

## Our Civic Duty

**B**y coincidence, these readings appear during election time. They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

[Jesus said,]  
"Then repay  
to Caesar what  
belongs to Caesar  
and to God what  
belongs to God."  
MATTHEW 22:21



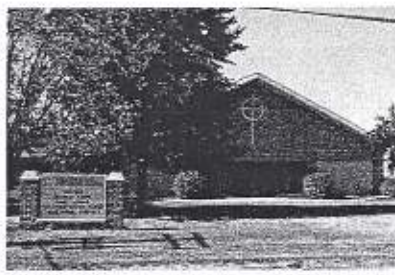
### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ How seriously do you take your civic duty?
- ✦ How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?





**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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"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**

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Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

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**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-Friday 8AM-8PM

Saturday & Sunday -

8AM Until After 5:30PM Mass

**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

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

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

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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

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

**All Events On Hold**

**Daily Mass Intentions for**  
**Masses the Week of October 19, 2020**

**Monday**

No Mass.

**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**

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions**  
**Weekend of October 24-25, 2020**

**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)** † No Mass (Only Holy Communion)  
**(\*\*Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)**

**Offered For**

† H. Newhalfen-Stegen's

† Anna Marie Jegglie

† Marion & Catherine Hunter

† Amelia Nanni

**Offered For**

† John Micheli

† Kenny & Mary Lehn

For The Parishioners



### Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$3050.00  
St. Patrick - \$786.00  
St. Thomas More - \$1447.00

### 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)

Friday's - 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 St. Thomas More Church Hall on Saturday, October 31st from 11-11:45am.

### This Week's Update

There is no better time than right now to be close to Jesus Christ. For that reason, we have reopened the Adoration Room at St. Thomas More. The hours are as follows:

Sunday - 9am - 6pm

Monday - Saturday - 9am - 8pm

There is a limit of 2 people or members of 1 family at a time. There is a sign up on our website under Mass Signups. However, if you come by and there are no cars in front of hall, please come in and spend some time with Our Lord!

The Exorcised water and salt is available at St. Pats or St. Thomas More in the halls. It is available after the Masses at those locations. There is also a limited amount available at Holy Trinity. All you need is a clean bottle sprayer. Again Exorcised water is meant to keep evil away so IT IS different than holy water and has a greater purpose for the days we are living in.

We are continuing the Crucifix sale to protect our homes. Just like in the vampire movies, the devil stays away from crucifixes, so they are very useful to protect us. The order sheets are in the back of the churches. The crucifixes are small in size so they can be placed above doorways but please check your doors. They range from 5" to 7" in size and are \$15 to \$49 each.

This weekend we celebrate the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Jesus said "I Am the Way, The Truth, And The Life" and He always stood for the truth. Today, the Prince of Lies, the devil, is ruling the earth! Stay in the Truth! Please stay close to Christ, we need Him now more than ever! Fr.

# HOLY TRINITY, ST. PATRICK & ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CRUCIFIX ORDER SHEET

October 10, 2020

ORDERS DUE BY:

October 25th

Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

All orders need to be paid for before order is placed

	5" \$15		5-1/2" \$19		6-1/2" \$49		7" \$39	Total Price
								Total Price
Total Orders								

Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Crucifix Sale



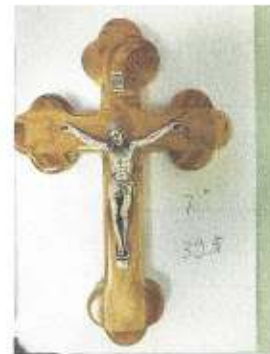
5" Cross - \$15



5-1/2" Cross - \$19



6-1/2" Cross - \$49



7" Cross - \$39

The Catholic Church recommends putting the Blessed Crosses above the doorways of rooms used frequently (ie., Dining Rooms, Bedrooms, Living Rooms, Kitchen, etc). Father can't bless them until after they are purchased. So we need to place an order for the olive wood crosses and then when received they will be blessed and provided to all of you! Please if you are interested, please call or email our office or fill out an order sheet which is available in each church.



# Dear Padre,

**As a recovering heroin addict, do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction?**

**Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?**

**R**ight, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, getting it was a crime.



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More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look

more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and, insofar as possible, healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects or broken machines; each person must be valued and appreciated in his or her dignity.*

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,  
NOVEMBER 24, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 19

*Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*

Eph 2:1–10

Lk 12:13–21

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 20

*Weekday*

Eph 2:12–22

Lk 12:35–38

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 21

*Weekday*

Eph 3:2–12

Lk 12:39–48

### Thursday

OCTOBER 22

*Weekday*

Eph 3:14–21

Lk 12:49–53

### Friday

OCTOBER 23

*Weekday*

Eph 4:1–6

Lk 12:54–59

### Saturday

OCTOBER 24

*Weekday*

Eph 4:7–16

Lk 13:1–9

### Sunday

OCTOBER 25

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ex 22:20–26

1 Thes 1:5c–10

Mt 22:34–40