

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 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4: 2; Luke 18:1-8

From Father's Desk -

In this weekend's bulletin you will find our annual financial reports. These cover the prior fiscal year from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. As you can see, all three parishes had a surplus and were in the black. This is thanks to our parish donors who support the work of the Church here in our cluster. Thank you all for your sacrificial support. Every little bit helps. It also assists with caring for our churches going into the future for the generations to come. I want to thank, as well, all of our finance council members at each parish who diligently look over the statements and activities of the parishes four times a year. Each finance council has approved a budget for this year and all are projecting to be in the black again. Your contributions make this happen.

Our cemeteries are also in pretty good shape financially. This year we have a special occurrence, however, which kind of brings our cemeteries to mind. In two weeks, November 2nd falls on Sunday. So this year, we will celebrate All Souls Day on Sunday. Our Sunday Masses will be dedicated to All Souls Masses. I will wear the traditional black color for the vestments that day, for "Requiem Masses" (requiem means "peace"). As well, I think it's a good thing to continue to support our cemeteries financially and, having discussed it with the cemetery committees, we decided to take up a second collection on All Souls Day for our cemeteries. Your supporting the sacred resting places for our loved ones will be helpful and much appreciated.

The day before All Souls Day is All Saints Day, of course. It is generally a Holy Day of Obligation, but since it falls on Saturday this year, the USCCB has a policy in place that the obligation is lifted and the day is not a day of obligation. This year, therefore, November 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation. I will offer one Mass on Saturday morning, on November 1, which will be an All Saints Day Mass for any who wish to attend. The evening Mass on November 1 at St. Patrick will be an All Souls Day Mass in anticipation of the Sunday celebration, as we are instructed to do by the powers that be.

Lastly, as this is World Mission Sunday, the mission of the Church continues in times of strife and persecution. It is preferable to have peace, for the dignity of all and for the promotion of human flourishing and the Gospel. We can be mindful this weekend for the peace process in the Middle East that has begun. We thank God for His inspiration through many different people to make this happen. And we pray that it endures. We pray that innocent life is no longer subjected to terror and violence, and that the higher aspirations which accord with our dignity in Christ may abound.

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Oct. 21, 8:30 AM for Fran and Barb Stier
Sun., Oct. 26, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Oct. 12, 2025 – Week 15

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,305.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 40,058.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 25,963.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Oct. 26, 8:30 AM

Opener: Dawn Stier
EMHC: Dawn Stier / Kristal Brogan
Lector: Adyson Brogan
Servers: Sean Brogan / Colton Meyerhofer
Ushers: Chris Stier / Terry Weelborg
Counters: Dylan Davis / Dom Stier

- **Boxes of Joy:** Please return them by Sunday, October 26.
- **Henrietta Bushman** passed away on Thursday, Oct. 9. Her funeral Mass was yesterday here at St. Finbarr. Please pray for Henrietta and her family. May she rest in peace.
- **From the Alice Snyder Family:** Thank you to the St. Finbarr Catholic Church family for your kindness and thoughtfulness at the passing of our Mom, Grandma, and Great-Grandma. Thanks to the kitchen ladies, helpers, and volunteers for a great lunch. Mom always told us to go to Church and Confession. She never told us to say the Rosary. We learned that from her example.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Oct. 22, 8:30 AM for Kurt Fuhrmann
Sat., Oct. 25, 5:00 PM for Patty Schwering †

Offering from Oct. 11, 2025 – Week 15

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,231.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 20,340.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 25,129.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Oct. 25, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EMHC: Tony Arndorfer
Lector: Youth
Servers: Youth
Ushers: Youth
Counters: Paul Yoch / Travis Lewis

- **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:** Please return them by Sunday, October 26.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Oct. 23, 8:30 AM for William & Eleanore Jones and Family
Fri., Oct. 24, 8:30 AM for Deceased of Nintemann Family
Sun., Oct. 26, 10:30 AM for Carroll Evers †

Offering from Oct. 12, 2025 – Week 15

Weekly Support:	\$ not rec'd
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 18,770.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 30,153.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Oct. 26, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Bob Capelle
Lector: Youth
Servers: Youth
Ushers: Youth
Counters: Rahe / Czapiewski

- **Boxes of Joy:** On Sunday, October 26th, right after Mass, we will put boxes together and share a light lunch.
- **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life** will be taking orders for Christmas Decor after Mass until Oct. 26. Items will be delivered on Nov. 23.



OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be starting up on Thursday, October 23, at 6:45 pm. This is an opportunity for those wishing to become Catholic to learn more about the faith and prepare with a group of others in similar situations. It can also be attended by adult Catholics who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to be Confirmed. Or if you just want to learn more about your faith, come to OCIA.

Meetings are at St. Ignatius from 6:45 – 8:00 pm. We start in church. Contact Fr. Parrott with questions.

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- **October is Respect Life Month.** Live out the message of the month by joining the Catholic Charities Baby Bottle campaign. 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 next weekend, 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.
- **Legacy Planning:** You're invited to St. Mary's in Chatfield on November 8 at 10 am for Part 1 of Preparing your Legacy with Grace & Intention, a free seminar on end-of-life spirituality and estate planning rooted in Catholic values. Fr. Nicholas Gawarecki will speak on Living the Faith in Retirement and the Final Chapter. Elizabeth Williams, director of the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota, will present on The Importance of Your Estate, Estate Planning Team, and how to begin organizing your records for peace of mind and clarity. For more info or to RSVP, contact Elizabeth at ewilliams@catholicfsmn.org or 507-218-4098. RSVPs encouraged but not required.
- **Second Collection** – this 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.
- **Austin Area Council of Catholic Women** quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, Sacred Heart Church in Hayfield. Registration is 11 am with Mass at 11:30 am followed by lunch, Sister Blandina Segale guest speaker and the meeting. All women are welcomed to take part in this uplifting day!
- **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.
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Parrott along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended.
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin & Announcements:** Please e-mail Mary with bulletin additions by 9 AM Wednesdays. Announcements to Mary by Thursdays at 9 AM. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.



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	10/26, 11/2
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.