

Practicing Family Values

"Do we have to go to Grandma's!" Children aren't the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that's what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn't come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today's readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children's respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents' protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list

of what I like to think of as genuine family values: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It's not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It's actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It's a time for us to decide whether or not Paul's list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

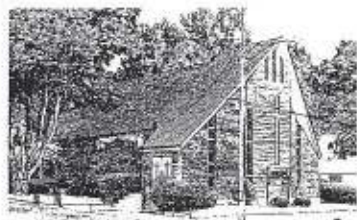
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Try reaching out in a special way to a family member in the generation before you and one that follows you.

*Those who
respect their
father will
live a long life;
those who
obey the
Lord honor
their mother.*

SIRACH 3:6





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 - See Schedule)

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 By Appointment

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 December 30, 2019

Offered For

Monday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Joseph & Della Shevokas

Wednesday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30am

† For The Parishioners

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Memb Ray & Tom Pigati Fam

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of January 4-5, 2019

Offered For

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Dorothy Flaherty

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Barb Hild

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Purgatorial Society

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kathy Bonucchi & Linda Black

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Veronica & Vanessa Schroeder

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - TBD

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen
At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm

Saturday 3pm - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 2pm

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

January 1 - Mass Schedule

New Years Day

10:30AM - St. Patrick

January 8 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

January 20 - Mass for Reparation of Sins - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 5:30PM

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$0.00

St. Patrick - \$0.00

St. Thomas More - \$0.00

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at Holy Trinity Church during the month of January in Cherry. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is prayed together on Monday there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need their help to fight the evil around us. Praying as a community has great strength to get God's attention for our needs and His help. And the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

Mass for Reparation of Sins

Every Third Monday

On Monday, January 20th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity in Cherry, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the recitation of the Creed and praying of the Holy Rosary. With the rosary prayed on Monday we will not meet that week on Wednesday for rosary. It repeats every third Monday at whatever church we are praying the rosary for that month. Our Blessed Mother wants this from us so people 9 months out of the year can receive the following gifts; we will receive peace, consolation from pain, stopping of hiding sins, not being arrogant, more humility, and the blessing of our homes. Please come!

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it is always hard to plan or prepare for, so just be cautious. Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. If the roads are too icy or not plowed because of fresh snow, the immediate Mass to be celebrated could be cancelled and my parishioners will be dispensed. But please put into the collection the following week what you would have put in for the cancelled Mass. Unfortunately, the bills still keep coming in! A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. Check with WLPO (1220AM), WZOE (1490AM) and BCR Alerts for cancellations. If you aren't signed up for BCR alerts, check with Julie in the office.

Special Event In Area

None

For The Week

As we end this year, and get ready for the next year, you need to keep in the back of your mind that God is not at all happy with our abuse of life, in this country, and in the world. Our lives from all that has been foretold will begin to get very difficult. But we can make it easier for ourselves!

God has been speaking about preparing for the new heaven and the new earth. Our life of faith is so important for us getting there. And if we don't live the Commandments and stand for what is good in the world. We can expect a long and painful death. God loves us which is why Jesus was sent to us. So if the signs begin as God has spoken, father will be telling all of you what can be done to help our lives in the coming weeks during weekend Masses. May God always bless us with His Real Presence! Please continue to have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

ADA Goals 2019-20

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$4210.00 (24%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$5289.00 (53%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$1265.00 (10%)

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.

Dear Padre,

I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?

The Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition.

Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation

(like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources

for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

—The Redemptorists | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY (AMORIS LAETITIA), MARCH 19, 2016

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 30
Sixth Day in the
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40

Tuesday

DECEMBER 31
Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18–21
Jn 1:1–18

Wednesday

JANUARY 1
Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22–27
Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21

Thursday

JANUARY 2
Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church
1 Jn 2:22–28
Jn 1:19–28

Friday

JANUARY 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29–3:6
Jn 1:29–34

Saturday

JANUARY 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious
1 Jn 3:7–10
Jn 1:35–42

Sunday

JANUARY 5
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12