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OCTOBER 4, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Oct 6	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	No Mass
Wed, Oct 7	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	No Mass
Thur, Oct 8	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Check the Google Calendar
Fri, Oct 9	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Check the Google Calendar
Sat, Oct 10	5:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Lois Gehling
Sun, Oct 11	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	† Richard & Marian Ginder
Sun, Oct 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-6:00 PM	Adoration	St. Ignatius
	5:45 PM	Benediction	St. Ignatius
1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Confession	St. Ignatius
Sat	4:15-4:45 PM	Confession	St. Finbarr
Sun	8:00-8:20 AM	Confession	St. Patrick

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 starting in the Fall at St. Ignatius on 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

A blessed Respect Life Sunday to everyone. This Sunday, the Church in the United States recognizes the gift of every human life at every stage in any condition. We wish to protect and respect every life from the moment they are conceived, through any circumstance in life, until the moment they die.

I know sometimes in the petitions, people find it different that I word it "from conception until death", rather than "from conception until natural death". But I wonder why we don't then say, "from natural conception until natural death", because that's what we want. But we want to respect every life even when they are created by artificial or scientific means. As well, we want to respect life even when it is being attacked by unnatural means to bring about death. I understand it's a pedagogical thing that we're trying to say that we don't want people dying of unnatural means—whether a morphine induced release in hospice conditions, nor another other means by way of assisted suicide or euthanasia. We want every life respected and valued fully in every circumstance—and hope that those who are artificially bringing about life or death would stop.

Pope Leo had a beautiful Pontifical Visit to the country of France this last weekend. While recovering, I had lots of time to follow his travels, his liturgies, and his homilies and speeches. He not only spoke powerfully about the need to value every life—especially as France legalized euthanasia this summer. He spoke plainly and boldly: "It is precisely in the name of this inalienable dignity of the human person that we must reject the temptation to cause death under the guise of false compassion." And: "It is impossible to regard causing death as something normal. What is legal is not necessarily moral." He received great applause at saying this.

But he preached not only in words, but also by his actions. There are many photos of him embracing and blessing sick and disabled children and adults, which are very moving. You should search them out if you haven't seen them. Pope Leo told them: "Dear brothers and sisters who are sick, I want to tell you that you are not a burden. You are the beating heart of our humanity and a precious treasure for the Church. I carry in my prayers the trials you are going through." May the world heed his example.

Everything went well for me in Rochester. My convalescence is coming along well. There are ups and downs, but it's all headed in the right direction. I know many of you are praying for me. Thank you. I don't know which day I will be able to resume daily Masses—not before Thursday. You can check the Google Calendar on the website the evening before at 6:00 pm or later, and if it's canceled, it will say "CANCELED - Mass".

In Christ, Fr. Gregory Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, October 11

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Chari Kruegel & Bill Mettler
Reader: Jerry Wolf
Servers: Ava Wolfram & Emily Wolfram
Ushers: John Mettler & Bob Capelle
Counters: Mulhern & Charlene Czapiewski

Offering from September 27 – Week 13

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,033.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 2,694.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 22,924.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 25,546.00

Announcements

- A Funeral Mass was held for David Hadland Fri., Oct 2 at St. Ignatius. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.
- Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Christmas decor after Mass through October 25 . Delivery will be November 22.
- Attention ladies of the parish: 7 Sisters Apostolate is seeking 2 new members and/or substitutes to pray for Father for 1 hour a week. Contact Pam Walsh at 507-421-9438 if you can fill the void.
- 7 Sisters Apostolate is having a pot luck on Tuesday, Oct 6 at 6:00 pm. This is for all members or those interested in learning more about 7 Sisters. Looking forward to seeing you there! Contact Pam Walsh for questions.

OUR FATHER,
who art in heaven

Many thanks to Fr. Reker, Fr. Leif and Fr. McGrath
for covering our weekend Masses!



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

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

St. Patrick

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

St. Ignatius

Class 9:00-10:20 AM Oct 4, 11

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, October 10

Opener: Dawn Stier
EMHC: Kristal Brogan & Ellen Olson
Reader: Dawn Stier
Servers: Kaylee & Mabel Davis, Kaylee Brogan
Ushers: Jim Davis & Chris Stier
Counters: Dawn Stier & Trudy Swanson

Offering from September 26 – Week 13

Weekly Support:	\$ 890.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 2,140.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 21,564.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 15,257.00

Announcements

- Mission Circle will meet Tuesday, Oct 6, 1pm at the church. Everyone is welcome.
- Boxes of Joy donations will be accepted until November 1. There is a list of preferred items needed in the entryway. Please help with this project.

Archangels and Angels

Cindy Meyerhofer will speak about our angelic friends and how we as Catholics can benefit from devotion to the angels, especially our guardian angels.

Open to students, parents, and general public.

All are welcome!

St. Finbarr - Wednesday, October 7 - 6:45-7:45 pm

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, October 11

Greeters: Jon & Rita Hiller
Gifts: Davis & Gladys Kasel
EMHC: Mike Arndorfer
Reader: Arlene Bastian
Servers: Maria & Cathia Almarez-Nolt
Ushers: Nick Kasel & Loren Rickerl
Counters: Jessica Yoch & Kathy Stern

Offering from September 27 – Week 13

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,287.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,693.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 16,055.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 16,770.00

Announcements

- CCW will meet Monday, October 5, 7pm in the church hall. Chairperson is Deb Reburn.
- Boxes of Joy should be returned to the church by Sunday, November 1.
- The Annual Fatima Rosary Rally will be held here at St. Patrick on Saturday, October 10th, at 12:00 noon. Please join us!

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Community News

- This weekend is the beginning of the annual Catholic Charities Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign. This campaign supports local new and expectant mothers with help for rent, utilities and baby supplies so they can choose life with hope and dignity. Pick up a bottle, fill it with your spare change during October and help send a message — every baby’s life is precious.
- Immaculate Conception Church of rural Kellogg will hold their annual fall festival Sun, Oct 4. Serving chicken and ham dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - dine-in or take-out. Other activities include: Big Ticket Raffle, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, 50/50 Cash Raffle, Garden Produce, and Grocery Cart Raffle. Handicap Accessible. Mass at 8:30 AM.
- Winona-Rochester Diocese CCW Convention -- Walk Together in Hope -- Saturday, October 10, St. Theodore Catholic Church, Albert Lea. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 AM followed by a meeting, Mass and speakers. Registration is \$40, students \$10. Speakers, Trauma Reboot Program by Marilyn Baker and Leadership Training, St. Paul and Minneapolis ArchDiocesan “On the Road” Crew. Rochester Medical Mission Dropoff truck will be located in the East Parking Lot 7:30 - 8:30 am. All are welcome!
- 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.
- Courier: The September edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website, dowr.org.
- Mass Intentions can be given to Father Parrott. The customary stipend is \$10. Please indicate the name(s) and whether they’re deceased.

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr

Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr

Cheri Jose

Sandy Stern

Joanne Hampel

Jason Emanuel

All Troops especially those in the Middle East

Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius

Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius

Lee Hill – St. Ignatius

Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius

Bob & Margaret Cole

Diane Reineke

Eric Hadland

Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick

Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick

Jodi Miller – St. Patrick

Crystal Stern – St. Patrick

David Geary

Karen Sanford

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

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