



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

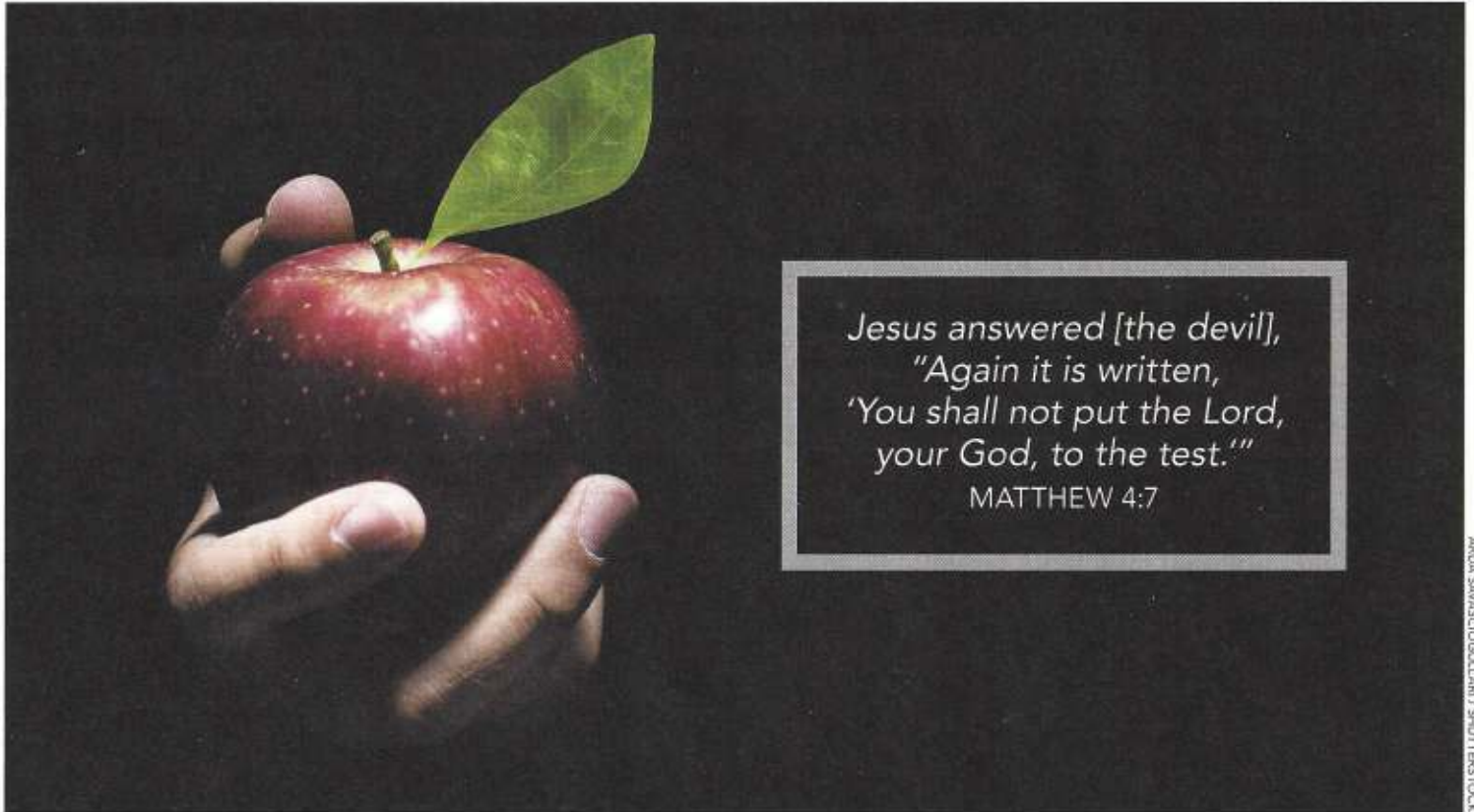
March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent (A)

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

Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11



*Jesus answered [the devil],  
"Again it is written,  
'You shall not put the Lord,  
your God, to the test.'"*

MATTHEW 4:7

## Try It! You'll Like It!

**I**f only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5).

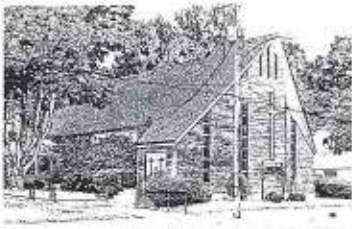
Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *In what ways does temptation sometimes trick you?*
- ★ *What can you do so you won't be tricked?*



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 March 2, 2020

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Doris Schwamberger

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Bernard Schwamberger

Friday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 6pm

† Ethan Mautino

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Al Perry

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 7-8, 2020

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

† Loretta Flaherty

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Laurence Nuco Fonderoli

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Fred Buck Sr.

**Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend**

**Holy Trinity**

**LECTOR**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

**SERVERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM -

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Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

**COUNTERS**

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Sheila Pinter

**St. Patrick**

**LECTOR**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Linda Beattie

**SERVERS**

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan & Brandon Tornow

**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**

**March 4** - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

**March 5** - Thursday Evening Lent Mass/Stations - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

**March 6** - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry - STM Hall - 4:30PM-7:30PM

**March 7** - St. Patrick's Sausage Making - Bp. Franz Hall

**March 11** - Rosary Against Evil - Holy Trinity (Cherry) - 6PM

**March 15** - St. Patrick's Sausage Breakfast - Bp. Franz Hall - 8am-1pm

**Last Sunday's Offering**

Holy Trinity - \$2849.00

St. Patrick - \$1175.00

St. Thomas More - \$1413.00

**St. Thomas More  
Lent Friday Fish Fry**

Coming up this next Friday, March 6th, will be the first of two fish fry's in Lent at St. Thomas More Church in the Hall. It will take place between 4:30-7:30pm. The meal will include fried fish, fries, cole slaw, drink (coffee, tea, lemonade or water) and dessert.

We are also looking for help with desserts if you are able to make something and bring it to the hall on Thursday or Friday before the dinner begins. And thank you for your help!

**St. Patrick's Sausage Making  
& Pancake/Sausage Breakfast**

On Saturday, March 7th, St. Patrick's will be making sausage for sales to anybody interested in buying some and also the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on March 15th from 8am until 1pm.

There is one thing we always need is help in making the delicious sausage. So if you can help us, please let Lauren Koch or Lynne Bonnell know. They will appreciate all the help given for our church!

**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 March 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!

**Needed St. Margarets Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for Red Coats, Gift Shop, Surgical Waiting Room and Hospice. Besides the blessing of helping people, a free meal is given for each shift completed. Call Cindy at (815) 878-1409 for more information.

**Special Event In Area**

None

**For The Week**

The temptations of Jesus, as we hear in the Gospel today, gives us hope that if Jesus can avoid listening to the devil so can we. Jesus had His ties to His Father in Heaven but so do we have our tie to Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. This is why the Holy Eucharist is called the food of eternal life. If we consume frequently the Holy Eucharist we gain the strength to ignore the devil and keep our focus on Christ, who is the source of all that is good.

Lent is the time we have been given to bring ourselves closer to Jesus Christ. During this time of Lent, we will have the extra Thursday evening Mass at 6pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at one of our three churches. Plus Friday Stations too! We still will continue to pray the rosary on Wednesday evenings at 6pm which our Blessed Mother calls our greatest help during the end times we are now living. Praying and staying close to Christ brings us great peace in our lives, so please join us! May God always bless us with His Real Presence!

**ADA Goals 2019-20**

Holy Trinity - \$17589.00

Pledges To Date \$17589.00 (100%)

St. Patrick - \$9902.00

Pledges To Date \$9989.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$12554.00

Pledges To Date \$12554.00 (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.

# Dear Padre,

## Is gambling a sin?

**T**he *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter....” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are three temptations of Christ....First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.*

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

### Tuesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

### Wednesday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

### Thursday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14–16,

23–25

Mt 7:7–12

### Friday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

### Saturday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

### Sunday

MARCH 8

Second Sunday

of Lent

Gn 12:1–4a

2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9