

# *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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5, 2025**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10**

## **From Father's Desk -**

From time to time it's good to remember the power of the Psalms in prayer. The Breviary (or the Liturgy of the Hours) is based largely around the Psalms. The older breviary used to pack all 150 Psalms into one week—it was a lot of prayer for priests and religious! The new breviary now breaks about 143 Psalms into a four week cycle. (Apparently, about seven of them are “too offensive” to pray in the new breviary.)

The Psalms are prayed throughout the Mass, as well. Of course, we think of the Responsorial Psalm, but sometimes they are used in the antiphons—either for the entrance or communion, or if using the official chant book, those are even longer and there's an added one for the offertory.

It is commonly said the Psalms contain the whole range of human experience: rejoicing, suffering, resignation, anger, gratitude, fear, trust, and more. “There's a Psalm for every occasion,” as it were.

Our parishes have lost four parishioners in the last two weeks. We could pray Psalm 77:

I cry aloud to God, I cry to God to hear me. On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are stretched out unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled. When I think of God, I groan; as I meditate, my spirit grows faint. You have kept me from closing my eyes in sleep; I am troubled and cannot speak. I consider the days of old; the years long past I remember. At night I ponder in my heart; and as I meditate, my spirit probes: “Will the Lord reject us forever, never again show favor? Has God's mercy ceased forever? The promise to go unfulfilled for future ages? Has God forgotten how to show mercy, in anger withheld his compassion?”

The Psalm eventually ends by recalling God's mighty deeds in the past, which strikes a note of hope for future mighty deeds. But it can express some of the feeling of loss and emptiness. There is always hope, of course. And given our fallen nature, there's a certain sense of God's time having come for our loved ones to be called on to the next life. That doesn't make it easy, but it can hearken us to rouse up courage and perseverance as did our forebears in the faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tues., Oct. 7, 8:30 AM for Leo Barnes †  
Sun., Oct. 12, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Oct. 12, 8:30 AM

Opener: Tye Davis  
EMHC: Troy Gehling / Dawn Stier  
Lector: Denice Gehling  
Servers: Evan Davis / Ryan Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Jim Davis / Clint Weiss  
Counters: Clint Weiss / Susan Baldus

### Offering from Sept. 28, 2025 – Week 13

Weekly Support: \$ 1,022.00  
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,646.00  
YTD Support Received: \$ 37,447.00  
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 16,046.00

- **Mission Circle** will meet Tuesday, October 7, 1:00 PM at church. Everyone is welcome.
- **St. Finbarr Cemetery:** Thank you to Eric Gehling who has served as a trustee for our cemetery and taken care of many required responsibilities. Eric has resigned the position. Andy Marx has taken on the trustee responsibility for our cemetery, alongside Jim Davis. Please contact Andy with your cemetery questions or if you are interested in purchasing a plot.
- **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.
- **Alice Snyder** passed away on Sept. 27. Her funeral was Saturday morning at 11 AM. Please pray for Alice and her family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wed., Oct. 8, 8:30 AM for Sara Kasel  
Sat., Oct. 11, 5:00 PM for Deceased Rickerl Relatives

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Oct. 11, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh  
Gifts: Jim & Jessica Yoch  
EMHC: Jennifer Lewis  
Lector: Vicky Nolt  
Servers: Tyler Huff / Vanessa Lewis  
Ushers: Loren Rickerl / Tom Winkels  
Counters: Cathy Yoch / Jennifer Lewis

### Offering from Sept. 27, 2025 – Week 13

Weekly Support: \$ 921.00  
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,365.00  
YTD Support Received: \$ 17,541.00  
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 18,709.00

- **Annual Fatima Rosary Rally** is at St. Patrick, October 11 at 12 noon. Please come and join us!
- **Boxes of Joy** can be picked up in the back of church and must be returned by Sunday, October 26.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Thur., Oct. 9, 8:30 AM for Lyman Mulhern †  
Fri., Oct. 10, 8:30 AM for Verlys Homme †  
Sun., Oct. 12, 10:30 AM for Don & Barb Wannarka †

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Oct. 12, 10:30 AM

Greeters: De Vreeman & Pam Walsh  
Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys  
EMHC: Bob Capelle / John Gladys  
Lector: Candis Wiste  
Servers: Jimmy Mettler / Nadalie Oeltjen  
Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / John Mulhern  
Counters: Christian / Czapiewski

### Offering from Sept. 28, 2025 – Week 13

Weekly Support: \$ 2,015.00  
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00  
YTD Support Received: \$ 17,042.00  
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 21,859.00

- **Boxes of Joy:** Help us fill 120 Boxes. A list of items needed is on the Boxes of Joy table in the Narthex.
- **7 Sisters Apostolate:** We are hoping for at least 14-21 women to commit to pray for an hour a week for Father Parrott. Gather with us today after mass for potluck, organizational meeting and an hour of prayer together.
- **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.
- **Ron Neis** passed away on Sept. 23. His funeral was Thursday at 2 PM. Please pray for Ron and his family. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## Tri-Parish News

- **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 the coming month, 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.
- **Immaculate Conception Church** of rural Kellogg will hold their annual fall festival on Sunday, October 5. Serving chicken and ham from 11 AM to 1:30 PM (dine-in or take-out). Big Ticket Raffle, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, 50/50 Cash Raffle, Garden Produce, and Grocery Cart Raffle. Handicap Accessible. Mass at 8:30 AM.
- **Immaculate Conception Church** of Riceville, IA will have a drive thru meal on Sunday, October 5 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM or until gone. Roast beef, ham and trimmings. \$17. Quilt raffle too!
- **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** will be accepting donations Thurs., Oct. 9 from 3-7 PM and Fri., Oct. 10 from 1-7 PM at the Wykoff Commons. Clothing giveaway 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 on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: [dowr.org](http://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	10/8, 22
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	10/8, 15

### St. Patrick

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	10/8, 22
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	10/8, 15

### St. Ignatius

Class	9-10:20 AM	10/5, 12
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	10/8, 15

**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](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com).*

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**NEW! Tri-Parish Website:** [www.fmparishes.org](http://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.*