

## Human Rules and God's Rule

Today's painting is of the golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law. Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshipping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshipping ourselves.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power. Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).

Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22).

Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable or, even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Fresco, Hall of the Saints, 1454-1513  
Artist: Pinturicchio  
Location: Borgia Apartments, Vatican Palace

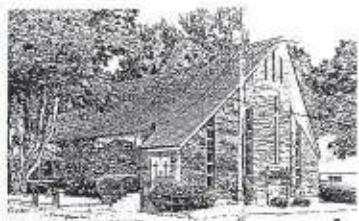
### For Reflection

*Do I look down on others who are not as generous and faithful as I?  
Is there a subtle division in my heart between those who deserve my love and those who do not?*

*[Jesus said,] "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."*

*Mark 7:8*





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) - 8:00 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 September 3, 2018**

**Offered For**

Monday

St. Patrick, Arlington - 5:30pm

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Alan Hahn

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am\*

† Ron & Lynn Raef

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30am

† Purgatorial Society

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am\*

† Alan Ring

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

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**

**Weekend of September 8-9, 2018**

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† For The Parishioners

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Frank & Mary Bernabei

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Bob & Mary Scott

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† Ann Doyle

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† A & V Pozzi/B & J Ratkiewicz



Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Heather Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - David Bernabei

Sunday - 8:30AM - Mary Jo Brust

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

Payton & Berkleee Linnig

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bruce Galloway

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

Claire & Brooke Lovgren

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Mary Ann Schoening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING  
CHURCH EVENTS

September 5 - Rosary Against Evil - St. Patrick (Arlington) - 6pm

September 9 - Religious Education Begins with K-4 (Registration Forms in Back of Churches)

September 16 - Religious Education Begins with Grades 5-8

September 17 - Mass/Rosary Reparation Of Sins-St. Patrick (Arlington) - 5:30pm

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1160.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$11949.00)\*

St. Patrick - \$436.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$2806.00)\*

St. Thomas More - \$951.00

Needed Weekly - \$900 (\$4063.00)\*

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

St. Thomas More Church  
Rav Making Starting Up

Starting on September 5, the tortellini making will be starting. St. Thomas More Church Hall is the place. Mondays and Wednesdays are the days they are made from 8am until 11:30am. Right now we have orders of 250 bags to fill so if you have time in the morning to give us a hand, we can certainly use your help!

Mass for Reparation of Sins  
Every Third Monday

Coming on Monday, September 17th at 5:30PM at St. Patrick in Arlington, 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 St. Patrick Church during the month of September in Arlington. 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 yearly expenses. Thank you for your help!

For The Week

The Pharisees always had a good question for Jesus but also with Jesus' response looked foolish in asking it! So what is more important to God, clean hands or a clean mind and heart? Jesus didn't like hypocrisy which is running rampant in our country today. Just as Jesus knew the Pharisees hearts, He knows our hearts today as we many times skirt around following the Ten Commandments and make them fit our desires.

After hearing the "bread of life" discourse we should realize that His spiritual food helps us to be centered on Christ. But more so living the words that Jesus shares with us every week in the Gospel. Living His Word from our hearts is what Jesus wants from all of us including His shepherds who have been tremendous hypocrites. Please have a great week and stay cool!

ADA Goals 2018-19

Holy Trinity - \$16,421.00

Pledges To Date \$5255 (32%)

St. Patrick - \$11,340.00

Pledges To Date \$5570 (49%)

St. Thomas More - \$10,917.00

Pledges To Date \$4520 (41%)

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

September 3  
St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday

September 4  
Weekday  
1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

September 5  
Weekday  
1 Cor 3:1-9  
Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

September 6  
Weekday  
1 Cor 3:18-23  
Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

September 7  
Weekday  
1 Cor 4:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

September 8  
Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
Mi 5:1-4a or  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or Mt 1:18-23

### Sunday

September 9  
Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 35:4-7a  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37

# Dear Padre,

**I enjoy going to the casino to gamble, but I have seen people gamble and lose all of their money. Is gambling considered a sin?**

To play games of chance, to bet on horse or dog races, or to buy lottery tickets are, in and of themselves, innocent undertakings that can be sources of fun—and even financial returns. But circumstances can change an innocent game into something morally suspect, even downright wrong. When a person gets so involved with gambling that it becomes addictive, when the welfare of the gambler and the gambler's family is jeopardized, gambling ceases to be a harmless amusement. Instead, it becomes an irresponsible practice—indeed, objectively, a sin. The sin lies in the neglect of one's responsibilities to self, family, and God.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about gambling: "Games of chance or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for their needs or those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement" (CCC 2413).

A survey of a local group of Gamblers Anonymous highlights the potential destructive nature of this activity. Within this group, the gambling addiction has led 22 percent to divorce, 40 percent to lose their jobs, 49 percent to steal money with which to pay their gambling debts, and 63 percent to contemplate suicide. Hopefully, we and others will seek healthier ways to relax or seek out our fortunes.



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## A Word From Pope Francis

We all know...how much harm and scandal is done to the Church by those people who say they are deeply Catholic and often go to Church, but who then neglect their family in daily life, speak badly of others and so on. This is what Jesus condemns because this is a counter-witness to Christianity.

—Angelus, August 30, 2015