

God Loves Us Like a Mother

There is no place children feel safer than in their mother's arms. Since she provides them with all they need, both physically and emotionally, their trust and confidence is total. God tells us not to worry and gives us the reason: *I will never ever forget you. I know your needs and I will take care of them. Do you think a mother can forget her child? Even if she were to forget, I won't!*

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't just suggest not to worry, he commands it: "Do not worry," he says more than once. He knows what preoccupies us—food, clothing, work, and money. Why worry? What good will it do? Can you eat better, increase your wealth, or change your appearance by worrying? Can you add a day to your life fretting about your health?

Sure, we need to think about providing for our physical needs. We need to make good, informed, and healthy decisions. The key is to reflect and decide, not to worry and obsess. Keep it all in perspective. Life is much more than material goods and personal aspirations.

God loves us so much, like a mother loves her child. He provides for all his creatures, even for the lily that only blooms for a day. He knows everything



Piece: *The Rest on The Flight into Egypt*, circa 1510

Artist: Gerard David

Location: National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

you need and, like a good parent, desperately wants to give it to you!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What worries me most right now? Make a list and entrust it all to Jesus.

*"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.
Sufficient for a day is its own evil"
(Matthew 6:34).*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Is Located At:

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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 27, 2017

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

Ash Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

St. Patrick, Arlington - 6:30pm

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 4-5, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

Offered For

† Norma McCorvey

† Minnie & Dan Cattani

For the Parishioners

† Lyle & Ellen Eiten

† Michael Fonderoli

† August & Frances Bernardoni

† Ron & Lynn Raef

† Julie Taliani

† Robert Pozzi, Jr.

† Bernard Schwamberger

† Brad & Jackie Ratkiewicz

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Mary Jo Brust
Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -
Tanner Dominy
Sunday - 8:30AM -
Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - John Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -
Dylan Lovgren & ?

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Jyll Pozzi

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 - \$892.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$652.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1044.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

Holy Trinity Mardi Gras

We may not be in New Orleans for their Mardi Gras, the night before Lent begins, but we have our own on February 28th at the Holy Trinity Hall. Everyone from all three churches are invited! Just please bring a side dish and we will provide italian beef and fried chicken with drinks. Please call St. Thomas More office at 815-663-6201 if you will come for our ordering purposes of the beef and chicken. Hope to see you!

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.

Upcoming Area Events

February 26 - 40 Days For Life Opening Rally - Bethel Lutheran Church, 651 W. Madison St. - Ottawa - 5-7pm

For The Week

This weekend we hear the famous line from Jesus, "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Today, it is easy to forget God and His importance in our lives. Yet God never forgets us. Although it may seem like it when we forget Him. So as Jesus reminds us if we love Him and serve Him, we won't be forgotten by Him. So as we start Lent this week, we, collectively, should always know we can give God more time and make Him more important!

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.

Calendar

Monday

February 27

Weekday

Sir 17:20-24

Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

February 28

Weekday

Sir 35:1-12

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

March 1

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

March 2

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

March 3

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

March 4

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

March 5

First Sunday

of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

Dear Padre,

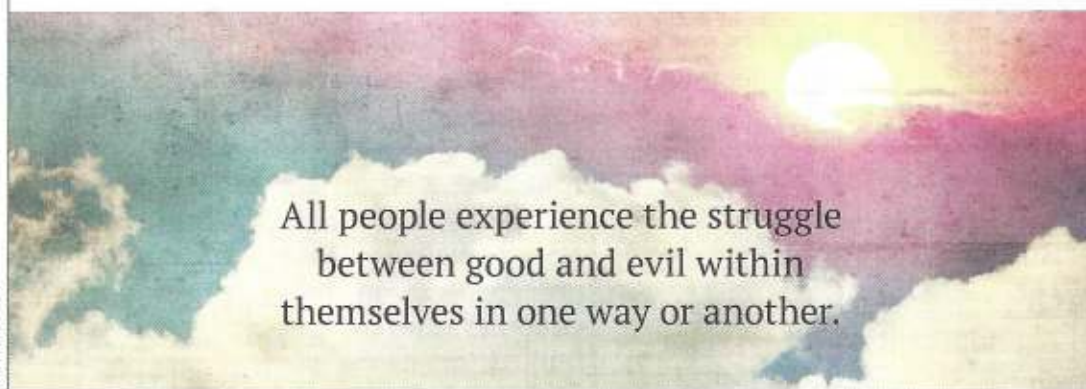
I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate.... Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.... Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

"If [your children] are crying with hunger, feed them, don't worry. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of milk.... What milk does for the body, the Word of God does for the spirit."

—Homily, Sistine Chapel, January 11, 2015