

What Is Your Choice?

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have lots to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that today's readings focus.

Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people—namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: Blessed is the one who "delights in the law of the LORD." The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice?

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What influences the decisions you make? Television? Social pressure? Religious tradition?*
- ★ *How often do you go along with the crowd? Why?*

[Jesus said,] "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."

LUKE 6:24





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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 10:30-11:15

AM or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD In-Person Feb. 20h Class for
5-8th will be held at the Hall



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

TIME CHANGE

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

****Upcoming Events At Church****

Ravioli Making—Call to order

Phone # 815-252-2215

*CCD Classes @HT Church Hall



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

****Facebook:** Use Link on Home
Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

****Upcoming Events At Church****

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

**Daily Mass Intentions for
Masses the Week of Feb 14, 2022**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

2/15** 8:00AM **STM

2/16**5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

2/17* 9:00AM**HT

2/18**8:00AM**STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Feb. 19-20 2022

Saturday:

2/19 St. Thomas More 4:00PM

Sunday:

2/20**www.bureaucatholic.org- 8:30AM**HT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† No Mass

† Purgatorial Society

† David Brokaw

† Lawrence Lucas

† Catherine Hunter

Offered For

† Mary Nave & Family

† Mike Campbell

† Jim Smith

† For The Parishioners

Online masses Available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org - Facebook Link

Latest Offering's
Weekend Feb 6th

Holy Trinity -	\$1008.00
St. Patrick -	\$763.00
St. Thomas More -	\$786.00



Please keep in your prayers our parish family and those who are hospitalized, homebound and in nursing homes. May our Lord grant them healing of mind and body and restore their strength and spirit. Remember to let Fr. Thaddeus know or contact the office if you or someone you know needs a visit and would like to receive holy communion.

Mass Intentions

Mass intention fees are \$10 per mass. You can schedule by calling the office or sending in your requests with payment.

ST PATRICK SAUSAGE SALES

St. Patrick Sausage making will be Saturday March 5th. Call Ann Hunter at 815-638-2691 or Lauren Koch at 815-638-2224 to order. Order sheets are available in all parishes. Thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISING INFO

STM Rav/Tort \$8 bag—
Volunteers welcome Mon. & Wed. A great way to get out have some fun and socialize. Call 815-252-2215 to order Thank you for your support!



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

February 25-27, 2022

Has the abortion experience that has left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is available in our diocese for any man or women who has struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings or anyone suffering the effects of an abortion loss. If you are searching for peace and inner healing this retreat is for you. Register now for Feb. 25-27th by calling 309-264-1489 or email rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential. More info visit <https://cdop.org/office/respect-life/rprograms-resources/rachels-vineyard>



Marriage Weekend Preparation Schedule

There are two Engaged Couple Weekend Encounters scheduled for 2022. They are May 6-8, 2022 and August 26-28, 2022. All encounters are held at Sacred-Coeur Retreat Center, Henry, IL. For more information visit www.cdop.org

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Feb. 19th 10:30-11:15- at St. Patrick in the chapel



The various legends of St. Valentine

There are several legends associated with St. Valentine and how he came to be sainted. One story says that Valentine was called before Emperor Claudius and refused to give up his Christianity to become a pagan. Another story is that Valentine was secretly marrying Christian couples, a practice which had been outlawed by the Emperor. A third is that he wrote letters to other prisoners and people in the community about staying strong in their faith and Jesus' love. Whatever the reason, Saint Valentine was executed on the 14th of February in the year 270. It is said that prior to his execution, St. Valentine had cured the blindness of his jailor's daughter and his final act was to write her a message signed 'from your valentine'

WEATHER ALERTS



With the uncertainty of winter weather Be sure to be signed up to receive BCR Alert messages on your cell phone or email to alert you of any church cancellations or changes. Your safety is most important. If the roads and walkways are snow covered or icy ,please stay at home. Contact the office if you need help signing up for alerts.

Dear Padre,

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church?

Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Scripture describes the Church as "the bride of Christ." Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and "handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse—faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church.

Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles.

That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus... Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant—one that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God's—can remain with Jesus.

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 14

*Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop*

Jas 1:1–11

Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 15

Weekday

Jas 1:12–18

Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 16

Weekday

Jas 1:19–27

Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

FEBRUARY 17

Weekday

Jas 2:1–9

Mk 8:27–33

Friday

FEBRUARY 18

Weekday

Jas 2:14–24, 26

Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Jas 3:1–10

Mk 9:2–13

Sunday

FEBRUARY 20

*Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38

**Do you have
a question
for the Padre?**

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Dear Padre.**