.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Oct. 24 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grades

Oct. 26 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– C.C.D., 9th – 11th Grades

Oct. 29 – 7th Grade Leads the Saturday Evening Rosary

Next Sunday – Youth Mass* (9th Grade); C.C.D.

Nov. 1 – 1st & 2nd Graders will be dressed as their favorite Saint at the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Nov. 2 – Altar Server Training, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 7 – YMC Safe Environment Training (K- 2nd Grade)

Nov. 9 – YMC Safe Environment Training (3rd-6th Grades)

Nov. 20 – Youth Ministry Center Bake Sale

* All K-11th Grade C.C.D. Students are reminded to be in their classroom by 9:15 a.m. so they can process into Church with their teacher and classmates next Sunday.