



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 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Schedule

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| Tues, Feb 24 | 6:00 PM | St. Finbarr | Leo Stauffer |
| Wed, Feb 25 | 8:30 AM | St. Patrick | Kurt Fuhrmann |
| Thur, Feb 26 | 8:30 AM | St. Ignatius | † Marketta Souhrada |
| Fri, Feb 27 | 8:30 AM | St. Ignatius | † Chuck Reineke |
| Sat, Feb 28 | 5:00 PM | St. Patrick | † Scott Rowe |
| Sun, Mar 1 | 8:30 AM | St. Finbarr | † Jason Wolff |
| Sun, Mar 1 | 10:30 AM | St. Ignatius | <i>Pro Populo</i> |

Adoration & Confession

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| 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

Our annual retreat as a whole church has begun. In a way, Lent is this great time when all the world does a 40-day retreat together. Done well, it's beautiful. It's a time for us to pray, fast, and give alms. Prayer must come first, as without it, the other two lose their meaning. At the same time, without the other two, prayer loses its fervor.

In 1996, Pope St. John Paul II spoke about Lent:

“St Augustine’s warning is more timely than ever. ‘Enter again into yourself.’ Yes, we must enter again into ourselves if we want to find ourselves. Not only our spiritual life is at stake but indeed our personal, family, and social equilibrium itself.

One of the meanings of penitential fasting is to help us recover an interior life. The effort of moderation in food also extends to other things that are not necessary, and this is a great help to the spiritual life. Moderation, recollection and prayer go hand in hand.”

St. Augustine was never afraid of encouraging his people to “go into yourself”, to look within our hearts. This is because of the simple truth, which he writes beautifully about many times, that God is at the center of our being, the center of our hearts. It is precisely in searching for our greatest happiness and the deepest desire of our heart that we find God, because He is the only one who can satisfy that thirst.

Whenever Lent starts, my mind turns to sacramental preparation for our First Communion and Confirmation students. It's a reminder to me that time is closing in, as Easter will be here before we know it. Please pray for our young people in these last two months when their preparation is most intense.

Thank you to everyone who came to the St. Ignatius Fish Fry. I look forward to St. Finbarr's Fish Fry this Friday, and I hope to see you all there. Thank you to everyone who is putting in work to make these happen.

Lastly, as I mentioned this past Sunday, the Stations of the Cross are very important to our Lenten retreat, and cementing the Catholic faith in the hearts of young people. It's as distinctive for us as praying the Rosary, and it's an essential part of Lent. I know a priest who would pray his breviary, pray the Stations of the Cross, all before he joined his parishioners in praying the Rosary before daily Mass every day. Please make time this Lent to come to Stations at least once, more if possible.

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 1

Greeters: Bob & Marcy Capelle
Gifts: Walsh Family
EMHC: Joanie Betsinger & Teri Hill
Reader: Sarah O'Connell
Servers: None
Ushers: Ralph Drees & Paul Mettler
Counters: Kelly Rahe & Mychelle Christian

Offering from February 15 – Week 34

Weekly Support: \$ 3,062.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 57,889.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 73,488.00

Announcements

- Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass from Feb. 15 through March 15. Suggested donation is \$20.00.
- Women of the parish: please register for the “Made For More” Retreat to be held at St. Theodore in Albert Lea, 8:30-3:00. Guest speaker Elizabeth Leon. Father has agreed to send 10 parishioners to the retreat. Please take and return a registration form to Pam Walsh 507-421-9438 or Joanie Betsinger 507-491-3533 by March 1. For more information visit <https://sttheo.org/>



Stations of the Cross

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| Tuesdays | 6:00 pm | St. Finbarr |
| Thursdays | 6:15 pm | St. Ignatius |
| Fridays | 5:30 pm | St. Patrick |



Faith Formation

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| St. Finbarr | | |
| Class | 6:45-7:45 PM | Feb 25, Mar 4 |
| St. Patrick | | |
| Class | 6:45-7:45 PM | Feb 25, Mar 4 |
| St. Ignatius | | |
| Class | 9:00-10:20 AM | Feb 22, Mar 1 |
| Confirmation Class | 6:45-7:45 PM | Feb 25, Mar 4 |

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 1

Opener: Tye Davis
EMHC: Ellen Olson & Denice Gehling
Reader: Becky Oehlke
Servers: Evan Davis & Ryan Meyerhofer
Ushers: Lon Baldus & Terry Weelborg
Counters: Lori Stier & Trudy Swanson

Offering from February 15 – Week 34

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| Weekly Support: | \$ 1,309.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses: | \$ 1,646.00 |
| YTD Support Received: | \$ 89,242.00 |
| YTD Expenses Paid: | \$ 54,823.00 |

Announcements

- Everyone is invited to the St. Finbarr Fish Fry on Friday, February 27, 4:30-7:00 pm. Drive thru, carry out and delivery available. If you would like to make bars, help with set up, serve the meal or clean up after, please sign up in the social hall after Mass.

“It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.”*

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, February 28

Greeters: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EMHC: Nick Kasel
Reader: Youth
Servers: Kathia Almaraz-Nolt & Jaeden Huff
Ushers: Youth
Counters: Jim Yoch & Cathy Yoch

Offering from February 14 – Week 34

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| Weekly Support: | \$ 1,759.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses: | \$ 1,365.00 |
| YTD Support Received: | \$ 55,643.00 |
| YTD Expenses Paid: | \$ 56,508.00 |



Community News

- Everyone is invited to the St. Finbarr Fish Fry on Friday, February 27, 4:30-7:00 pm. Drive thru, carry out and delivery available. Adults \$15 and children under 10 \$8. We look forward to cooking for you!
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl provides funding for food security programs in communities around the world. 75% is for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. Please pick one up in the church entry and use it throughout the Lenten season.
- Visit the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Rochester, Feb 20-25, 8-10 am and 1-8 pm.
- World Day of Prayer 2026 will be at St. Ignatius on Friday, March 6 starting with refreshments in the Hall at 9am and the program in the Church at 10am. This year the women of Nigeria call us to worship with the words, “I will give you rest: come.” Matthew 11:28-30.
- 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.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet Thursdays at 6:45 pm at St. Ignatius.
- Courier: The February 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

Joanne Hampel

Jason Emanuel

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.