

## Gifts to Be Shared

The multiplication of the loaves and fish is a scene commonly sculpted on the tombs of Christians in Rome. These early Christians, an ocean away, not only heard the story but believed it and sealed their lives with it. What powerful message of life and death did they find?

Aside from being a symbol of the Eucharist, the center of early Christian worship then as today, this miracle is a call to generosity. By giving your life to Jesus, he can multiply it and raise it up to new life.

Jesus sees the hunger of the crowd and wants to satisfy them. He asks what provisions they have, and all they can muster is two fish and five loaves. Andrew questions what good that

is for so many. Implicit is that it may be better to save what little there is for themselves.

Jesus sees things differently. He gives thanks for the little they have and has the apostles give it away. He knows the Father will multiply this generosity. Rather than look at what they have as a scarcity of goods, he sees them as gifts to share.

This is the radical change of heart that Jesus asks of us. Everything we have is a gift to be shared. When we live in love, and not in selfish fear of how to satisfy ourselves, then God multiplies what little we have and provides everything we need.

When the Gospel declares the apostles had collected twelve baskets of leftovers, the text shouts that God is a God of abundance, not of scarcity.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Am I generous with my time, treasure, and talent?  
Do I multiply what I have by giving it to God and others, allowing him to return it to me twelvefold?*

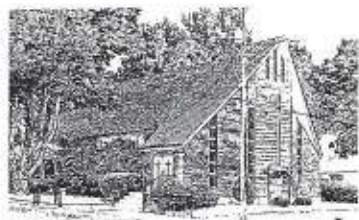


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Artist: Unknown  
Location: Vatican Museums

*Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining.*

*John 6:11*





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

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) - 8:30 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 July 30, 2018

Offered For

Monday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Purgatorial Society

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Frances, Ed, Richard, Linda Sarosinski

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am\*

† Charlie & Hazel Keutzer

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:30am

† Dorothy & Dominic Orlandi

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

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of August 4-5, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† John Potthoff

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Bill Waite Jr.

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Chris & Rosaria Taylor

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 - Jeff Pinter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Kathy Bonucchi

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Antonia Cattani & RJ Talbot

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - Ann Kapraun

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Claire & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - ?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Jean Goodrick

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

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

August 1 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy  
Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

August 8 - Rosary Against Evil - Holy  
Trinity (Cherry) - 6pm

August 20 - Mass/Rosary Reparation  
Of Sins-Holy Trinity (Cherry) -5:30pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1085.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$9992.00)\*

St. Patrick - \$746.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$2252.00)\*

St. Thomas More - \$1440.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$4044.00)\*

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

St. Patrick's Chicken Dinner

St. Patrick's is having their annual Chicken Dinner this Sunday July 29th from 11am - 1pm. The dinner comes with the delicious fried chicken, the sides like vegetables and great salads, bread and a drink with dessert. It is always absolutely delicious with all the fixins (even other Fixsen's). We hope to see you this Sunday!

Mass for Reparation of Sins  
Every Third Monday

Coming on Monday, August 20th at 5:30PM at Holy Trinity in Cherry, 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!

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 August in Cherry. 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 their help 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. Thank you for your help!

For The Week

We see through the first reading and the Gospel that God will always provide for our need if we truly need it. In a world where we think we need the world more than God, how much of a challenge is that for us? The setting of the Gospel is the northwest corner of the Sea of Galilee not far from where Jesus gave us His "bread of life" discourse. And not too far overlooking the site where the people were fed in today's Gospel is the Mount of Beatitudes.

From the visionaries of today comes the revelation that our food supply will become challenged, so how will our faith in God be when that time comes? Just food for prayer and meditation! Please have a great week and stay cool!

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

July 30

Weekday

Jer 13:1-11

Mt 13:31-35

### Tuesday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest

Jer 14:7-22

Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

August 2

Weekday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

August 3

Weekday

Jer 26:1-9

Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday

August 4

St. John Vianney,  
Priest

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

August 5

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

# Dear Padre,

**What is the “gospel of prosperity?” I heard a televangelist say it’s the Lord’s will that all people have cars in the driveway and money in the bank.**

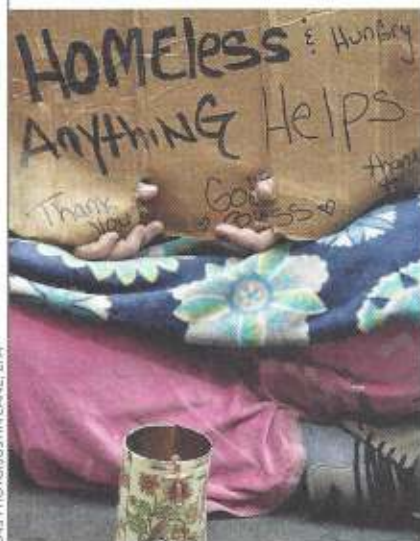
If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he could have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable and not well-to-do parents.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke deals with it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned because he was of, and dealt with, people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible with God” (1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle (18:25). It’s easier for that to happen than for a rich person to enter the kingdom. Scary words.

Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people—why they accumulate it. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God, growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded.

It sounds like the televangelist may have written the so-called “gospel of prosperity” himself, perhaps justifying his own gains. I hope not, because getting rich off the message of Christ is also contrary to the gospel.

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## A Word From Pope Francis



authentic path of humanity.

Love is not a word, it is a deed, a service ... Furthermore, it is expressed in the sharing of material goods, so that no one be left in need. This sharing with and dedication to those in need is the lifestyle that God suggests, even to non-Christians, as the

—Jubilee Audience, March 12, 2016