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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Jan 13	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	No Mass
Wed, Jan 14	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	No Mass
Thur, Jan 15	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	No Mass
Fri, Jan 16	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	No Mass
Sat, Jan 17	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Richard & Matthew Kruse
Sun, Jan 18	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Mike Richey
Sun, Jan 18	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Phillip L. Weiss

Adoration & Confession

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

Merry Christmas!

In the current liturgical calendar, today is the last day of the Christmas season. It is the 18th day of Christmas, though in a way the season lasts 40 days, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.

Since last spring, the office phone number has been converted to an “internet line.” We can manage it online. Please remember a few new capabilities with that. First, the office phone number can be used to text me, if you want. (Texting isn’t the best for important things—it might get overlooked if it’s not a short question or something that can be dealt with immediately.) Second, it means I can receive office phone calls wherever I have my cell phone, if I’m available at the moment, of course.

The most important new feature of the new phone system, however, is external forwarding of your call if it’s an emergency, usually when someone is dying and needs to be anointed. If your call isn’t answered and goes to voicemail, you can press 0 (zero) and it will re-route the call. When I’m away on vacation, I always ask a neighboring priest if he would take these emergency calls, and then we change that setting to route to that priest.

This brings me to another important point for us Catholics. Receiving the Anointing of the Sick before death is important and is a great grace. Sometimes in the past, I’ve been called to a home after someone has died and it has been a few hours and the funeral home is about to arrive and take away the body. At this point, the sacrament can’t be given because there’s no soul there for it to sanctify. Make sure if a loved one is beginning those stages when the mind and body start shutting down, call for the anointing. If someone enters hospice, call for the anointing. It is better to give it too early, than not to be able to give it at all.

We especially want to be able to give the Apostolic Pardon when nearing death. This is an extra blessing given as part of the “last rites”. After being absolved of their other sins (it cannot substitute for Confession), the Apostolic Pardon is an indulgence for the dying. Eternal punishment (hell and separation from God) is forgiven in Confession. Temporal punishment (purgatory and the time spent being purified of the effects of sin) is forgiven by the Apostolic Pardon.

One of the best things we can do when we hear of a fellow parishioner or friend who is in the process of dying is to ask their spouse or a family member if they have been anointed. In this day and age people don’t always think of the anointing, this little prompt can be very encouraging and consoling to the family.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, January 18

Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill
Gifts: Walsh Family
EMHC: Chari Kruegel & Bill Mettler
Reader: Teri Hill
Servers: None
Ushers: Joe Mulhern & John Mulhern
Counters: Kelly Rahe & Rosann Sanford

Offering from January 4 – Week 28

Weekly Support:	\$	991.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	48,719.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	61,545.00

Announcements

- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, January 13. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- Thank you to Wayne and Phyllis Buresh, Tim and Juliet Engesser, Bob and Marcy Capelle, and Rita & Joe Bezdicek for decorating the church for Christmas.

“Withdraw often into the depths of your being, and there with living faith rest on the breast of God, like a child, in the sacred silence of faith and holy love.”

St. Paul of the Cross



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

Class 6:45-7:45 PM Jan 14, 21

St. Patrick

Class 6:45-7:45 PM Jan 14, 21

St. Ignatius

Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Jan 11, 18
Confirmation Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Jan 14, 21

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, January 18

Opener: Tye Davis
EMHC: Nicole Meyerhofer & Ellen Olson
Reader: Susan Baldus
Servers: Ryan Meyerhofer & Kaylee Davis
Ushers: Lon Baldus & Terry Weelborg
Counters: Susan Baldus & Clint Weiss

Offering from January 4 – Week 28

Weekly Support:	\$	993.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	75,501.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	40,238.00



St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, January 17

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh
Gifts: Nick & Kathi Bunne
EMHC: Gladys Kasel
Reader: Barb Payne
Servers: Clair Rohrer & Hannah Huff
Ushers: Mike Welsh & Steve Kasel
Counters: Vicky Nolt & Paul Yoch

Offering from January 3 – Week 28

Weekly Support:	\$	989.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	45,069.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	47,312.00

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Community News

- Bishop Barron will celebrate the annual Mass for Life at St. Finbarr Catholic Church (504 First St SW, Grand Meadow) at 8:30 am on Sunday, January 25.
- Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly Meeting, **Tuesday, January 20**, at Queens of Angels Church, 1001 Oakland Ave East, Austin. Registration at 10:30 am, Mass at 11:00 followed by lunch, meeting and a tour of the country's largest Nativity display. PLEASE NOTE: This is a date change. If there is bad weather and no school the meeting will be cancelled. All members are welcome to attend!
- 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
- 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.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet Thursdays, 6:45 pm at St. Ignatius.
- Courier: The January 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	Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius	Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick
Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr	Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick
Cheri Jose	Lee Hill – St. Ignatius	Jodi Miller – St. Patrick
Sandy Stern	Chuck & Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius	Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
Kathleen Domaille	Bob & Margaret Cole	David Geary
Jason Emanuel	Diane Reineke	Karen Sanford
Joanne Hampel	Eric Hadland	

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