

## God's Mission for Us

When an artist begins a painting, she or he has the end result in mind. The final result, the inspiration, is what sets the artist in motion. Aristotle called this ideal the "final cause" because it was the first thing in mind (the inspiration) and the last to be realized (the final product).

When God gives life to a human at the moment of conception, he does so with a final mission in mind for that child. He gives life freely, but not without a plan.

You and I are not the result of a coincidence or a chain of chemical reactions. We began at the heart of a loving, purposeful God. God willed you and wants you! You are who you are because of God's infinite love. He created you as a unique and divinely designed human being. His purposeful hand reached out and lifted you into existence just the way you are.

Yet your creation is not merely in the past but a reality that touches you now. God holds you and keeps you in every moment of your life. With every breath and movement, God is sustaining you. Your life is a loving project of God today.

Like St. John the Baptist who was created and called to be Jesus' cousin and prepare the way for him, so you have a call to prepare the way for Jesus to enter your world. How you do that in your lifetime as well as how you do that today is something unique to you. Your life has a mission! What is it? —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Do I have a strong sense of God's mission for my life?*

*What might be some of the elements?*

*How have I benefited from other people who have been generous with their own mission?*



Piece: *The Baptism of Christ*, circa 1482

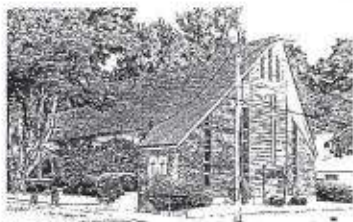
Artist: Pietro Vannucci

Location: Sistine Chapel

*Before birth the LORD called me,  
from my mother's womb he gave me my name.*

*Isaiah 49:1*





Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

3 Church Website [www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

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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 - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 9:00 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 Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

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 June 25, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Alan Ring

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† William Adrian

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Sy Pyszka

**\*\* Divine Mercy - Every Friday at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel)**

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of June 30 - July 1, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Mary Potthoff

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Richard Szymovicz

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† For The Parishioners

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Skeffington-Cassidy Family

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

**Ministry Schedule**  
**For Next Weekend**

**Holy Trinity**

**LECTOR**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jane Marincic

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Jeff Pinter

**SERVERS**

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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**St. Patrick**

**LECTOR**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Steve Sondgeroth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

**SERVERS**

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Carter & Casen Cherry

**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**

**June 27** - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6pm

**July 4** - Due to Holiday There Will Be No Rosary Against Evil At Church - But Please Pray At Home

**July 16** - Mass/Rosary Reparation Of Sins-St Thomas More (Dalzell) -5:30pm

**July 29** - St. Patrick Chicken Dinner - Bp. Franz Hall - 11am - 1pm

**Last Sunday's Offering**

Holy Trinity - \$1559.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$7287.00)

St. Patrick - \$747.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$1846.00)

St. Thomas More - \$794.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$3235.00)

\*\* (Parentheses) = Overage/Deficit of Collection

**Mass For Reparation**  
**Every Third Monday**

Coming on Monday, July 16th at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More in Dalzell, there will be the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the recitation of the Creed and praying of the Holy Rosary. It will repeat every third Monday at whatever church we are praying the rosary for that month. Our Blessed Mother wants this from us so people 9 months out of the year can receive the following gifts; we will receive peace, consolation from pain, stopping of hiding sins, not being arrogant, more humility, and the blessing of our homes. Please come!

**"Totus Tuus" Summer**  
**Catholic Youth Program**

The LaSalle Parishes presents the 5th annual week long Catholic summer program for youth called Totus Tuus! It is sponsored by the diocese to allow kids to reach a deeper level of religious education through catechesis, prayer, celebration of sacraments and FUN! Students going into grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday 9am to 2:30pm. Students going into grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday 7-9pm. Registration forms are online at [lasallescatholic.org](http://lasallescatholic.org). There is a small fee to take part in the activities.

**The Rosary Against Evil**

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 6PM will be prayed at St. Thomas More Church during the month of July in Dalzell. The weeks where Mass and Rosary is celebrated together there is no Wednesday rosary. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight the evil around us. As we pray through Our Lady of Fatima, the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

**Special Note Regarding Offerings**

The reason we need fundraisers at our parishes is to cover where our weekly collection is below our weekly needs.

**For The Week**

This week we remember St. John the Baptist. Before Jesus began His ministry, John spoke about preparing for the Lamb of God through repentance of sins. For us every week at Mass, we should do the same if we have committed a sin and go to confession before coming up for Holy Communion.

But there is something else unique about this celebration of John the Baptist today. It doesn't happen very frequently. But as we need to always be prepared for Jesus' coming down from Heaven, this weekend is a great time to look inwardly and ask ourselves if we have been faithful and good witnesses to the Gospel. If not there is no better time than now to change, especially when we really don't know if there will be a tomorrow. Please have a great week!

**ADA Goals 2018-19**

**Holy Trinity** - \$16,421.00  
Pledges To Date \$2535 (15%)  
**St. Patrick** - \$11,340.00  
Pledges To Date \$2050 (18%)  
**St. Thomas More** - \$10,917.00  
Pledges To Date \$3785 (35%)

**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

June 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5-8,  
13-15a, 18  
Mt 7:1-5

### Tuesday

June 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,  
31-35a, 36  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday

June 27

Weekday

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3  
Mt 7:15-20

### Thursday

June 28

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8-17  
Mt 7:21-29

### Friday

June 29

*Sts. Peter and Paul,  
Apostles*

Acts 12:1-11  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

### Saturday

June 30

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19  
Mt 8:5-17

### Sunday

July 1

*Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or  
5:21-24, 35b-43

# Dear Padre,

**We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?**

Jesus was not baptized in the Jordan River for the same reasons we are baptized today. Exactly why Jesus received baptism is known to him alone. Your question will be one that goes into the "everything you wanted to ask Jesus when you meet him in heaven" category. But scholars studying this question have reasonable assumptions about why Jesus requested baptism.

When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified with his people's search for God. Scholars speculate that after years of performing the duties of home and the carpenter's trade, Jesus had become increasingly conscious of his life's mission. It was time to seize the moment and begin his ministry. John balked, thinking he should be accepting baptism from Jesus—the long-awaited one. But Jesus prevailed, and a voice from heaven ratified his action. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

After Jesus' baptism, John's mission was accomplished. Jesus took center stage. Identifying with his people's sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized to demonstrate his solidarity with the people, signaling the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to baptize all nations. This would be a baptism of water and the Spirit, signifying that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*That is the purpose of our mission: to identify the material and immaterial needs of the people and try to meet them as we can. Do you know what agape is? It is love of others, as our Lord preached. It is not proselytizing, it is love. Love for one's neighbor, that leavening that serves the common good.*

—Interview with *La Repubblica*, October 1, 2013