

## God Notices Our Acts of Generosity

**E**lijah is quite bold. He finds this poor woman collecting sticks to make her “last supper” on earth. She has run out of money, food, and energy. Even so, the prophet asks her to prepare him a cake and, in exchange for her hospitality, he promises she will not run out until God sends rain again. In her faith and humility, she says yes, and gives away all that she had to live on. God blesses her generosity!

Jesus observes something similar. A poor widow willingly gives all she has when, without anyone noticing, she drops her coins in the donation basket. God always notices our acts of generosity and multiplies them into eternity.

The first part of the Gospel stands in contrast with these two mighty widows. It shows us how *not* to be apostles.

Jesus chastises the scribes and teachers of the law for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off. They love public greetings and special seating at church and parties. Jesus goes even further by saying they use their authority to devour widow's houses. Could Jesus' irony be any starker? While the widow is giving her last coins, the priest is using it to devour her livelihood.

We may never see in this life how God blesses our small or large acts of love, prayer, and generosity. Yet, we should keep doing them, not to be seen or rewarded, but because we love God, and to love is always the right thing. God sees, and a great reward awaits us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *St. Stephen Distributing Alms*, 1447-1449

Artist: Fra Angelico

Location: Niccoline Chapel, Vatican Palace



### For Reflection

*Am I doing what I can do to help the poor and protect them?*

*Is my piety and religiosity also expressed in charity and service?*

*[Jesus said,] “They have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she...has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”*

*Mark 12:44*





Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

*Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM*

*Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM*

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM\*

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation *Refer To Schedule*

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**\*\*Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM**

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of November 12, 2018

Offered For

<u>Monday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am	† No Mass
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass

**\*\* Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of November 17-18, 2018

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Larry Wenzel
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Harry Leggett
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Mary & Kenny Lehn
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† For The Parishioners
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Dec. Memb. Picatto Family

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**Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend**

**Holy Trinity**

**LECTOR**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

**SERVERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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**St. Patrick**

**LECTOR**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

**SERVERS**

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan & Brandon Tornow

**St. Thomas More**

**ROSARY**

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

**LECTOR**

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

**SERVERS**

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS**

**November 14** - Rosary Against Evil -  
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

**November 19** - Mass/Rosary Reparation  
Of Sins-Holy Trinity (Cherry) -5:30pm

**November 28** - Rosary Against Evil -  
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

**November 29** - Bereavement Group  
Meeting - Holy Trinity Hall - 2PM

(St. Thomas More Rags made 643 lbs.  
in October, Outstanding!)

**Last Sunday's Offering**

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$15812.00)

St. Patrick - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$4079.00)

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$5005.00)

\*\* (Parentheses) - Overage/Deficit of  
Collection

**Cherry Mining Disaster  
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
Bake Sale**

The Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Society is going to be selling baked goods at the breakfast November 11th to raise money for new flooring in church. Donations for new flooring are also accepted.

**St. Patrick's Smorgasbord  
Thank You**

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped prepare the hall, the food, to enjoy the great food, and clean-up after! It is always a great meal! Thank you for your support!

**\*\*New Mass Intention Policy  
For 2019\*\***

One of the big problems is fitting in Saturday evening and Sunday Mass intentions for everybody. Also per Canon Law, Father has to offer one Mass a weekend for "The People", also known as a "Pro Populo" Mass, which we rotate between Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More. Starting January 1st, 2019, for all Masses scheduled after that date, we can only accept three (3) Masses per family for Sundays. If we have an opening on a Sunday, we will be keeping a special list to fill spots. All other Masses will have to be for weekday Masses.

**New Bereavement  
Group Starting November**

Beginning Thursday, November 29th, at 2PM, in the Holy Trinity Hall for anyone who has lost someone close and is interested in support from our Catholic community.

**RCIA - New Catholic Studies**

We are at the time of the year when anyone you may know who would like to become a Catholic can begin studying about the Catholic Faith in anticipation of the Easter Vigil. Please let Fr. Pat know of anyone who might be interested.

**Special Event In Area**

**Monday, November 5th** - Holy Trinity Hall - Dessert & Coffee Group - 1pm

**For The Week**

Jesus warns his disciples against the wrong kind of religion. In his denunciation of the scribes (the religious experts of his day), he warns against three things: the desire for prominence and first place of honor rather than lowly service for the benefit of others; the desire for deference and recognition (and seeking esteem from others) rather than seeking to promote the good of others through humble service and selfless care for others; and thirdly, attempting to use one's position (even a religious position) for self-gain and self-advancement. True religion is relating rightly to God and to one's neighbor with love, honor, and respect. The Lord puts his Holy Spirit within us that we may be filled with the joy of his presence, the joy of true worship, and the joy of selfless giving and love for others. True reverence for God frees the heart to give liberally, both to God and to neighbor. Have a wonderful and prayerful week!

**ADA Goals 2018-19**

**Holy Trinity** - \$16,421.00

Pledges To Date \$5255 (32%)

**St. Patrick** - \$11,340.00

Pledges To Date \$5570 (49%)

**St. Thomas More** - \$10,917.00

Pledges To Date \$4520 (41%)

**Sacramental Preparation**

**Baptisms:** Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

**Marriages:** Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.



## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat,  
Bishop and Martyr

Ti 1:1-9

Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier  
Cabrini, Virgin

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14

Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

Ti 3:1-7

Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

Phlm 7-20

Lk 17:20-25

### Friday

NOVEMBER 16

Weekday

2 Jn 4-9

Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious

3 Jn 5-8

Lk 18:1-8

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 18

Thirty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

# Dear Padre,

**Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.**

We live in a climate of want that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy:



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“You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart (Matthew 6:21). The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanksgiving for all God has given to us and others.

To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions,

is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and brood over it, to set your heart on it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress and you will immediately give glory to God” (CCC 2540).

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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*anew every day.*

## A Word From Pope Francis

*How many people have distanced themselves...from some parish or community because of the environment of gossip, jealousy, and envy they found there? Even for a Christian, knowing how to love is never a thing acquired once and for all. We must begin*

—Regina Caeli, May 21, 2017