



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 health-care 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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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

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****Office Hours****

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

St. Thomas More (Hrs may vary)

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

****Facebook:** 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**

Offered For

† No Mass

† Ed & Mary Mersch

† Norma Templeton

† Ed Shields

† John & Jenny Piotrowski

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

† 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



Love. Grow. Serve.

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 al-
ways 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
so.

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



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

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?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job 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 self-control. 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