

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church
213 W Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

October 12, 2025
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17:11-19

From Father's Desk -

At St. Patrick there's something new that people probably will not have seen before, though it's in the sacristy and most people don't go into the sacristy and still won't see it. It's a cover for one of the sinks.

Traditionally, every church had a dedicated sink called a "sacrarium", which means a receptacle for sacred things. My hometown church in Gaylord has one of these—it is a small porcelain sink on the wall and it has a metal cover with a cross in the middle of the cover. These were meant to indicate that this was no ordinary sink—and so no ordinary thing is to be put down the sink. What makes these sinks different is that they do not go into the sewer system—they drain directly into the ground beneath the church. This way, whatever is poured down a sacrarium doesn't get mixed in with all sorts of other filth but is put into the earth.

There isn't much that should be put down these sinks. In the past, with the strictness of the fast before Holy Communion beginning at midnight, the priest was given special instructions if he needed to do a second Mass in the morning. Now, a priest is allowed to drink water at any time, and even take some food between Masses. Back then, however, he wasn't allowed anything. So after Holy Communion, if he had a second Mass, a priest was not to drink the water-purification but he was to pour it down the sacrarium.

Of course, he could never put the Precious Blood or a piece of the Sacred Host down the sacrarium. This is a canonical "crime" which is punished by excommunication—even an automatic excommunication—if done while knowing it's a grave offense: "One who throws away the consecrated species or, for a sacrilegious purpose, takes them away or keeps them, incurs a *latae sententiae* excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See; a cleric, moreover, may be punished with some other penalty, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state" (Can. 1382).

Because of its sacred nature, nothing else should be poured down a sacrarium except the things that it's meant for: (rarely) the purification water from Holy Communion, the first wash of linens used for Mass, excess Holy Water, etc. And those things should only be put down a sacrarium or straight into the ground. Not treating a sacrarium like any ordinary sink maintains our cognizance of the special nature of the sacrarium, and also the sacred nature of the things it is used for.

St. Patrick's sacrarium now has a cover for it. St. Ignatius has a drain into the ground, I'm told, but it is the baptismal font, and only the font itself, not the sink on the back side of the font. I don't believe St. Finbarr has a sacrarium.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Oct. 14, 8:30 AM for Richie King †
Sun., Oct. 19, 8:30 AM for Joseph Blahník †

Offering from Oct. 5, 2025 – Week 14

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,253.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 38,795.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 17,848.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Oct. 19, 8:30 AM

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Becky Oehlke / Kristie Skifter
Lector: Dawn Stier
Servers: Kaylee Davis / Chael Stier
Ushers: Dom Stier / Lori Baldus
Counters: Dawn Stier / Trudy Swanson

- **The Family of Lois Gehling** would like to thank Father Parrott and Deacon Kluczny for the beautiful funeral Mass, Lynee Davis for the music, and Jenny Gehling, Lori Stier, and all who helped with the food. May she rest in peace.
- **Boxes of Joy** are available. Adopt a box, bring gift items, or make donations to Cross Catholic Outreach. Gift Idea sheets available on bulletin board.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Oct. 15, 8:30 AM for Jodi Miller
Sat., Oct. 18, 5:00 PM for Richard & Matthew Kruse †

Offering from Oct. 4, 2025 – Week 14

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,016.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 18,557.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 22,444.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Oct. 18, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Utz
Gifts: Rod & Shirley Miller
EMHC: Jim Yoch
Lector: Barb Payne
Servers: Clara Rohrer / Jaeden Huff
Ushers: Chris Lentz / Nick Kasel
Counters: Tom Winkels / Jessica Yoch

- **St Patrick Fall Dinner and Basket Raffle** is Sunday, November 2, serving from 11am-1pm. Please sign up in the back of church for food donations and work times. Anyone wishing to donate an item for the basket raffle, please contact Elaine Mills @ 507-440-0674 or elainemills55@gmail.com.
- **Boxes of Joy:** 10 boxes remain to reach our goal of 100. Please consider taking one or more boxes from the back of church and returning them by Sunday, October 26.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Oct. 16, 8:30 AM for Jerry Markham †
Fri., Oct. 17, 8:30 AM for Wayne Miesner †
Sun., Oct. 19, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Oct. 5, 2025 – Week 14

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,728.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 18,770.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 21,859.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Oct. 19, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Bill & Sue Puffer
Gifts: Bill Mettler Family
EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Chari Kruegel
Lector: John Glady
Servers: Scarlett Marcom / Avery Reiter
Ushers: Paul Mettler / Joe Mulhern
Counters: Klockeman / O'Connell

- **Boxes of Joy:** Help us fill 120 Boxes. A list of items needed is on the Boxes of Joy table in the Narthex.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, October 14. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life** will be taking orders for Christmas Decor after Mass Sept. 28 -- Oct. 26. Items will be delivered on Nov. 23.
- **The Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley** has selected Spring Valley's EMS Coordinators Lucy Drinkall, Sue Puffer and Mike Zimmer as their 2025 Citizens-of-the Year. Lucy, Sue and Mike will be recognized by the Kiwanis Club, Sunday, October 12, at the Spring Valley Community Center. There will be a reception starting at 1:00 PM with the program starting at 1:30. All are welcome.

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- **October is Respect Life Month.** Live out the message of the month by joining the Catholic Charities Baby Bottle campaign. This campaign supports local new and expectant mothers through Catholic Charities Child and Family Services with essentials like rent, utilities, and baby supplies. Your support gives new and expectant mothers the help they need so they can choose life with hope and dignity. Last year the Diocese of Winona-Rochester raised over \$70,000! Pick up a bottle in the church Narthex and fill it with your spare change during the month of October. Baby bottles should be returned the weekend of October 25 and 26. Your generosity is appreciated.
- **Pray the Rosary** - Pope Leo: "I invite everyone, each day of October, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community." Remember this year is the first year of the Rosary in a Year podcast, too.
- **7 Sisters Apostolate** - We are off to a good start, yet we are still looking for a few more women to commit to pray for one hour a week for our dear Father Parrott. We have spots on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. If you could commit, please call or text Pam Walsh at 507-421-9438. You could be from any of the tri-parishes.
- **Second Collection** – next week for Propagation of Faith (World Mission Sunday). This day is celebrated in all churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.
- **Winona-Rochester Diocese CCW Convention** – Sat., Oct. 11, St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Registration and breakfast at 7:45 am followed by rosary, meeting and speakers. All are welcome for an inspirational day!
- **A Life Saved:** 6:30 PM Sun., Oct. 12 Valley Christian Center, 610 Territorial Road, Spring Valley: Doors open at 6 PM. Freewill offering appreciated. Speaker, Author, Abortion Survivor, Robin Sertell will share a story of healing and courage.
- **The Wykoff United Methodist Church Clothing Drive and Giveaway** Clothing giveaway at the Wykoff Commons will be on Sat., Oct. 18 and 25 from 10 AM to 1:30 PM and Wed., Oct. 22 and 29 from 4-7 PM.
- **Courier:** The October edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Parrott along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	10/22, 29
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	10/22, 29

St. Patrick

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	10/22, 29
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	10/22, 29

St. Ignatius

Class	9-10:20 AM	10/12, 26
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	10/22, 29
Youth Mass	10:30 AM	10/26

No classes 10/15 or 19. MEA

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius
Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius	Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Todd Mlenar
Diane Reineke	Kathleen Domaille
David Geary	Marilyn Calkins
Cheri Jose	Karen Sanford
Sandy Stern	Maxine Mlenar
Jason Emanuel	

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.

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NEW! Tri-Parish Website: www.fmparishes.org

Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements for infant baptism are made at least one month in advance. A one-hour Pre-Jordan session is required for parents who have not participated in one previously. Baptism is preferably celebrated during the Mass on Saturday or Sunday. To make arrangements, contact Fr. Parrott.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of meetings and a marriage encounter weekend. This sacrament is not celebrated during Lent or Holy Week.

Confession: This is offered before the Saturday Mass from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., before or after daily Mass in the respective parishes or by appointment with Fr. Parrott or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.