



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

## You Decide

**W**e normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### For Reflection

- ★ How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- ★ Might God be asking you to choose something new?

*And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.*

JOHN 3:19

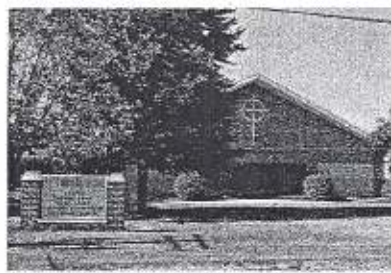


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**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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

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"Bureau Catholic Churches".

**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and  
Thursday - 9:00am  
Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

**\*Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Patrick Fixsen  
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**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

**No Events Scheduled**

**\*\*Emergency Phone\*\***

**For All Three Churches**

**815-664-8241**

**St. Thomas More Church**

302 Chestnut St.  
Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: StTMoreDalzell32@gmail.com

**Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -  
5:30 PM (Suspended)**

**Adoration Room**

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM  
Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

**Divine Mercy Prayers**

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

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

**Rav Orders - 815-252-2215  
March 26 - Fish Fry (Takeout Only)**

**St. Patrick Church  
(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.  
Arlington, IL 61312  
Phone: (815) 894-2006

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

**\*3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

Julie Hollinger  
Email: JulieHTC@outlook.com

**\*\*Office Hours\*\***

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

St. Thomas More -  
Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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

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

**March 6 - Sausage Making**

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of March 15, 2021**

Monday    **\*\*Facebook Link - 4:00PM\*\*STM**  
Tuesday   **\*\*Facebook Link - 9:00AM\*\*STM**  
Wednesday   **\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM\*\*HT**  
Thursday   **\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM\*\*HT**  
Friday   **\*\*Facebook Link - 9:00AM \*\*STM**

**Offered For**  
† No Mass  
Olivero Families  
† Connie Lauer  
Special Intention  
† Memb Ray & Tom Pigati Fam

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of March 20-21, 2021**

Saturday:   **\*\*Facebook Link - 4:00PM \*\*STM**  
Sunday:   **\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM\*\*HT**  
St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)  
**\*\*St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)**

**Offered For**  
† Dec Memb Passini Family  
† For The Parishioners  
† John & Johana Dwyer Fam

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

**(\*\*Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**



Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$0.00  
St. Patrick - \$0.00  
St. Thomas More - \$0.00

Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen  
At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm  
Saturday 3pm - 5pm  
(Re-Opened Again)

Ministry Schedule  
For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?  
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -  
?

Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -  
? & ?

**\*\*Mass Intentions\*\***

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

**\*\*Recurring Special  
Church Events\*\***

Wednesday's - Mass/Rosary - 6PM

(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook- 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In February-March

*Change to Lent schedule,  
the Friday Stations of the Cross  
will be followed by the Divine  
Mercy Chaplet. Please join us!*

St. Thomas More Ravs

The Rav Twisters are busy making the delicious ravs, with both the meat and spinach filling, so we can have a wonderful meal. They will be making them through the second week in April. And thank you to everyone who has been supporting the church by buying the pasta from us! The rav order phone number is 815-252-2215. You might have to leave a message with your order at the phone number. But someone will be back in touch with you.

Lent-Jesus' Importance

Father Pat is presenting a series on Jesus Christ by the Augustine Institute during Lent. It is a series of videos about 28 min minutes long each and we will do two videos an evening over 5 nights. The length of the evening would likely be 1-1/2 to 2 hours with a break halfway through. The videos take us to Israel to the places Jesus lived and visited along with the Sacred Scripture that applies to the various sites for the events in His life. The videos are very well done. The series is called "Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth & The Life". It will be presented at St Thomas More in the Church at 6:30pm on Thursday's.

This week the themes are "The Truth About Jesus" and "The Road To Glory, the Path of Suffering".

Confessions

The next confessions will be:  
Sat - Mar. 20 - 10:30-11:15am - in St. Patrick Chapel on the south side of church. We are back to alternating between St. Thomas More and St. Patrick for confession of sins.

This Week's Update

The readings this weekend remind us that God knows how to do great things at the right time! We, as people, who think we know what God wants often fall short. We don't always give time for God, or Jesus, to allow His work to come to completion.

In the first reading, we hear the account of the selection of David as the new king. When Samuel went to Jesse to select one of his sons as the new king, we hear how Jesse didn't really know the hearts of his sons but God did. And it was Jesse's youngest son who knew God best and it was God who wanted him to be king of Israel.

When we live our faith as we ought, we can call ourselves "children of the light". We do good works and we live lives pleasing to God, like David did. In the Gospel, Jesus helps the blind man to see. After the blind man is healed, people who had seen the blind man have difficulty believing the blind man could see. And they have great difficulty believing that the Son of God could give sight to the blind man. And if we need a reason to believe in the Son of God it is by this verse, "We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him." So please be sure to confess your sins, be devout in your faith and live God's will in your life. May God always be with you! -

Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

## My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!*

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,

Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

### Saturday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

MARCH 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33