

*[Jesus said,]  
"And I tell you,  
ask and you will  
receive; seek  
and you will  
find; knock and  
the door will be  
opened to you."*

LUKE 11:9

## The Power of Prayer

**I** "I'll pray for you." What a simple promise. When we make this promise, what do we expect it will accomplish? The sentence is really a statement of faith. It assumes a caring relationship between us and those for whom we pray. It presumes the other person trusts that we do care. Most importantly, it acknowledges there is so much we humans cannot achieve by ourselves, and so we turn in confidence to God that our needs are the concern of God as well.

Today's first reading is the startling account of Abraham's prayer for two sinful cities. He pleads with God to spare them for the sake of any righteous citizens found there. God is willing to do that if righteous citizens can be found. Abraham prays for people who do not deserve God's mercy. But there it was. God's mercy outstrips the most horrendous crimes. Abraham kept pleading, and God kept saying, "All right."

The same persistence in prayer is found in the Gospel passage. The message there? Keep at it. We don't know whether the praying will end as Abraham's did or like that of the determined friend in the Gospel. That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How often do you promise: "I'll pray for you"?  
How often do you keep that promise?*
- ★ *What do you hope prayer will accomplish?*



### **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

#### **\*\*Main Office\*\***

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Every other Saturday Confessions - at  
STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

#### **\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

#### **\*\* Events At Church\*\***

### **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](mailto:thomasmore32@gmail.com)

#### **Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

#### **Adoration Room**

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM—

Permanent Hours

#### **\*\* Events At Church\*\***

STM Rav Group Taking orders beginning on Aug. 1st—Orders will start being filled in September—Call 815-252-2215 to place an order

### **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.-Fri. -

9am-1pm

**\*\*Facebook:** Use Link on Home Page - [www.bureaucatholic.org](http://www.bureaucatholic.org)

#### **\*\*Events At Church\*\***

### **Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of July 25, 2022**

#### **Monday**

#### **Tuesday**

7/26\*\* 8:00AM \*\*STM

#### **Wednesday**

7/27\*\*5:30PM \*\*HT (Rosary before mass)

#### **Thursday**

7/28\*\* 9:00AM \*\*HT

#### **Friday**

7/29\*\*8:00AM\*\*STM

#### **Offered For**

† NO MASS

† Liz Olivero

† Clem & Irene Potthoff

† Jack & Theresa McCallum

† Purgatorial Society

### **Next Weekend's Mass Intentions Weekend of July 30-31, 2022**

#### **Saturday:**

7/30\*\* St. Thomas More 4:00PM

#### **Sunday:**

7/31\*\*Holy Trinity, Cherry\*\* 8:30AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5PM -

#### **Offered For**

† Janice Rynkewicz

† Michael Campbell

† Lawrence Lucas

† For the Parishioners



## Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

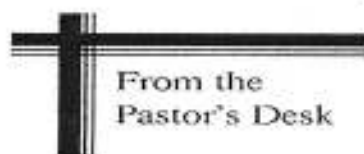
### St. Joachim and St. Anne Feast Day—July 26th

Pope Francis remarked of Saints Anne and Joachim:

*In their home, Mary came into the world, accompanied by the extraordinary mystery of the Immaculate Conception. Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their faith and love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life, down to Mary, who received the Son of God in her womb and who gave him to the world, to us. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!*

#### Prayer

O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



#### From the Pastor's Desk

Please be informed that, according to Church Laws, anyone who wants to post anything (pictures, comments, newspapers, etc....) on church doors & walls, he/she should let Fr. Thaddeus know beforehand. This Church Law applies to both parishioners and non-parishioners. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Parish Registration

If you are not registered in one of our parishes, please consider doing so. Also please encourage your friends and family to register.

Registering is important because when services of the church are needed—such as for a wedding, baptism or funeral—it is easier if the person is registered. Registered parishioners receive helpful information about our parishes.

Registered parishioners are reminded to let the church office know of any changes in address, email or phone numbers. Thank you.

## Good Deeds

Alfie Hewitt you have been caught doing good.....HT would like to thank Alfie and the Westfield Township crew for helping at HT cemetery by removing and disposing of branch debris in recent weeks and in the past months. We truly appreciate your acts of kindness and good deeds.

### Communion Blessing

Again, for those who may have missed notice last week, anyone that would like to receive a blessing during Communion time, please get in Fr. Thaddeus' line. Due to lay minister's cannot administer the blessing.



### LATEST OFFERING'S

#### WEEKEND JULY 17TH

HT— \$ 1199.00  
SP— \$ 435.00  
STM— \$ 864.00

Please contact the church office whenever a member or yourself become sick, hospitalized or is in the nursing home. Fr. Thaddeus can visit. Also let us know if you would like a bulletin mailed.



### Confessions

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



# Dear Padre,

**My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.**

**C**atholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story.

Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not

possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism.

Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.



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

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved...by he who is Father.*

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 10, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

### Tuesday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17-22

Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

JULY 27

Weekday

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary,  
and Lazarus

Jer 26:1-9

Jn 11:19-27

or Lk 10:38-42

### Saturday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

JULY 31

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21