



ST. IGNATIUS

213 W Franklin St
Spring Valley, MN 55975



ST. FINBARR

504 1st St SW
Grand Meadow, MN 55936



ST. PATRICK

436 W Main St
LeRoy, MN 55951

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Schedule

Mon, Dec 8	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon, Dec 8	12:10 PM	St. Ignatius	Stephanie Chambers
Mon, Dec 8	6:15 PM	St. Finbarr	† Alice Snyder
Tues, Dec 9	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Craig Hawn
Wed, Dec 10	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Joyce Arndorfer
Thur, Dec 11	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Tim Schmaltz
Fri, Dec 12	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Tom Mettler
Sat, Dec 13	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Dick & Janet Elliot
Sun, Dec 14	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	<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

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. As a holy day, we will have a Mass in each parish to provide opportunities for everyone to attend. As our U.S. patronal feast, the obligation is not lifted even though it's on Monday. 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

I mentioned last weekend at the Sunday Masses that Bishop Barron has released his pastoral letter which was the culmination of the Diocesan Synod on Evangelization and Vocations. It is 14 pages, but it reads very quickly. I encourage you to read it. You can find it on the www.dowr.org website. I believe copies will be provided at Christmas time, as well, so you could wait until then if you want.

The post-synodal letter has many recommendations, but here are just a few to start with.

Bishop Barron encourages us to really focus on inviting our neighbors back to church. If you know of someone who you know is a parishioner but you haven't seen in a little while, please invite them. I know it requires some effort, and even some courage, but the Lord will provide. Fortitude is a gift of the Holy Spirit!

He likewise asks all parishes to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each month, if not each week, to pray for more priests. Our parishes already have this practice. However, it isn't offered on the weekend or at the most family-friendly times, so I will be looking for some extra opportunities in our parishes to provide this great devotion and time for prayer.

As well, he asks us to pray a prayer at the end of the petitions, asking the Lord to send us more priests. For your own use, it is printed here:

Heavenly Father, Giver of all good things, Your Son told us to beg You to send workers into Your rich harvest, and so we have the confidence to ask You to raise up an abundance of priests in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Send us good and holy men to respond to your call to lay down their lives in service to Your people. We know that the Church comes from the Eucharist and that the Eucharist comes from priests. Therefore, Gracious God, send us priests to build up Your Church, through Jesus Christ, your Son, who is High Priest and Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, December 14

Greeters:	Bill & Sue Puffer
Gifts:	Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC:	Teri Hill & Jeff Erding
Reader:	Jerry Wolf
Servers:	Ava Wolfgram & Emily Wolfgram
Ushers:	Ralph Drees & Joe Mulhern
Counters:	Souhrada & O'Connell

Offering from November 30 – Week 22

Weekly Support:	\$ 658.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 28,746.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 47,443.00

Announcements

- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, December 9. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringers: The Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley is looking for volunteers at the Salvation Army kettle at Sunshine Foods through Tuesday, December 30. Register at www.springvalleyeda.org.



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

Class	9:00-10:00 AM	Dec 10 & 17
Christmas Program	8:30 AM	Dec 14

St. Patrick

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Dec 10 & 17
Christmas Program	5:00 PM	Dec 13

St. Ignatius

Christmas Practice	9:00-11:00 AM	Dec 13
Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Dec 7 & 14
Confirmation Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Dec 10 & 17
Christmas Program	10:30 AM	Dec 14

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, December 14

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Becky Oehlke & Troy Gehling
Reader: Denice Gehling
Servers: Colton Meyerhofer & Evan Davis
Ushers: Jim Davis & Dom Stier
Counters: Trudy Swanson & Susan Baldus

Offering from November 30 – Week 22

Weekly Support:	\$	779.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	50,041.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	33,277.00

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, December 13

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh
Gifts: Bruce & Debbie Diemer
EMHC: Jim Yoch
Reader: Kathy Stern
Servers: Jaeden Huff & Allie Bunne
Ushers: Steve Kasel & Tony Arndorfer
Counters: Kathy Stern & Joyce Arndorfer

Offering from November 30 – Week 22

Weekly Support:	\$.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	26,923.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	35,827.00

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, December 24, 3:00 pm – St. Finbarr
Christmas Eve, December 24, 5:00 pm – St. Patrick
Christmas Eve, December 24, 7:00 pm – St. Ignatius
Christmas Day, December 25, 9:00 am – St. Ignatius

Upcoming Confession Times

Thursday, December 11	5:30-6:30 pm	St. Ignatius
Saturday, December 13	3:30-4:45 pm	St. Patrick
Sunday, December 14	4:00-5:00 pm	St. Finbarr

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.
- The Diocese of Winona-Rochester (DOW-R) is excited to send, for a second time, a group of religious and laity from our diocese to experience and participate in the Walk to Mary from May 1-3, 2026 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin! 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 December edition is available 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

Bob & Margaret Cole

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.

