



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

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Feb 3	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Pat Weiss
Wed, Feb 4	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Gene & Arlys Genin
Thur, Feb 5	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Sr. Gertrude Schommer
Fri, Feb 6	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Frank & Theresa Weisinger
Sat, Feb 7	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Richard Engesser
Sat, Feb 7	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Herman Miller
Sun, Feb 8	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Kenneth Vrieze
Sun, Feb 8	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	<i>Pro Populo</i>

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

Last Sunday's Mass for Life with Bishop Barron was glorious. I want to thank everyone who helped make it an exceptional day. Breakfast was especially delicious. The real flowers looked beautiful. I want to thank in particular the young ladies who brought up the gifts, as well as the young men who served the Mass—both groups did great.

Bishop Barron in his homily reminded us, as the readings suggested, that we not allow dissensions to arise, but to remain united in the faith. We should not identify with factions of the faith, but with the essentials—we are saved by Christ who died on the Cross for us. Especially, as we witness to the gift of life, we must always put our Catholic faith first, before any other considerations, especially political. We preach the dignity of life at every stage.

Bishop Barron also took a moment at the end of Mass to remind us of his pastoral letter, written as the culmination of the Diocesan Synod. He again called on us to reach out to one of the several people we all know who have stopped practicing the faith, and invite just one person back to Mass. It doesn't need to be overly complicated, just a simple invite.

In a week, the priests of the diocese will be leaving for Buffalo, MN, to go on retreat together. Bishop Barron has called us to gather for this bi-annual retreat from the evening of Sunday, February 8 through the early afternoon of Friday, February 13. I regret I'll be away. There'll be no daily Masses that week, no OCIA, and I will have a substitute for the Confirmation class on Wednesday.

Retreats are an important part of priestly renewal. So much so, retreats are required annually during the years of priestly formation in the seminary. There is also a requirement in church law that those who are to be ordained, both before diaconate and before priesthood, make a retreat within the six months beforehand. Priests are strongly encouraged to make regular retreats in Canon Law, and the diocese has made clear priests are expected every year to attend a retreat five days or longer. I look forward to this retreat with my brother priests.

Again we mourn the loss of some of our parishioners, Chuck Reineke at St. Ignatius and John Warmka at St. Finbarr. At the time of this writing, it seems that we will have two funerals this week. Please pray for the families, as well as any of our families who have lost loved ones in recent months. At St. Finbarr, as John was one of the two parish trustees, I will pray and consider who to appoint as the next trustee, who will also join the Finance Council.

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, February 8

Greeters: Mary Anne Meyers & De Vreeman
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Jeff Erding & Teri Hill
Reader: Don Mulhern
Servers: None
Ushers: Ralph Drees & Joe Mulhern
Counters: C Czapiewski & Mulhern

Offering from January 25 – Week 30

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,668.50
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 52,481.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 64,031.00

Announcements

- The VFW Auxiliary is hosting a breakfast Sunday, February 8, 8-12:30 at the VFW Hall in Spring Valley. Free will donation. Half of the profits will benefit the Spring Valley Service Members Memorial.
- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, February 10. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.

Blessed

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

Class 6:45-7:45 PM Feb 4, 11

St. Patrick

Class 6:45-7:45 PM Feb 4, 11

St. Ignatius

Class 9:00-10:20 AM Feb 1, 8

Confirmation Class 6:45-7:45 PM Feb 4, 11

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, February 8

Opener: Tye Davis
EMHC: Kristal Brogan & Becky Oehlke
Reader: Adyson Brogan
Servers: Sean Brogan, Evan Davis
Ushers: Lon Baldus & Terry Weelborg
Counters: Clint Weiss & Lori Stier

Offering from January 25 – Week 30

Weekly Support:	\$ 6,050.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 83,068.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 47,830.00

Announcements

- John Warmka passed away January 24 in Arizona. Funeral: Mass will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11:00 AM at St. Finbarr. Rosary at 10:30. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, February 7

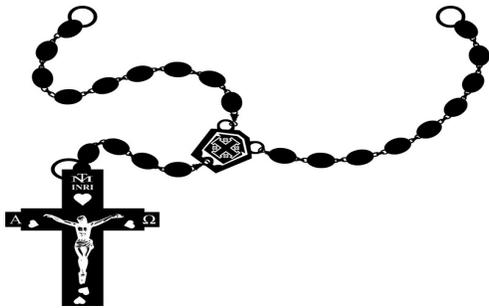
Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh
Gifts: Vicky Nolt
EMHC: Jennifer Lewis
Reader: Jessica Yoch
Servers: Tyler Huff & Vanessa Lewis
Ushers: Mike Arndorfer & Bruce Diemer
Counters: Pat Arndorfer & Mike Arndorfer

Offering from January 24 – Week 30

Weekly Support:	\$ 587.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 50,188.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 49,418.00

Announcements

- CCW will meet Monday, Feb 2, 7 pm in the church hall. Co-chairs for the month are Deb Reburn & Kris Tucke.



*“Happiness is found in the home where
God is loved and honored, where each one
loves, and helps, and cares for the others.”*

Bl. Theophane Venard

Community News

- This Lent lean on Real Presence Radio as you journey closer to Christ. We’re here to walk with you and keep your heart focused. Tune in to **970 AM**.
- Join your brothers across the Diocese to grow as a Man of God! Register now for the DOW-R Men's Conference February 21 in Mankato: www.dowr.org/event-details/3997
- “Becoming One” - Married Couples Retreat: Come away with your spouse and pray... love... enjoy. Soak in His presence, and experience the extraordinary joy He has for you! February 27-March 1, Alverna Center, Winona. www.dowr.org/event-details/3786
- Registration is open for the annual young women’s Discernment Day, Open Hearts. Explore the beauty of religious life, meet religious women who are responding to God’s loving invitation to total consecration, and encounter different religious communities. Lourdes High School, Rochester, 9-5, Saturday, March 21. \$30 registration fee; open to all young women.
- The Diocese of Winona-Rochester (DOW-R) is excited to send, 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 at 6:45 pm at St. Ignatius.
- Courier: The January 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

Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr

Cheri Jose

Sandy Stern

Kathleen Domaille

Jason Emanuel

Eric Hadland

Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius

Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius

Lee Hill – St. Ignatius

Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius

Bob & Margaret Cole

Diane Reineke

Joanne Hampel

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.