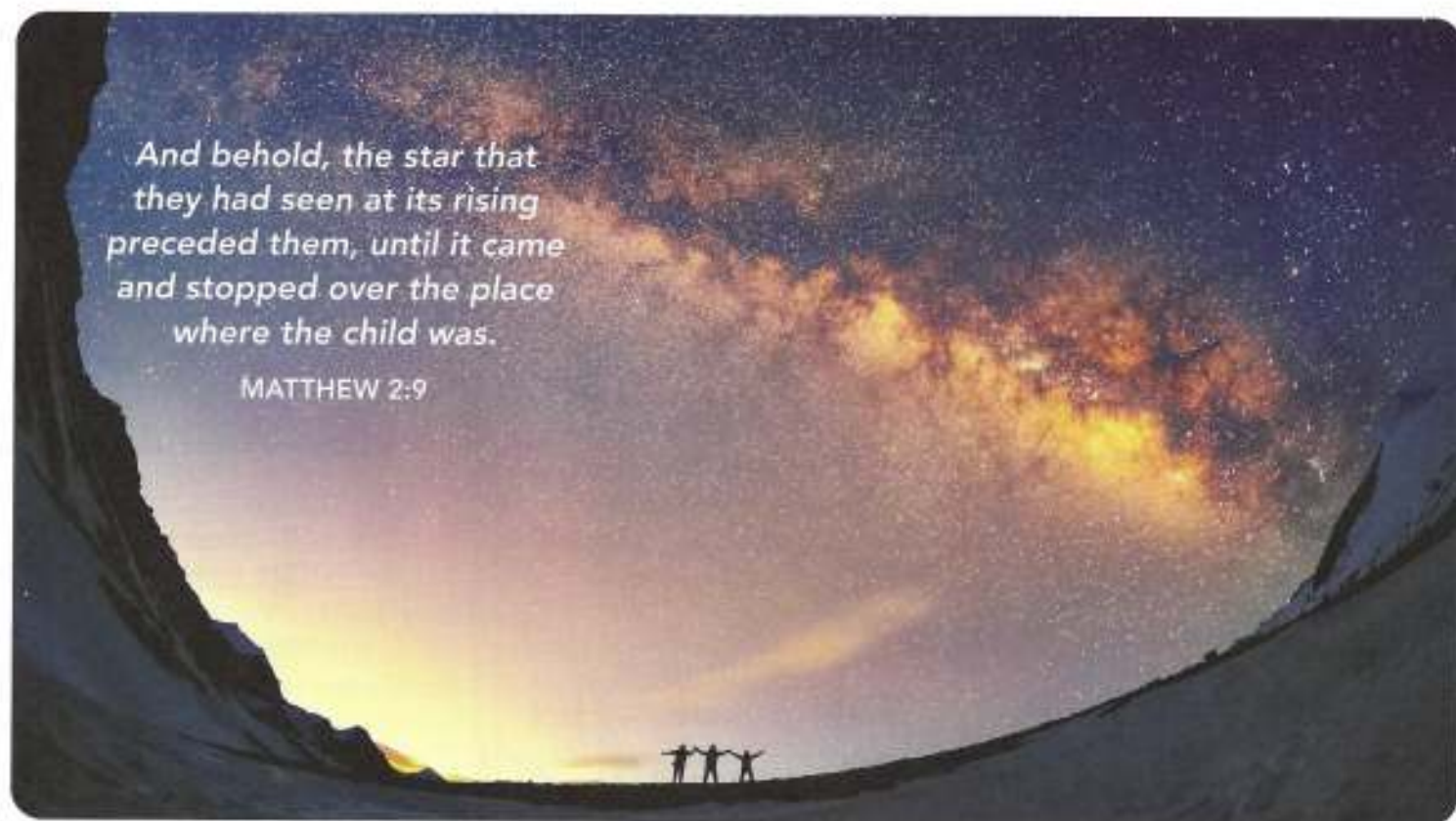


*And behold, the star that
they had seen at its rising
preceded them, until it came
and stopped over the place
where the child was.*

MATTHEW 2:9



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Your Light has Come!

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings.

"Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *What is your attitude toward new ways of understanding your faith?*
- ✦ *Pray that all people will be open to read the signs of the times.*



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

****Main Office****

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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 @Hall

There will be NO In Person Classes
for January- Home Study Only



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: StTMoreDalzell32@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)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****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 Jan. 3, 2021

Monday

Tuesday

1/4** 8:00AM **STM

Wednesday

1/5**5:30PM **HT Mass/Rosary

Thursday

1/6* 9:00AM**HT

Friday

1/7**8:00AM**STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Jan. 8-9, 2021

Saturday:

**1/8 ** St. Thomas More 4:00PM

Sunday:

1/9**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

† John & Theresa McCallum

† Bill Pozzi Sr.

† Kathy Sondgeroth

Offered For

† Medie Guisti Luckey

† Joyce Hoscheid

† Barb Hild

† For The Parishioners

Online masses WILL CONTINUE to be available @HT www.bureaucatholic.org

Latest Offering's

Christmas -Dec. 26th

Holy Trinity -	\$1372.00
St. Patrick -	\$1152.00
St. Thomas More -	\$1800.00

2022 Church Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes in back of churches. If you do not see your box and would like envelopes please let the office know.

Offering Envelopes



ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity—\$14,062

\$8,125.00

St. Patrick—\$8,619

\$6,470.00

St. Thomas More—\$9,485

\$4,340.17

Calendars For 2022

Please pick your calendars up. They are now available in back of the churches at all 3 parishes. These are sponsored by the generosity of The Barto Funeral Home, The Fiochi Funeral Home and The Hurst Funeral Home.

Fundraising Update

SP Sausage Fundraiser

On Sat. Dec 4th volunteers made 5,800 lbs of Sausage—Net \$8,436.84

Great Job! Look for next Sausage Sales in early March



Epiphany of the Lord

A Time of Revelation

Epiphany is a time of revelation. Jesus revealed himself to the Israelites and the Gentiles as represented by the Wise Men. God doesn't play favorites but receives all whose hearts long for him. May we open our hearts to receive revelation from God this year. May we rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. May we reveal the reason for which we have hope and celebrate the epiphany of the Lord in our lives.

A Prayer for Epiphany

Lord Jesus,
Thank you for revealing yourself to us. We shout for joy and worship you with gladness. We come before with joyful songs and join with the angels as they say, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men." We receive your peace and comfort. We ask that as we continue into the new year that we would remember your divinity and revel in your identity. You are a miracle working God, and so we ask you to do a mighty work of internal transformation in our life. Change us to be more like you. Let our words and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing to you. Just as the wise men followed the star, so we commit to following you. Lead and guide us. Comfort and heal us. Let our hearts be set on you as you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We adore you and give you glory.

In your name,
Amen

Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Jan 8th 10:30-11:15- at St. Thomas More in the hall



Thank All of You who helped to make our churches look beautiful for our Christmas Season!

Also a Big Thank you to everyone who helped at our Christmas Masses.

Thank you to All the children who participated at the Christmas Eve Children's Mass and an extra Shout out to Mia Walker and Chipper Rossi for doing such an awesome job reading!!

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

Dear Padre,

How is Twelfth Night related to Christmas?

Twelfth Night is another name for the Epiphany, which traditionally occurred on January 6, the twelfth day after Christmas. Since the 1980s, United States Catholics have celebrated the Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1, which is why we're celebrating it today instead of Thursday.

Liturgical celebrations are distinguished as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days). Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Christmas is the great gift-giving day in the United States. In other cultures—for example, the Latino community—the anticipation and excitement of gift-giving is saved for Epiphany, the day the Magi brought their gifts to Jesus.

We often complain about how frenzied Christmas is—how much shopping, wrapping, and baking there is to do. But Christmas should be a time of worship and acknowledging the gift God gave us by sending his Son.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is made for celebration, gift-giving, going all out. Perhaps someday we can return to the traditions of Epiphany and restore Christmas as a day of rejoicing and worship.



A woman holds a figurine of the Christ Child during Mass on the feast of the Epiphany.

The Redemptorists

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[The Lord] is our light: a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation: arise, shine, and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus!

ANGELUS ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

or Is 40:1–5, 9–11

Acts 10:34–38

or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22