

## Accentuating the Positive

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to

overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of

### *For Reflection*

*Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down my heart?*

*How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?*

prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

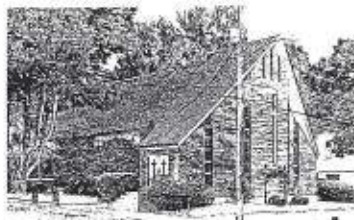
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Sinner*, detail of *The Last Judgment*, circa 1536  
Artist: Michelangelo Buonarroti  
Location: Sistine Chapel altar wall

*"You shall not hate any of your kindred in your heart...  
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people.  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:17-18).*





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 & 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) 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

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

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

**\*\*First Saturday Mass - 8:30AM (Devotions Following)**

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 February 20, 2017

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Catherine Hunter

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dean & Dolly Abney

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Jack Connolly

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dec Mmb. Winfield-Goodrick Family

**\*\*\* Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday at 3PM in Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Thomas More**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of February 25-26, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Marty Klein

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Eugene Weberski

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Carmella Kapraun

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Janice Mueller



**Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend**

**Holy Trinity**

**LECTOR**

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?

Sunday - 8:30AM - Carol Lauer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

**SERVERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kerri Herrmann

**St. Patrick**

**LECTOR**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

**SERVERS**

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Katelyn & Jerick Kapraun

**St. Thomas More**

**ROSARY**

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

**LECTOR**

Sat 5:30PM - Annie Thompson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sat 5:30PM - Judy Szymowicz

**SERVERS**

Sat 5:30PM - ?

**UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS**

**February 28** - Fat Tuesday Meal

Holy Trinity Hall - 5:30PM

**March 3** - St. Thomas More Fish Fry

- 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

**March 4** - St. Patrick's Sausage

Making - Bp. Franz Hall - 7:30am

**March 12** - St. Pat's Annual Pancake

& Sausage Breakfast - 8AM - 1PM

**March 31** - St. Thomas More Fish

Fry - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

**Last Sunday's Offering**

Holy Trinity - \$1529.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$625.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$969.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

**St. Thomas More**

**Lent Fish Fry**

On March 3rd, the first Lent Fish Fry will be taking place at St. Thomas More Hall from 5-7:30PM. The meal consists of fried fish, fries, salad, dessert and a drink. The cost for the meal is \$10 for adults and children (7 & under) for \$5. If you miss this one we will be having one more on March 31st. Carryouts are available too!

**St. Patrick Sausage Making  
& Pancake and Sausage  
Breakfast**

On Saturday, March 4th, St. Pats will be having their bi-annual sausage making from 7:30am to sometime after noon. All are welcome to help in the making. And all are welcome to purchase with order sheets in the back of our churches. The cost for 5lbs in either bulked or cased is \$18 per bag. Orders need to be in by February 26th.

With the good sausage available, there will be pancakes and Nuco's sausage for breakfast on Sunday, March 12th from 8am until 1pm.

**Weather Warning Notice**

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it has been hard to plan or prepare for so 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 will 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) for cancellations.

**Upcoming Area Events**

**For The Week**

The BIG question out of the readings and Gospel this weekend is this: AM I wise about things of this world or wise about God? St. Paul makes it clear that it is better love and know God more than to love things of this world, "God's footstool". So as we near the beginning of Lent, now is a good time to meditate on things we can do to know God better. Prayer, reading the Bible, or other spiritual reading is a good way to start.

Here is the Ash Wednesday Mass schedule:

St. Thomas More (Dalzell) - 8AM

Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 12:15PM

St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6:30PM

May God, through Jesus Christ, help us to be His best of witnesses to our faith!

**ADA Goals 2016-17**

**Holy Trinity** - \$17,472.00

Pledges To Date \$10,965.00 (63%)

**St. Patrick** - \$11,841.00

Pledges To Date \$11,841.00 (100%)

**St. Thomas More** - \$9,262.00

Pledges To Date \$9,262.00 (100%)

**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.



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February 14, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to alert you about a bill that is pending before the Illinois legislature that, if passed, would use your tax dollars to pay for the taking of an innocent human life through an abortion. The bill is HB 40, and I am told that it may pass if there is not a strong outcry against it.

Since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Roe vs. Wade*, our country has endured the termination of more than 57 million lives. We are working hard to build a culture of life by advocating for laws that make it easier to bring a child into this world. And we are succeeding – the national abortion rate is at its lowest since *Roe v. Wade* was handed down. Unfortunately, the enactment of House Bill 40 would set back those efforts by coercing all who pay taxes to indirectly support the taking of innocent human life. It is worth noting that abortion is an elective procedure and using state tax dollars to pay for it is not only immoral, but also an injustice. A far better use of tax money would be to fund prenatal services for the poor and child care for working mothers, as well as expand health care options for those in need.

House Bill 40 not only mandates state support of abortion, but it would also include abortion coverage in state employees' health care plans and the Medicaid program. Additionally, the bill allows taxpayer money to fund grants to organizations that refer, counsel for and perform abortions – otherwise known as Planned Parenthood.

It should be noted that this radical and totally unnecessary change in law in favor of the abortion industry would take place in a state government that hasn't had a budget in two years and is already facing catastrophic financial challenges.

The Catholic Conference of Illinois, which serves as the public policy arm of the Catholic bishops, has long joined with Catholic Charities and Catholic health care organizations to advocate that essential services be funded. However, as we have seen over the past few years and in the current budget stalemate, their efforts have largely been ignored by state lawmakers and officials. We have to ask why our elected representatives would turn their backs on paying for programs that help the disabled, the elderly, children in need and students, yet find the will to publicly fund the terrible tragedy of abortion. Please contact your state representative to vote against this bill.

If you need assistance in determining the name of your lawmaker, or in sending a message to him or her, go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or call the Catholic Conference at its Chicago office at 312-368-1066 or its Springfield office at 217-528-9200.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Daniel R. Jenky C.S.C.*

\*Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
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## Calendar

### Monday

February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday

February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday

February 22

Chair of St. Peter,

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

### Thursday

February 23

St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

### Friday

February 24

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday

February 25

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15

Mk 10:13-16

### Sunday

February 26

Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15

1 Cor 4:1-5

Mt 6:24-34

# Dear Padre,

## Is it ever OK to use "God" and "damn" together?

When we pray "hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to "take the name of the LORD...in vain" (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, "we bless the Lord

and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so..." (James 3:9-10).

What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical

aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what's the harm?

"A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use," wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God's name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18: 21).

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*"It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly....To insult is not Christian....Before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness."*

—Angelus, September 7, 2014