



ST. IGNATIUS

213 W Franklin St
Spring Valley, MN 55975



ST. FINBARR

504 1st St SW
Grand Meadow, MN 55936



ST. PATRICK

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LeRoy, MN 55951

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Dec 2	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Annette S
Wed, Dec 3	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Sara Kasel
Thur, Dec 4	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Ed Schommer
Fri, Dec 5	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Karen Miesner
Sat, Dec 6	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Alvira Klockeman
	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Tom Hovde
Sun, Dec 7	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Helen Stier
	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Adoration & Confession

Tues	9:00-9:30 AM	Adoration	St. Finbarr
Wed	9:00-9:30 AM	Adoration	St. Patrick
Thur	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	Adoration	St. Ignatius
	6:45 PM	Benediction	St. Ignatius
1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Confession	St. Ignatius
Sat	4:15-4:45 PM	Confession	St. Patrick
Sun	8:00-8:20 AM	Confession	St. Finbarr

Or Confession by appointment. Call Father Parrott at the office or Father Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Infant Baptism

Reach out to Father to arrange your child's baptism as soon as possible, even before the birth. A baptism preparation is required for first-time parents.

Matrimony

Recently engaged? Contact Father soon to prepare for this holy union. Marriage preparation (meetings with Father, with a mentor couple, and a usually a Pre-Cana retreat) is required for at least six months before your wedding.

OCIA

Everyone is invited to follow Christ in the Catholic Church. Call the office to inquire about becoming Catholic. OCIA meets at St. Ignatius on most Thursdays at 6:45 pm.

Care of the Sick

For Holy Communion for you or a family member who can no longer come to Mass, contact the office. Any who are gravely ill or in danger of death should be anointed. The Anointing of the Sick cannot be given after death.

From Father's Desk

As you can see, we have revised the bulletin. This redesign is hopefully pleasing to the eye. We still have all of the information as the old design, except for the Sunday Scripture references on the front. We have added a couple things on the front about the sacraments that weren't in the old design. One key priority in the redesign was putting the Mass times and intentions up first, right on the front page.

Since it's new with this new design, take note regarding the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. I know it sounds kind of jarring, but I want to emphasize the importance of this sacrament and that it is not given after death. The sacraments are for the living, and so please make sure your loved ones know that they should always call for a priest beforehand.

Please take note, we have a Holy Day of Obligation coming up: the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8. As this is our patronal feast in the United States of America, the bishops have long ago decided that even when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, we will still observe the feast as a day of obligation. Mass times are:

Mon, Dec 8	St. Patrick, LeRoy	8:30 am
Mon, Dec 8	St. Ignatius, Spring Valley	12:10 pm
Mon, Dec 8	St. Finbarr, Grand Meadow	6:15 pm

There is in Washington, DC, the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a beautifully constructed great church in our nation's capitol which stands as a place of pilgrimage for all Americans to visit, if you ever visit DC. I have had the chance once to visit there, and was awe-inspired. In the lower level, I had the chance to go to confession! They also had a small collection of articles from the life of Pope St. John Paul II.

Today we begin the season of Advent. You'll notice the purple on our altar cloth. Of course, we set out our Advent wreaths and bless them, lighting a candle week by week to commemorate our weekly advancement towards the celebration of Christmas. Hope, expectation, longing, yearning, anticipation—all of these are attitudes which the season instills in us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us (n. 524):

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming. By celebrating the precursor's (St. John the Baptist's) birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, December 7

Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill
Gifts: De Vreeman & Chari Kruegel
EMHC: Bill Mettler & Bob Capelle
Reader: Joanie Betsinger
Servers: Jimmy Mettler & Nadalie Oeltjen
Ushers: Paul Klockeman & Joe Mulhern
Counters: Klockeman & Mulhern

Offering from November 23 – Week 21

Weekly Support:	\$	1,165.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	28,065.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	43,017.00

Announcements

- Thank You! The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped with the pork chop dinner – especially those who donated brownies and all the young helpers. We were able to present a check for \$1850 to the food shelf.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers: The Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley is looking for volunteers at the Salvation Army kettle at Sunshine Foods starting Monday, November 24 to Tuesday, December 30. Please sign up at www.springvalleyeda.org.
- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, December 9. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel!



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Dec 3 & 10
Christmas Program	8:30 AM	Dec 17

St. Patrick

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Dec 3 & 10
Christmas Program	5:00 PM	Dec 13

St. Ignatius

Christmas Practice	9:00-11:00 AM	Dec 6
Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Dec 7 & 14
Confirmation Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Dec 3 & 10
Christmas Program	10:30 AM	Dec 14

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, December 7

Opener: Diana Weiss
EMHC: Nicole Meyerhofer & Ellen Olson
Reader: Susan Baldus
Servers: Kaylee Davis & Brody Meyerhofer
Ushers: Logan Marx & John Warmka
Counters: Dylan Davis & Lori Stier

Offering from November 23 – Week 21

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,507.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 49,661.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 33,277.00

Announcements

- Mission Circle will meet Tuesday Dec 2, 1 PM at church. Everyone is welcome.



St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, December 6

Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller
Gifts: Jim & Jessica Yoch
EMHC: Kathy Stern
Reader: Kate Rohrer
Servers: Hannah Huff & Natalie Bunne
Ushers: Tom Winkels & Nick Kasel
Counters: Mike Arndorfer & Tom Winkels

Offering from November 22 – Week 21

Weekly Support:	\$ 802.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 26,923.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 32,602.00

Announcements

- Help the LeRoy Lions support our LeRoy Ambulance Crew by signing up to provide cookies for their annual cookie walk fundraiser held on Saturday, December 6th. Please sign up in the back of church or call or email Barb Payne.

Community News

- Nativity House of Austin: The Austin Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to visit this incredible collection of over 900 nativity sets celebrating the birth of Jesus. They are displayed in the Queen of Angels school building, 1001 Oakland Ave East, every Sat. (noon-5) and Sun. (10-5) now through Jan. 11.
- Students Grades 8-12: The Minnesota State March for Life on Jan. 22, 2026, is a great way to pause and reflect on the God-given dignity of every human life. Throughout the day we'll take part in the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul, hear from individuals and organizations who are working to make our state more pro-life in every way, and of course walk together so our law makers and fellow Minnesotans know how important this theme of Catholic Social Teaching really is to us and to all of human flourishing. Visit the March for Life webpage on dowr.org.
- Open Hearts: Registration is now open for our annual young women's opportunity to explore the beauty of religious life, meet religious women who are responding to God's loving invitation to total consecration, and

encounter different religious communities. Open Hearts will be at Lourdes High School in Rochester from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 21. Visit DOWR.org to learn more and register.

- Formed: How to Advent is now streaming! Begin preparing for your Advent journey and your heart for the coming of Christ. See instructions at the top of the page for accessing Formed.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet on Thursdays from 6:45 PM– 8:00 PM.
- Courier: The November edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org, click "The Courier."
- Mass Intentions can be given to Father Parrott. The customary stipend is \$10. Please indicate the name(s) and whether they're deceased.
- Bulletin & Announcements: Please e-mail Mary with bulletin items by 9 AM Wednesdays. Announcements by 9 AM Thursdays. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr

Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr

Todd Mlenar

Maxine Mlenar

Kathleen Domaille

Jason Emanuel

Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius

Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius

Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius

Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius

Diane Reineke

Cheri Jose

Sandy Stern

Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick

Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick

Jodi Miller – St. Patrick

Crystal Stern – St. Patrick

David Geary

Karen Sanford

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to Mary in the office.