



### ST. IGNATIUS

213 W Franklin St  
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 28, 2025**

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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### Mass Schedule

Tues, Dec 30	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Deceased Members of Mission Society
Wed, Dec 31	5:30 PM	St. Patrick	Everett Finch
Thur, Jan 1	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Thur, Jan 1	10:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Fran and Barb Stier
Fri, Jan 2	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Jean Sisk
Sat, Jan 3	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Dean Stern
Sun, Jan 4	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Leo & Millie Barnes
Sun, Jan 4	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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Church puts this feast on the Sunday after Christmas as a way of fleshing out more fully the reality of the Nativity, that the Christ child was born into a human family. As the vulnerable little one, He is in need of a dad and mom like all of us, and the saintly Joseph and Mary are that for Him. Joseph by faith. Mary by blood and faith.

On the octave (eighth) day of Christmas, we celebrate Mary herself, in a special way, under the title and patronage of the Mother of God. This is a celebration of Her as the mother of the Holy Family, but also as the mother of the very Son of God.

Some in the early Church doubted that we could call Mary "Mother of God" because they thought that made the human part of Jesus too close to the Divine Godhead. They thought she could only be considered the mother of the human nature. The rest of the early Church fathers rightly pointed out: but the human nature is God, the whole Person of Jesus is the bridge of God and Man in one. And since she's the Mother of the Jesus as human, she must also be the Mother of God. If we were to deny this, we would separate Jesus from Himself, and we would deny the whole reason for the Incarnation: that God Himself has lived among us.

The Church also dedicates the whole year to the Mother of God by celebrating this feast on January 1, asking Blessed Mary to pray for us and watch over us throughout the whole next year. Because of this, it is a Holy day of Obligation in the United States. We will have Mass at each parish, and those times are on the front page.

On January 2nd, the Church celebrates some important Church Fathers (bishops in the early church). St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen are commemorated on this day. They were very influential as the "Cappadocian Fathers" (along with St. Basil's brother, St. Gregory of Nyssa), living in that area, which is nowadays Turkey. They were influential in defending the truth of Jesus' two natures in One Person, as well as the Divine Personhood of the Holy Spirit. This set the foundation for later teachings on Mary's recognition as the Mother of God.

Lastly, as we have done in previous years, St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow will not have daily Mass from the beginning of the year until Lent begins. The Tuesday Mass will be moved to Spring Valley at St. Ignatius for those approximately six weeks. When we resume in Lent, the Mass will return to St. Finbarr in the evening, together with the Stations of the Cross.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

## St. Ignatius

### **Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, January 4**

Greeters: Bob & Marcy Capelle  
Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys  
EMHC: Bob Capelle & Jeff Erding  
Reader: Joanie Betsinger  
Servers: Ava Wolfgram & Emily Wolfgram  
Ushers: Paul Klockeman & Paul Mettler  
Counters: Andorfer & P Klockeman

### **Offering from December 21 – Week 25**

Weekly Support:	\$ 4,050.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 36,225.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 54,504.00

*"Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*



### Faith Formation

<b>St. Finbarr</b>		
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Jan 7
<b>St. Patrick</b>		
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Jan 7
<b>St. Ignatius</b>		
Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Jan 11
Confirmation Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Jan 7

## St. Finbarr

### Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, January 4

Opener: Kristie Skifter  
EMHC: Kristie Skifter & Troy Gehling  
Reader: Denice Gehling  
Servers: Kaylee Davis & Colton Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Logan Marx & John Warmka  
Counters: Lori Stier & Clint Weiss

### Offering from December 21 – Week 24

Weekly Support:	\$ 11,867.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 64,791.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 40,005.00



## St. Patrick

### Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, January 3

Greeters: David & Gladys Kasel  
Gifts: Bruce & Debbie Diemer  
EMHC: Mike Arndorfer  
Reader: Arlene Bastian  
Servers: Hannah Huff & Chloe O'Bannon  
Ushers: Chris Lentz & Mike Welsh  
Counters: Rita Hiller & Tom Winkels

### Offering from December 20 – Week 24

Weekly Support:	\$ 742.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 33,956.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 39,783.00

Holy Family, bless our homes with peace, fill our days with joy, and strengthen us in times of trial.

## 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.
- A coach bus has been chartered to go from Rochester to St. Paul for the MCCL March for Life on Thursday, January 22nd. We will leave Rochester at 8:30 AM and should be back to Rochester by 3:00 PM. We will also attend the Respect Life prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul prior to the March. Please RSVP to Linda McGuire at [linda11carlson@hotmail.com](mailto:linda11carlson@hotmail.com)
- 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.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will start meeting again in the new year on January 8.
- 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
Cheri Jose	Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Jodi Miller – St. Patrick
Sandy Stern	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		

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