

*If...you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life.*

EZEKIEL 33:9



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## It's None of My Business

**T**his statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However,

they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Is your life an example of the values of your faith?*
- ★ *Pray for those whom you love, who have left the practice of the faith.*





**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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**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

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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

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**All Events On Hold**

**St. Patrick Church**

**(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

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**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

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**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of September 7, 2020**

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Monday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT	† No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT	† No Mass
<u>Wednesday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM**SP	† No Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT	Special Intention
<u>Friday</u>	**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM	† John & Mary Micheli

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of September 12-13, 2020**

		<u>Offered For</u>
<u>Saturday:</u>	**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM	† For The Parishioners
<u>Sunday:</u>	**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT	† Joyce Gillan
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM	† No Mass
	**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 - \$2920.00  
St. Patrick - \$1745.00  
St. Thomas More - \$3631.00

### 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)  
(Rotates Between 3 Churches)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet - On Website -  
3PM - St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

Third Monday of the Month -

Mass for Reparation of Sins & Rosary -  
5:30PM (No Wednesday Rosary That Week)

### We Are Starting Limited

#### Church Reopening

Presently, over the next two weekends, we are working out the needs within Holy Trinity and St. Thomas More to allow a limited number of people back in for Mass. So if you see people in the church during Mass they are the helpers to help us maintain the COVID guidelines.

First of all, masks are to be worn during Mass, except when receiving Holy Communion, and then when leaving the Church. There are arrows in the aisles for the flow of people traffic during Holy Communion. And Holy Communion will be offered after the Final Blessing at each Mass. And we have been asked to not congregate in Church after Mass or in the parking lot. (And yes this is one of joys of coming to Holy Mass!)

As things with the virus continue to spike in our area, we just have to be careful of adding to the spread of the virus. And our officials have said the masks are one way we can help stop its spread.

We have registered with a website signuptiongenius.com for people to make a reservation to come to one of the Masses and the St. Thomas More Adoration Room. Presently, we are at ten people to attend Mass but hopefully within two weeks we will be up to 25 plus people.

For the present time, we will have the 4PM Mass at St. Thomas More on Saturday and the 9AM at Holy Trinity on Sunday. These Masses will still be on Facebook and when at Holy Trinity on our church website. If one of these Masses are missed, Masses are still available through our website and Facebook to watch on demand. Plus we have the 6PM Last Chance Holy Communion in the St. Thomas More parking lot in Dalzell to receive Holy Communion. Thank you!

### Confessions

The next confessions will be at Holy Trinity in parking lot on Saturday, September 12th from 11-11:45am.

### This Week's Update

Out of curiosity, over the past week and a half, as I was finishing up the financial statements for the churches, I compared this year from March to August to last year the same period. While I knew it wouldn't be good, we are at 1/3 to 1/2 of what collections were last year. And I am sure we are not much different than most parishes around the diocese. Sadly, the money we were down came out of our church bank accounts which are getting thin of money presently.

So, in light of the fact that still many people may be struggling financially, we need to find some fundraisers to make some extra money to help our bank accounts. At St. Thomas More, they are beginning to get ready to make some ravs once again. And also a dinner or two to be available by take out or pick up to help the church. But all three churches need some help in this area, so please think about what we could do!

This weekend at Masses we will be handing out new Missalettes to those attending Mass and those coming for Holy Communion after Mass. They will be yours per COVID regulations as they can't be shared for fear of sharing the virus. So bring them with when you come to Mass.

This weekend as we celebrate the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time. We are reminded that we have a duty to help those around us to avoid sin. Quite often, it begins with our knowing our own sins. As the first reading reminds us, our soul will be in great jeopardy if we don't help those around us to turn away from sin. May God always protect and be with us!

Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

**In the story of Noah, God destroyed most of the world. Did that really happen?  
How should we think about the world's end?**

**M**ost biblical scholars generally consider the Noah story to be a tale of God's new covenant with the people. Life here is temporary, but life with God is eternal. The story of the Flood was probably based on some historical event that was recounted in oral traditions for centuries before the story of Noah was written.

The National Geographic Society, in researching that region, discovered that the Mediterranean Sea broke through a natural dam more than 7,500 years ago, filling a freshwater lake with seawater and creating the Black Sea. This natural catastrophe could be the basis for the story of Noah and the Ark. Catastrophic world events such as war, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or tornadoes remind us repeatedly how fragile and temporary our lives are.

The biblical truth of the Noah story and of Jesus' account of the end of the world tell us that God is our beginning and our end. The world will end, but

God will not end. God's love for us will also never end. There is a spiritual transformation that will happen both at the end of lives on earth and at the end of time. We can be certain that, in the end, sin and death will be no more and God's love will reign forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*It is vital that the Church today go out to proclaim the Gospel to all, in all places, on all occasions, without delay, reluctance, or fear. We do so in obedience to the Lord's missionary mandate, certain of his presence among us until the end of the world.*

—ADDRESS TO UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES, OCTOBER 5, 2017



## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 7  
Weekday  
1 Cor 5:1–8  
Lk 6:6–11

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 8  
*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1–4a or  
Rom 8:28–30  
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23  
or 1:18–23

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
1 Cor 7:25–31  
Lk 6:20–26

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 10  
Weekday  
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13  
Lk 6:27–38

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 11  
Weekday  
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27  
Lk 6:39–42

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 12  
Weekday  
1 Cor 10:14–22  
Lk 6:43–49

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35