November 1, 2020

All Saints (A) Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Who Wants to Be a Saint?

This question can be understood in two very different ways. On the one hand it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too many of the wrong "lives of the saints" to want to be one of them. So often those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. Anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, "The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive." Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does "fully alive" really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the wondrous creation of nature, and we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out. Here is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

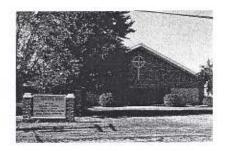
- What challenges do your life circumstances present to you?
- * What prevents you from standing up for principle in those circumstances?



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church



St. Thomas More Catholic Church



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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And on Facebook at "Bureau Catholic Churches".

Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Tuesday 12:15pm and Thursday - 8:30am Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

*Pastor of the Three Churches

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Upcoming Events At Church

All Events On Hold

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 -Wednesday & Friday - 8:00AM Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:30 PM Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-5:30 PM

Adoration Room

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

Divine Mercy Prayers

Every Friday 3:00PM

Upcoming Events At Church All Events On Hold

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

All Events On Hold

Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of November 3, 2020

Facebook Link - 9:00AMSTM Monday

Facebook Link - NoonSP All Souls Day

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PMHT

Facebook Link - 9:00AMSTM Tuesday

Sunday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PMHT Wednesday

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AMHT Thursday Friday

**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of November 7-8, 2020

**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM Saturday:

www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AMHT

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)

Offered For † Alan Goodrick

Offered For † Our Parish Deceased

† Our Parish Deceased

† Our Parish Deceased

† Special Intention

† Special Intention

† Nellie Cattani

† No Mass

For The Parishioners

† Dave & Angela Miller

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion) † 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 - Rosary - 6PM (On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass) <u>Friday's</u> - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook-3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

In This Month Of The Holy Rosary

If we watch the news, things are not good in the world or our country! Evil is everywhere! As we see these things going on, praying the rosary every day is especially important for all of us. And you don't need to be Catholic to pray the rosary!

The news out of Heaven continues to remind us to be prepared for events that will lead to much death in the world. Even things that will keep many souls from Heaven. So what can we do? First of all, PRAY and PRAY the Rosary as often as possible.

Second, our homes, farms and churches are important to all of us. We need them for shelter. And there are things spiritually which can be done by you to protect them. Pray the prayers for protection of homes along with using Exorcised Salt and Water in the prescribed prayers which are available in the back of the church or by the doors of the church. But the prayers need to be prayed from the heart and not just read. Our Heavenly Father wants to feel your sincere desire for them to be protected. And He will help us.

The Exorcised Water and Salt is in two places: St. Patrick and St. Thomas More as of this weekend. For the water, a clean sprayer that can shoot a tight stream would be best to spray around doorways, windows or other openings (like vents) to outside the home. The salt is in little baggies which should be sufficient to use for the prayers.

Third, we've started a Cross (Crucifix) drive so all of our important rooms where we live, and spend a lot of time, can have the protection of the crucified Jesus to keep evil away. Crosses are very good to put over doorways. They are even great to reverence leaving to and returning from dangerous occupations or activities (like firemen, police, medical care, etc.).

Confessions

The next confessions will in the Holy Trinity Church parking lot on Saturday, November 14th from 11-11:45am. (Location may change.)

This Week's Update

After a nice time away to pray, it is time to pray for the deceased members of our families and parish family. On Monday, November 2nd, we pray that all poor souls will be released into Heaven.

Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. Like before, we will have some 7 day candles available for \$5 each if you would like to remember your loved ones, either individuals or the deceased members of a family. I have only bought a limited amount of candles because of limited attendance so please call the office to make sure we have a candle available!

The Crucifix sale will continue until November 4th if anyone is interested in spiritual protection for your homes. Just like in the vampire movies, the devil stays away from crucifixes, so they are very useful to protect us. You should have received an order sheet in a mailer sent out last week. Also there are order sheets in the back of the churches. The crucifixes are small in size so they can be placed above doorways and they range from 5" to 7" in size and are \$15 to \$49 each.

This weekend we celebrate All Saints Day. When we were Confirmed we picked a Saint we could identify with in our lives. We hear Jesus giving us the Beatitudes. Being holy in the world today is a real challenge. Becoming a saint is even more difficult. Yet, if it is our goal to make it into heaven, being holy is attainable if we just make sacrifices in our lives. So be holy, stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever!

Fr. Pat Fixsen

Dear Padre,

I exercise my civic duty to vote. How should my Catholic faith inform my voting choices?

or Catholic voters, the selection of candidates and the policies they may enact are best exercised within the sanctity of a well-formed conscience.

The Catholic approach to faithful citizenship relies on moral principles found in Scripture and on four major principles of Catholic moral and social teaching that don't "easily fit ideologies of 'right' or 'left,' 'liberal' or 'conservative,' or the platform of any political party" (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 55).

These four principles include the life and dignity of the human person (all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death); subsidiarity (the family as the basic unit of human society); the common good (protecting basic human rights and social conditions for all, and a duty to care for God's creation); and global solidarity (especially a preferential option for the poor).







Because the Church cannot compromise these basic principles or moral teachings, our cause is the defense of human life and dignity, and the protection of the weak and

vulnerable-not a particular party or candidate (FCFC 58).

Moreover, the faith-filled voter is urged to choose candidates who not only integrate the tenets of Catholic social teaching, but who also reject intrinsically evil acts. According to St. John Paul II, those acts include "any kind of homicide, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and voluntary suicide; whatever violates the integrity of the human person...whatever is offensive to human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution and trafficking in women and children" (Veritatis Splendor, 80).

> -Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Christians are called to promote political dialogue, especially where it is threatened and where conflict seems to prevail. Christians are called to restore dignity to politics and to view politics as a lofty service to the common good, not a platform for power....To be a leader demands thoughtfulness, training, and experience.

> -ADDRESS TO BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 2 All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11

Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 3

Weekday

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:12-18

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

Friday

NOVEMBER 6

Weekday

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 8

Thirty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18

or 4:13-14

Mt 25:1-13

