



## ST. IGNATIUS

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Spring Valley, MN 55975



## ST. FINBARR

504 1<sup>st</sup> St SW  
Grand Meadow, MN 55936



## ST. PATRICK

436 W Main St  
LeRoy, MN 55951

# DECEMBER 21, 2025

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### Mass Schedule

Tues, Dec 23	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Marvin Gehling
Wed, Dec 24	3:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Randy Emanuel
Wed, Dec 24	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Tom Hovde
Wed, Dec 24	7:00 PM	St. Ignatius	† Marketta Souhrada
Thur, Dec 25	9:00 AM	St. Ignatius	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sat, Dec 27	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Kelly Netsch
Sun, Dec 28	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Alice Disdier
Sun, Dec 28	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 <sup>st</sup> 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

Just a few days until Christmas. I hope you all are on top of your preparations. I pray for safe travels for any who will be heading out of town, or any whose guests are traveling here. It looks like the coldest of the recent days are behind us for a while, and that is a gift for those who will be on the road.

If you haven't made your spiritual preparation by going to Confession, there are still a couple opportunities:

Sun, Dec 21 4:00-5:00 pm St. Ignatius

Tues, Dec 23 6:00-7:00 pm St. Ignatius

I want to thank, in advance, everyone who will work on making our Christmases beautiful. That includes our liturgical volunteers, Pat Utz and the three choirs, the decorators, everyone who donated to the poinsettias, sacristans, and everyone else I'm forgetting. It's not the same without everything you do, so thank you!

Speaking of thank-yous, I want to also thank the children of our parishes for the work they put into the Christmas programs. We could see all the effort they put into the program and they did a great job. As well, thank you to the organizers, directors and catechists who put everything together. It's something special to remember for a long, long time. I have some fond memories from my own childhood participating in Christmas programs.

After Christmas, during the 8-day octave, the Church adds a couple concurrent feasts. First, on December 26, we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. (This is the one who's day is mentioned in the song "Good King Wenceslaus went out, on the feast of Stephen...") Next, on December 27, we celebrate St. John the Apostle and Gospel writer. Usually on December 28, though this year it's pre-empted, we celebrate the Holy Innocents, who were slaughtered when Herod was trying to sweep up in their number the Christ child.

I will be away with family after the Christmas Masses are finished. I will not return until Saturday, so there's no Mass at St. Ignatius on Friday. I have yet to finish some purchases for family. And I still need to purchase Ginger Ale and pineapple juice for the punch—making the punch is my responsibility for every Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. But everything will come together.

Thursday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. We will have Mass at each parish:

Wed, Dec 31 5:30 pm St. Patrick, LeRoy

Thur, Jan 1 8:30 am St. Ignatius, Spring Valley

Thur, Jan 1 10:30 am St. Finbarr, Grand Meadow

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Ignatius

### **Liturgy Schedule – Wednesday, December 24**

Greeters: Bill & Sue Puffer

Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys

EMHC: Jeff Erding & Chari Kruegel

Reader: Teri Hill

Servers: Harper Holmen & Scarlett Marcom

Ushers: Bob Capelle & John Mulhern

Counters: Erding & Christian

### **Liturgy Schedule – Thursday, December 25**

Greeters: Bob & Marcy Capelle

Gifts: Bill Mettler Family

EMHC: Chari Kruegel & Rosann Sanford

Reader: Candis Wiste

Servers: Avery Reiter & Jimmy Mettler

Ushers: Paul Klockeman & Ralph Drees

Counters: Christian & Rahe

### **Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, December 28**

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding

Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill

EMHC: Jeff Erding & John Gladys

Reader: Clare Mettler

Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen & Jimmy Mettler

Ushers: Jacob Souhrada & Mike Souhrada

Counters: Engesser & Klockeman

### **Offering from December 14 – Week 24**

Weekly Support: \$ 2,109.00

Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00

YTD Support Received: \$ 32,650.00

YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 51,850.00

### **Announcements**

- The Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be held at Faith United Methodist, 617 Maple Lane, on Thursday, Dec. 25 at noon. For transportation to the dinner or meal delivery, call Faith United - 346-2830. If you have signed up to bring a food item, they can be dropped off on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. Any questions, please call Teri Hill, 507-273-3712.
- Today is last day to give \$10+ donations for poinsettias to Rita Bezdicek for the Christmas altar.



## Faith Formation

### **St. Finbarr**

Class 6:45-7:45 PM Jan 7

### **St. Patrick**

Class 6:45-7:45 PM Jan 7

### **St. Ignatius**

Class 9:00-10:20 AM Dec 21, Jan 11

Confirmation Class 6:45-7:45 PM Jan 7

## St. Finbarr

### Liturgy Schedule – Wednesday, December 24

Opener: Diana Weiss  
EMHC: Nicole Meyerhofer & Troy Gehling  
Reader: Susan Baldus  
Servers: Brody Meyerhofer & Ryan Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Lon Baldus & Dom Stier  
Counters: Susan Baldus & Dawn Stier

### Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, December 28

Opener: Dawn Stier  
EMHC: Ellen Olson & Kathy Gehling  
Reader: Dawn Stier  
Servers: Holly Weiss & Chael Stier  
Ushers: Dom Stier & Terry Weelborg  
Counters: Dom Stier & Dylan Davis

### Offering from December 7 – Week 23

Weekly Support:	\$	836.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	53,1138.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	35,850.00

### Announcements

- Please contact Dawn Stier if you are interested in donating towards the poinsettias.



## St. Patrick

### Liturgy Schedule – Wednesday, December 24

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Utz  
Gifts: Vicky Nolt  
EMHC: Joyce Arndorfer  
Reader: Jessica Yoch  
Servers: Brittany Tucke & Maria Almaraz-Nolt  
Ushers: Mike Arndorfer & Loren Rickerl  
Counters: Arlene Bastian & Joyce Arndorfer

### Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, December 27

Greeters: Jon & Rita Hiller  
Gifts: Paul & Cathy Yoch  
EMHC: Jessica Yoch  
Reader: Vicky Nolt  
Servers: Allie Bunne & Clair Rohrer  
Ushers: Jim Yoch & Bruce Diemer  
Counters: Cathy Yoch & Vicky Nolt

### Offering from December 6 – Week 23

Weekly Support:	\$	Unknown
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	32,232.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	38,114.00

### Announcements

- If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our Christmas Altar please let Pat Utz (507-951-9333) or Joyce Arndorfer know (507-440-3692). Cost is \$18. Thank You for your generosity.

## 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](http://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](http://DOWR.org) to learn more and register. Deadline Jan. 1.
- Formed: How to Advent is now streaming! Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will start meeting again in January.
- Courier: The December edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website [dowr.org](http://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	Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius	Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick
Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr	Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick
Todd Mlenar	Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Jodi Miller – St. Patrick
Maxine Mlenar	Chuck & Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius	Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
Kathleen Domaille	Lee Hill – St. Ignatius	David Geary
Jason Emanuel	Diane Reineke	Karen Sanford
Bob & Margaret Cole	Cheri Jose	Sandy Stern

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