

*Having a Mary Heart  
in a  
Martha World*

*July 20, 2025*



# St. Barbara Parish

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## St. Thomas More Site

302 Chestnut Street  
Dalzell IL

## Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

### Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating  
between STM Site & HT Site  
in the Confessional between  
10:30 am-11:15am



## Holy Trinity Site

### Parish Office

212 S Main Street  
PO BOX 159  
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### Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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Office Hours at HT: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-1pm

**Emergency Number: 779-248-2164**

## CMGConnect DIOCESE OF PEORIA



### Reminder for all volunteers

Please complete your

Safe Environment Training that is required by the Diocese on the  
website; <https://Peoria.CMGconnect.org>

### St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 21, 2025

|           |      |         |          |                   |
|-----------|------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| Monday    | 7/21 |         |          | † No Mass         |
| Tuesday   | 7/22 | 9:00 am | STM Site | † Richard Mariani |
| Wednesday | 7/23 | 5:30 pm | HT Site  | † Connie Lauer    |
| Thursday  | 7/24 | 9:00 am | HT Site  | † Alan Hahn       |
| Friday    | 7/25 | 9:00 am | STM Site | † In Thanksgiving |

### St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 26-27, 2025

|          |      |         |                      |                        |
|----------|------|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 7/26 | 4:00 pm | St. Thomas More Site | † For the Parishioners |
| Sunday   | 7/27 | 9:00 am | Holy Trinity Site    | † Michael Campbell     |



## MARTHA AND MARY: SIBLING RIVALRY OR WHAT?

In the Gospel reading today, taken from Luke 10:38-42, we see an almost conflicting course taken by two sisters in their relationship with Jesus. In this familiar passage, Martha and Mary find themselves with Jesus as their guest. It is worth asking what in the world this passage has to do with the broader ministry of Jesus, and—frankly—what does it have to do with us? We know the Scriptures recount this with something much more in mind than to highlight the personality differences of these two sisters. The purpose of this passage is to highlight two very different ways of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This contrast we see in the examples of Martha and Mary.

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. No doubt she was full of hospitable zeal. It's not every day you have the Messiah-King as your guest of honor, and this pious Jewish woman only hoped to be a worthy host. You probably have a Martha in your life. Maybe you are her. She (or he) is hospitable, hard-working, laser-focused on what needs to get done, and makes a mean turkey at Thanksgiving.

Martha has gotten a bad rap over the years. In John's Gospel, however we are reminded that "Jesus loved Martha" (Jn 11:5). Furthermore, in the same account she displayed a great deal of faith and hope in the midst of her brother Lazarus' death (see Jn 11:22-27).

We need these Martha-types people in the Church. No one can argue that they know how to get things done. The problem is that such people often feel the pressure and are overtly aware of what they perceive as everyone else's lack of effort. We can picture Martha's frenzied efforts when verse 40 states, "But Martha was distracted with much serving." Consequently "she went up to [Jesus] and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.'" We can picture Martha's frustration, contempt, and anxiety, and many of us identify with her. We feel the weight of what needs to get done and, indeed, there is always more to do!

On the other hand, Mary's better way is rooted in sitting "at the Lord's feet and listening to His teaching." This Jesus calls "the good portion, which will not be taken away." In this we are given a picture of the core of what being a disciple of Jesus is all about. It is not about us busying ourselves to ensure His approval, but it is about *receiving* His words. According to the Apostle Paul, "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17) This "word of Christ" creates faith and is at the same time received by faith. (excerpted from corechristianity.com)

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CCD Announcement:

To all CCD Students and their Parents: Now that the end of the summer is around the corner, it is time for our parish to get ready for the upcoming CCD year. The church office will be sending out a CCD letter to all students and parents in the near future regarding CCD registrations, which will take place sometime in August. Specific time and location will be announced at a later date.

#### Rav Fundraising:

STM Ravioli/ Tortellacci fundraiser will be starting soon. You may call to place orders beginning August 1st. However, they will not be filled until September. To place your order please call 815-252-2215 and be sure to leave your name and phone number with your order. You will receive a confirmation call. Ravs/ Tort are \$9.00/bag.



#### Latest Offering's

July 13th Weekend  
St. Barbara Parish  
Total Collections:  
\$3457.00  
HT site \$1476.00  
STM site \$1981.00

#### Next Confessions

Confession will be  
Sat. July 26th  
10:30am-11:15am  
HT site in the  
Confessional