



## ST. IGNATIUS

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## ST. FINBARR

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## ST. PATRICK

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# JANUARY 4, 2026

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### Mass Schedule

Tues, Jan 6	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Alice Snyder
Wed, Jan 7	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Jerry Utz
Thur, Jan 8	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Rachael Chambers
Fri, Jan 9	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Carroll Sutton
Sat, Jan 10	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Ken Vrieze
Sun, Jan 11	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Virgil Weiss
Sun, Jan 11	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

Merry Christmas!

The Church's season of Christmas is still ongoing and will continue through next Sunday with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Church encourages us to continue treasuring the gift of the Lord's birth among us. This continues through next weekend, but in a way also all the way through the 40th day of Christmas with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. I encourage again this year to continue to keep up a Nativity scene or (if you can) your Christmas tree even until then.

I know our American culture celebrates these somewhat in reverse, celebrating nearly for 40 days *before* Jesus' birthday and then nearly immediately the day after thinks, "Well, Christmas is over!" The Church's logic is just the reverse. We need serious preparation beforehand to make room in our hearts to receive the gift of the God-man as a simple little child. We need that time to humble ourselves so that we can properly receive Him who teaches us true humility. And then we celebrate the great fact of His birth for a good long time, striving to sincerely cherish Him. I will continue to listen to Christmas music for as long as I can bear it as February 2nd approaches.

I want to thank everyone, again, who has helped in any way with our Advent and Christmas celebrations. It takes a lot of people to keep a parish running and active, so the contribution of everyone is needed. In a particular way, however, I would like to thank Pat Utz, our organist/pianist/accompanist. For most of the winter, she plays at all three parishes and covers the Masses. That takes a lot of energy and time, and she puts it in gladly. In Spring Valley, we are also blessed to have the Mettler children helping out from time to time. But most often, Pat is coming to all three weekend Masses, driving between the parishes. Pat is listening to my homily three times (how boring!). And Pat does a great job. So thank you, Pat, for all you do for our cluster of parishes.

This week the Church celebrates the memorial of St. John Neumann. Born in Bohemia on March 28, 1811, he was distinguished for his grasp of grammar and philosophy. He entered the seminary in Bohemia, but soon felt a desire to missionary work, inspired by St. Paul's example. He immigrated to the United States in May of 1836 arriving in New York. The bishop was in such great need of German-speaking priests, that in June of that year, St. Neumann was ordained a subdeacon on June 19, a deacon on June 24, and a priest on June 25. His first Mass was the next day on Sunday, June 26, 1836. St. Neumann eventually became the bishop of Philadelphia and founded the first diocesan Catholic school system in the country.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

## St. Ignatius

### **Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, January 11**

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding  
Gifts: Chari Kruegel & De Vreeman  
EMHC: John Gladys & Rosann Sanford  
Reader: Sarah O'Connell  
Servers: Harper Holmen & Nadalie Oeltjen  
Ushers: Bryan O'Connell & Jacob Souhrada  
Counters: Souhrada & Mulhern

### **Offering from December 28 – Week 27**

Weekly Support:	\$	3,530.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	41,505.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	54,504.00
Christmas:	\$	2,195.00

### **Announcements**

- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, January 13. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped and joined us for fellowship at the Spring Valley Ministerial Association's Annual Community Christmas Dinner. We were blessed with an abundance of help—delicious pies, fresh salads, an incredible turkey dinner prepared by the Warren Family, and all of you that came out to help in many different ways. None of this would have been possible without the support of so many caring individuals.

*"The star did not lead them to gold or power,  
but to a child — showing that divine light  
guides us to what truly matters."*

St. John Chrysostom



## Faith Formation

### **St. Finbarr**

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

### **St. Patrick**

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

### **St. Ignatius**

Class 9:00-10:20 AM Jan 11, 18

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

## St. Finbarr

### Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, January 11

Opener: Becky Oehlke  
EMHC: Becky Oehlke & Kristal Brogan  
Reader: Adyson Brogan  
Servers: Sean Brogan & Evan Davis  
Ushers: Chris Stier & Al Stier  
Counters: Trudy Swanson & Dylan Davis

### Offering from December 28 – Week 27

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,430.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 70,257.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 40,238.00
Christmas:	\$ 3,580.00



## St. Patrick

### Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, January 10

Greeters: Loren & Penny Rickerl  
Gifts: David & Gladys Kasel  
EMHC: Loren Rickerl  
Reader: Kathy Stern  
Servers: Brittany Tucke & Allie Bunne  
Ushers: Bruce Diemer & Chris Lentz  
Counters: Pat Arndorfer & Travis Lewis

### Offering from December 27 – Week 27

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,554.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 41,442.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 40,063.00
Christmas:	\$ 5,933.00

### Announcements

- The funeral for Elaine Freerksen was held on Tues., Dec. 30 at Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home in Riceville. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

All from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the  
praises of the Lord.

## Community News

- Begin the New Year rooted in faith. Let your New Year soundtrack be **Real Presence Radio**, connecting you to Christ and your Catholic community. Tune in to **970 AM** in Austin and Rochester.
- 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	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

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