

Love Your Enemies

Perhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus directed of his followers is love of enemies. He was not talking about people whom we do not particularly like or who do not belong to your families, ethnic or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or who take from us what we need to live. This kind of love is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called *retributive justice* and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or some form of fine.


However, another kind of justice is called *restorative justice*. It maintains that a violation of someone's rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures

society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim's sense of personal value or security. At times some form of community service is required. It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today's Gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Think of how often you have been made new by the forgiveness of others.*
- ✦ *Who in your life might be made new by your forgiveness?*



[Jesus said,] "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing."

LUKE 6:38



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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: thomasmore32@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)

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

CCD Class time 9:30-10:30

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Feb 21, 2022

Monday

Tuesday 2/22** 8:00AM **STM

Wednesday 2/23** 5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

Thursday 2/24* 9:00AM**HT

Friday 2/25** 8:00AM**STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Feb. 26-27, 2022

Saturday: **2/26** St. Thomas More 4:00PM

Sunday: 2/27** www.bureaucatholic.org- 8:30AM**HT
St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM
**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

Offered For

† No Mass

† Bernard Schwamberger

† No Mass

† Walter & Linda Rutoski

† Kathy Sondgeroth

Offered For

† Janice Rynkewicz

† Irene Koster Larsen

† Joanne Brown Oberheide

† For The Parishioners

Latest Offering's
Weekend Feb 13th

Holy Trinity -	\$2002.00
St. Patrick -	\$401.00
St. Thomas More -	\$682.00



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 communion.

"Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call Father Chase Hilgenbrink (309) 671-1550, or email Fr.Hilgenbrinck@cdop.org

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!



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF PEORIA

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels

St. Nicolas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities that serves those in need throughout the Diocese of Peoria. The individuals will be given items such as blankets, towels, book bags, school supplies, socks, gloves, canes, gift cards and non-perishable food. These items may change on a monthly basis based on need and what is donated. The ministry also has a spiritual dimension. Individuals will always receive a religious item such as a bible, a rosary, or a holy card. We will take their prayer requests and offer masses in their regions. The ministry will also offer prayer to them at the parish in the form of praying a rosary, a chaplet, or simply praying a vocal prayer with them Local stops

Special Thanks

Special Prayer of Thanks to the first responders acting quickly in our emergency at Holy Trinity this past Wednesday., due to furnace problems. Thank you to Ameren, BC Sheriff Dept. Cherry Fire Department, and St. Margaret's Ambulance service!

Lord God, thank You for the courageous men and women You have called to serve, protect, and save us from difficult and dangerous circumstances. We thank You for their sacrifices and service. We thank You for their hard work in preparing and training. We ask for a special blessing and hand of protection upon their lives. We ask that You envelop their hearts, souls, and mind with Your mighty hand.

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Feb. 26th 10:30-11:15- at St. Thomas More in the hall.



The Power of Kindness

The family gathered again for devotions before bedtime. Dad read from Ephesians four which concludes with the powerful command, "And be ye kind to another" (Ephesians 4:32). He challenged the family to put that truth into action and that he would like to hear how they would do this tomorrow. A brief reminder of that challenge from dad the next morning and the family was on their way. That evening in devotions the various members of the family reported about the many times they were kind to someone. It was quite a blessing to hear the reports. Dad and mom were so pleased. Then as the kids were off to bed, dad overheard his youngest sons wrestling as they headed upstairs. One said to the other, "I hope that doesn't mean I have to be kind to you!" To which the older said, "You have to be kind to me, or I'll sit on your head!" Dad looked at his wife and said, "I think we have a little more work to do. But at least it is a good start." story by Michael Peck

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.

Dear Padre,

Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?

The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19-20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that

contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord. That's why it's important that we examine

our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

ADDRESS TO THE ROMAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2020

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Jas 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter
the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp,
Bishop and Martyr

Jas 4:13-17

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

FEBRUARY 27

Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

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a question
for the Padre?**

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to send your question
and to learn more
about Dear Padre.