



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent (A)

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

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11



Piece: *Original Sin and Banishment From the Garden of Eden*, circa 1511
Artist: Michelangelo Buonarroti
Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

Sin and Redemption

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture—make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just as he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In this fresco, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin.

Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good

news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous.

During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so that we freely choose righteousness.

Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers—they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Have I prayed about what God wants me to give up or take on in Lent? What resolutions will help me love God more while distancing me from obstacles to his love?

"But the snake said to the woman: 'You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil'" (Genesis 3:4-5).



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

<i>Sunday Vigil (Saturday) -</i>	4:00 PM
<i>Sunday Mass -</i>	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 6, 2017**

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Monday</u>	No Mass	
<u>Tuesday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm	† No Mass
<u>Friday</u>	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am	† No Mass

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

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions
Weekend of March 11-12, 2017**

<u>Saturday Vigil:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM	† Mark Lorenzi
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† Dato & Marian Olivero
<u>Sunday:</u>	Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM	† Leroy & Lucille Pinter
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† Jerry Fleming
	St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM	† For Parishioners

Ministry Schedule
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Kathy Pullam

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Katelyn Pullam & Emily Robbins

Sunday - 8:30AM -

Corey Pinter

St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ernie Bartoli

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Katelyn & Jerrick Kapraun

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Frank Magana

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING
CHURCH EVENTS

March 12 - St. Pat's Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - 8AM - 1PM - Bishop Franz Hall

March 19 - St. Joseph's Table - St. Thomas More Hall (after 5:30PM Mass)

March 31 - St. Thomas More Fish Fry - 5-7:30PM - STM Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1169.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700

St. Patrick - \$472.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Thomas More - \$967.00

Needed Weekly - \$700

St. Patrick Sausage
& Pancake Breakfast

Now that we have the great sausage available, St. Patrick's will be having their annual pancakes and Nuco's sausage for breakfast on Sunday, March 12th from 8am until 1pm.

St. Thomas More
St. Joseph's Table Dinner

On the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th, we will be having our second St. Joseph's Table meal. We will be providing BBQ sandwiches and spaghetti, and drinks. But what we need help with are different soups, breads, and desserts. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church. There will be no cost for the meal except a goodwill offering. Please join us!

St. Thomas More
Lent Fish Fry

On March 31st, our second 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. Carryout's are available too!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

During this first week of Lent, the theme is temptations. We hear the first description of temptations with Adam and Eve, the serpent, and the fruit. Their sin of not listening to and obeying God made heaven a lot more difficult to for us to get into. And then we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil while He was in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. The devil never gives up. He never stops going after us. He thinks he can win.

In the world today, we have seen how the devil's tool of dividing people has been successful. And how people are turning to the devil to get what they want. As Christians, we pray to God, not the devil.

May God always bless us and keep us safe!

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

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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 6

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

March 11

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

March 12

Second Sunday
of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

Dear Padre,

Why is it OK to eat fish during Lent? What if I'm a vegetarian?

The other day I was grocery shopping. I bought chicken on sale for \$1 per pound and salmon for \$8.99 per pound. If penance were about being economical, I would be eating chicken. If penance were the same as living simply, I might give up both proteins for an egg or bean alternative. (If you asked my fellow priests, they might say all food is penance when I cook.)

The *Catechism* teaches, "The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (CCC 1434). Notice the last word: others. Fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent are shared sacrifices and part of our Catholic identity and duty (Canons 1249-53). The pope in Rome, your grandmother in Milwaukee, Catholics in India, and our fellow Christians (if and when they participate) are all united by this common penance. You express that unity by eating fish on Fridays.

If you are a vegetarian or vegan, I encourage you to do something additional during the Fridays of Lent to reflect the spirit of discipline and self-denial. However you observe Lent, remember: All Catholics are united to each other and to God in our prayer, penance, and worship.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"With its invitation to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia."

—Homily, Basilica of Santa Sabina, March 5, 2014