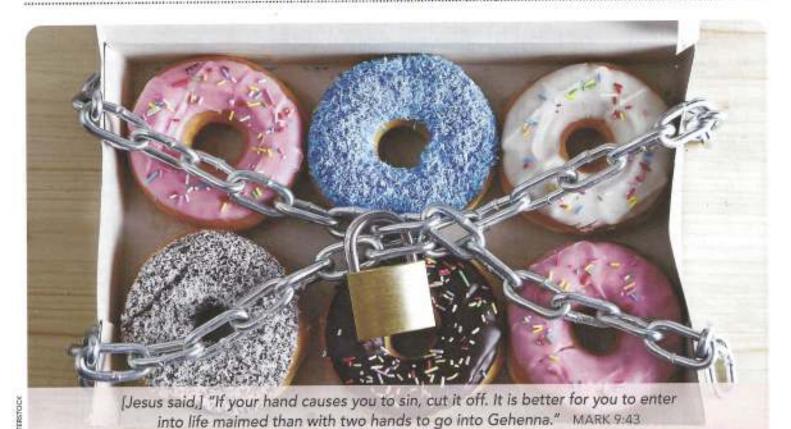
# Our Parish GOMMUNITY

#### September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



# Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or healthcare workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.
- \* What behavior might you have to give up?

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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

#### Holy Trinity Church & Rectory

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And on Facebook at

"Bureau Catholic Churches".

#### 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 Sept. In-Person CCD 9/26 1st Class 5th-8th



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 -Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM Sunday (Last Chance) Mass-5:00 PM

#### Adoration Room

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM 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

#### 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 (Hrs may vary) Wed - 9AM - 12PM

\*\*<u>Facebook</u>: Use Link on Home Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

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

CCD Sept Class time 9:30-10:30

#### Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of Sept. 27, 2021

#### Monday

Tuesday

\*\* 9:00AM\*\*STM

Wednesday

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

Thursday

\*\*9:00AM\*\*HT

Friday

\*\* 9:00AM \*\*STM

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of Oct. 2-3, 2021

#### Saturday:

\*\*4:00PM \*\*STM

Sunday:

\*\*www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 8:30AM\*\*HT

St, Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

\*\*St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:00 PM

#### Offered For

† No Mass

† Ed & Mary Mersch

† Norma Templeton

† Ed Shields

† John & Jenny Piotrowski

#### Offered For

† Mave Nave & Family

† Peter Mareta Family

†Joanne Brown-Oberheide

For The Parishioners

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

#### Latest Offering's

Weekend Sept. 18 & 19

Holy Trinity -

\$1013.00

St. Patrick -

\$693.00

St. Thomas More - \$1302.00



Caring for Our Parishioners Sick and Homebound If you or someone you know is at home or hospitalized and would like to receive a visit and communion please let us know



Giving Talent, Time & Treasure

Thank you to The Cattani Family for your donation!

Thank you to Jeremy Riel who is always willing to help with technical support!

#### ADA Goals & Update 2021

Holy Trinity -\$14,062

Update For churches next weekend

St. Patrick-\$8,619

St. Thomas More -\$9,485

#### Fundraising Updates

STM Ravioli/Tortellini and/or Tortellacci for \$8 per bag





Did you Know?

The Bureau County Senior Center in Princeton offers programs such as Transportation, Information & Assistance, Outreach & congregate meals. To learn more contact www.bcsenior.com or call 815-879-3981.

# Religious & Education

CCD Sept. in-person Classes begin today, for 5th-8th. It is not too late to sign up. If you know someone interested in registering or volunteering, please tell them to do

Sun. 9/26 First Class 5th-8th-9:30-10:30 at HT Church Hall



THANKS to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. Cards are in back the churches.

#### Confessions

The next confessions will be Saturday - Oct. 2nd 10:30-11:15pm at St. Patrick in the chapel

#### Today's Gospel

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name. yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

#### AREA EVENT

Peterstown TEC Program in Mendota Outdoor Mass Sunday Oct. 3rd 2:00pm—Fellowship & light meal to follow. Bringing teens closer to Christ.

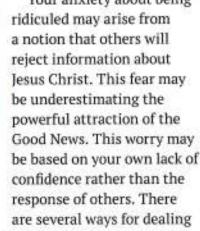
## Dear Padre,

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

any Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their **▼ ljob** but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News. Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing

> God's will and work on earth. Your anxiety about being

ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing



with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and selfcontrol. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

The Redemptorists / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

### Calendar

Monday SEPTEMBER 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 28 Weekday Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51

Thursday SEPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome. Priest and Doctor of the Church Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12

Friday OCTOBER 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday OCTOBER 2 The Holy Guardian Angels Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday OCTOBER 3 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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