



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

## To Live By Faith

Our Lenten practices are transforming our hearts to receive the love of Jesus in his passion, death, and resurrection. Today's Gospel revolves around this theme of learning to live by faith.

The apostles take for granted that the man's blindness is due to someone's sin. The Pharisees call the man a sinner, born in sin. In their self-righteousness they judge both the blind man and Jesus.

Jesus sees and judges differently. He asserts that the man's blindness was not due to a sin of his own or that of his parents and restores his sight. He challenges the wise, educated, and insightful Pharisees by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains" (John 9:41).

While they can see physically, they cannot see the simple truth that Jesus is the Son of God and has the authority to heal, even on the Sabbath. They are so blinded by their "fidelity to God"—which is really fidelity to their distorted interpretation of the traditions and regulations God gave them—that they cannot see his spirit of mercy. They fail to see with eyes of faith.

Being merciful like Jesus doesn't mean merely condemning blind legalism, it means showing God's love to those in need. First we need to see as God sees. Then we need to love others and to enlighten them with the truth. Jesus heals one man's blindness in the hope of opening the minds and hearts of the Pharisees—and us today.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Dogmatic Sarcophagus*, healing of the blind man, circa 325-350

Artist: Unknown

Location: Vatican Museums

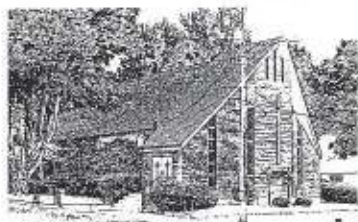


### *For Reflection*

*Are there people or groups I blindly judge? What is at the root of these judgments? To what truths am I blind? How can I work to open my heart to these truths this Lent?*

*"God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance.  
The LORD looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).*





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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 March 27, 2017

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Brian Cassidy

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Amelia & Germano Passini

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Tom Manning

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Dulcy Wiese

First Saturday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

For Vocations

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 1-2, 2017

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Marty Klein

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Ellen Enerson

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Dianne & Mary Jane Smith

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Janice Mueller



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Tina Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM - Carol Lauer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Sheila Campbell

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Tanner Dominy

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Kerri Herrmann

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Dylan Lovgren &

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Alice Berogon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

March 29 - Rosary Against Evil -  
6PM - St. Thomas More

March 31 - St. Thomas More  
Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry -  
4:30 - 7:30PM - STM Hall

April 1 - Holy Trinity Cemetery -  
Need Decorations Removed

April 5 - Rosary Against Evil - 6PM -  
St. Thomas More

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1054.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$860.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$1332.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More  
St. Joseph's Table Dinner

Thank you to everyone who provided and helped serve the delicious soups, breads, spaghetti, desserts and everything else! It was a great evening and it raised over \$500 to help the TEC/Cursillo in our area!

St. Thomas More  
Lent Fish Fry

On March 31st, we are having our second and last Lent Fish Fry at St. Thomas More Hall from 5-7:30PM following the Stations of the Cross at 4:30PM. 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. Carryout's are available too!

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary we are beginning on Wednesday nights at 6PM begins at St. Thomas More and then will be rotated monthly between the other two churches. It started with 5 people and we hope to fill the church for Mary to see how much we want her to intercede with God to protect us from the growing evil in the world. A recent message from Heaven spoke of the need to pray more fervently against the evil which is being released on humanity in the days ahead. The rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us, it will be the most important you spend.

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

"Not as man sees does

God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." What a great scripture line as to why we aren't capable of being good judges of people. God sees into the hearts of people, the whole person, where we only see what we have had the time to see. And not usually enough!

The Pharisees were the hypocrites of yesterday. And I am sorry to say this, but we see many of them in government today and in positions of influence. And it comes from people wanting to be a god without having an honest respect for God. This is why we have the Mass which gives us the opportunity to know Jesus, God better. So we can conform our lives to God through Jesus' great example of how to live.

May God always bless us  
and keep us safe!

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

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

April 2

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

# Dear Padre,

## What are social or communal sins? Do I need to confess them?

To answer this question properly, we must first make a number of distinctions. First, we are social beings. We act not only as individuals but also as groups, and we are capable of sinning each way. Sin is an analogous concept with nuances, depending on context. There are original, personal, and social sins. There are also both mortal and venial sins. When we sin as individuals, we commit a personal sin. When we sin in a group, we commit a social sin. As with personal sin, some social sins are more serious than others.

Societies that enshrine laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, and in many countries, capital punishment are involved in serious social sins. Our degree of culpability in such sins depends on the level of our participation in the group. The key distinction is whether we are actively (formally) or only accidentally (materially) cooperating in the evil. For example, if you actually voted for a law enshrining one such evil, then you are formally cooperating in the evil. If you voted against it but are paying taxes that fund such practices, then you are only materially cooperating in it.

Formal cooperation in a serious offense against God's will should be confessed.

Material cooperation lessens the degree of blame, sometimes to the point of eliminating it. It is important to examine the nature of the social evil, study the teachings of the Church on the issue, determine your level of participation, and form your conscience accordingly.

Dennis J. Billy, CSsR

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## A Word From Pope Francis

"How many Christians show...that they are 'eyes to the blind' and 'feet to the lame?' They are close to the sick in need of constant care....This service, especially when it is protracted, can become tiring and burdensome....And yet, what a great path of sanctification this is!"

—Message at 23rd World Day of the Sick, 2015