



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 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Office

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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 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

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 on 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

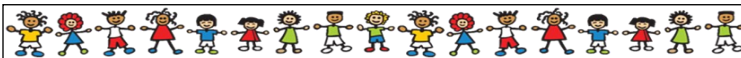
Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Jeff Erding & John Gladys
Reader: Clare Mettler
Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen & Jimmy Mettler
Ushers: Jacob Souhrada & Mike Souhrada
Counters: Engesser & Klockeman

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.
- 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. 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, 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.