

A Priest's Lot

Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jews because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old Testament is still valid today: so goes the priests, so goes the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake

up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

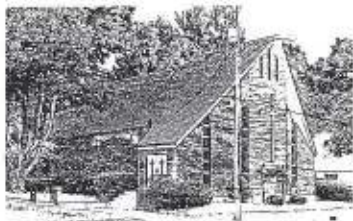
For Reflection

As a parent, am I a priest in my family? Do I lead my children in prayer, teach them the faith, and set a good example of faith and love of God? Do I pray for priests and offer them support and help?



Piece: *The Citizens of Rome Acknowledge St. Gregory the Great*, 1500s
Artist: Lorenzo Sabbatini
Location: Vatican Museums

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us (1 Thessalonians 2:8).



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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 & Thursday - 12:15 PM

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) 8:30 AM (Summer)

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 6, 2017

****No Mass Monday****

Offered For

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Mike Cassidy

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mildred Downie

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Maribeth Ballerini

**** Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fridays at 3PM**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of November 11-12, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Larry Wenzel

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† JoAnn Taber

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Kathleen Waite Schmitt

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Bernard Schwamberger

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

?

Sunday - 8:30AM -

?

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Richard Pommier

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Lovgren & Dylan Tornow

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

November 5 - St. Patrick Annual
Smorgasboard - 11AM - 2PM - Bishop
Franz Hall

November 8 - Rosary Against Evil -
Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1162.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$511.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1177.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Missalette Advertising

Both Holy Trinity and St. Patrick's Churches have had advertising on the back of the missalettes available to help defray the cost of the missalettes. And we need some help with that if possible. Also available is using the space for memorials for families or family members. The cost runs around \$220.00 per year. And if you are interested please let us know and we will have someone from the Sunday Missal company get in touch with you.

Also we can do the same at St. Thomas More Church if anyone is interested.

All Souls Day Candles
Thanks

Thank you to everyone who bought a candle to remember your loved ones! In case you have wondered, the money left after paying for the candles is used for Masses of our Purgatorial Society.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of November in Cherry. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight the evil around us. As we pray through Our Lady of Fatima, the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important time you spend. With the evil in the world the church should be full, so where is everybody!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

Think about this Gospel and then pray over it. The hardest thing with any organization, business and the Church is remembering we should always do things for God. God should be the reason we do everything in our lives. Not for ourselves but for God.

Jesus had shown us the God focused life by dying on the cross to take away our sins, He did His Father's will. Yet, today most all of us think about what we do for ourselves, and not so much God. And all of us can do better, and we should do better! So things come back to our prayer life, if we have a strong prayer life our life with God will always direct what we do with our lives. People don't really pray much anymore but we are busy with worldly things. The time is now to put God first. May God always be with us and bless us!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$5,920.00 (36%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$4,815.00 (48%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

Pledges To Date \$5,100.00 (54%)

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 6

Weekday

Rom 11:29-36

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

November 7

Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

November 8

Weekday

Rom 13:8-10

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

November 9

*Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica*

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

Friday

November 10

*St. Leo the Great,
Pope and
Doctor of the Church*

Rom 15:14-21

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

November 11

*St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop*

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

November 12

*Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18

or 4:13-14

Mt 25:1-13

Dear Padre,

A priest recently said the Scriptures should set us free. I wish this could happen to me! I feel so trapped by life. My job, my kids, my aging parents, bills, health insurance. Everywhere I turn I'm cornered by responsibilities. How can Scripture help?

Many of us feel trapped by life. Life is complicated because often there is too much to do, too many obligations, too much going on. We feel burdened and many times even guilty that we're not doing more. There's never enough time. People are demanding and sometimes hurt our feelings. We can easily become victims of it all.

Or we can become defensive, aggressive, or overly "people pleasing."

I invite you to pray the Scriptures daily. Open yourself to the Spirit's movement that's alive in the word and alive in you. Read a short passage. Think about it. Put yourself

into the scene. Picture yourself listening to Jesus speak. Allow him to use your name. Let

yourself be comforted, loved, freed, healed, and challenged to change your hectic pace in life. Instead of trying to control all that happens, begin to surrender and trust in God. The word of God can lead us to freedom if only we open our hearts to the wisdom it contains. It will probably lead you to prayer, to ask for God's help. You may find your heart opening to receive the love of God you encounter in the word. Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Luke 11:28).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that Saint Francis of Assisi gave

his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words. Preaching with your life, with your witness.

—Homily, April 14, 2013