



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

MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Mar 3	6:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Henrietta Bushman
Wed, Mar 4	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Jodi Miller
Thur, Mar 5	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Meinard Pirkl
Fri, Mar 6	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Jean Sisk
Sat, Mar 7	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Russ Betsinger
Sat, Mar 7	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	Sara Kasel
Sun, Mar 8	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun, Mar 8	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	<i>Ad libitum Episcopi</i>

Adoration & Confession

Wed	9:00-9:30 AM	Adoration	St. Patrick
Thur	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	Adoration	St. Ignatius
	6:15 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

Next weekend, we look forward to having Bishop Barron at the Sunday Mass at St. Ignatius in Spring Valley. He will be celebrating the Mass for the Sunday of Lent, but also will lead the ritual of installing me as your pastor. This ceremony is a liturgical recognition of my having taken on the responsibility of shepherding a part of, what ultimately is, the bishop's flock. Appointment letters to pastors often cite the inability of the bishop to directly care for all the people entrusted to his charge, and so he appoints us pastors to assist him in carrying out his responsibility.

It's always a grace to have the bishop come to our cluster for any reason, really. He is a successor to the apostles. He carries on that long lineage of those who have had hands imposed upon their heads and have been entrusted with the fullness of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Especially when the bishop celebrates Mass, the Church is most evident and present. In Catholic thinking, a local parish is not a "local church". The parish is only one smart part of the local church, because a church is a gathering of the people, including deacons and priests, around the local bishop standing in the place of Christ the Head.

Our second fish fry of the cluster was this last Friday at St. Finbarr. Again it's great to see so many people come together. I'm very grateful to everyone who worked to put on the fish fry and make it a success.

I encourage you to come to the Stations of the Cross and make it part of your Lenten sacrifice. Meditating upon our Lord's suffering in those final hours helps us enter this season of penitence, and is a deeply fitting way to prepare for the celebration of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

About praying the Stations, St. John Paul II once said:

We are here because we are convinced that the Way of the Cross of the Son of God was not simply a journey to the place of execution. We believe that every step of the Condemned Christ, every action and every word, as well as everything felt and done by those who took part in this tragic drama, continues to speak to us. In his suffering and death too, Christ reveals to us the truth about God and man.

[W]e want to concentrate on the full meaning of that event, so that what happened may speak with new power to our minds and hearts, and become the source of the grace of a real sharing in it. To share means to have a part.

What does it mean to have a part in the Cross of Christ? It means to experience, in the Holy Spirit, the love hidden within the Cross of Christ. It means to recognize, in the light of this love, our own cross. It means to take up that cross once more and, strengthened by this love, to continue our journey.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 8

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding
Gifts: Avery Reiter, Nadalie Oeltjen, & Aleigha Drees
EMHC: None
Reader: Jerry Wolf
Servers: TBD
Ushers: Jacob Souhrada & Mike Souhrada
Counters: Souhrada & Rosann Sanford

Offering from February 22 – Week 34

Weekly Support: \$ 2,175.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 57,889.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 75,032.00

Announcements

- Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass 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/>
- The VFW Auxiliary #4114 is hosting a breakfast, Sunday, March 8, 8:00am-12:30pm at the VFW Hall in Spring Valley. Free will donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House of Minnesota. This is where military & veteran families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital.
- St. Ignatius Fish Fry Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make our 40th annual fish fry a success. We served approximately 465 people and made a profit of \$4,300.00.



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

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

St. Patrick

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

St. Ignatius

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

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

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 8

Opener: Diana Weiss
EMHC: Kristal Brogan & Kathy Gehling
Reader: Adyson Brogan
Servers: Sean Brogan & Kaylee Davis
Ushers: Logan Marx & Clint Weiss
Counters: Susan Baldus & Dylan Davis

Offering from February 22 – Week 34

Weekly Support:	\$	259.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	89,501.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	56,219.00



Stations of the Cross

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

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, March 7

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Utz
Gifts: Mike & Margaret Arndorfer
EMHC: Jessica Yoch
Reader: Arlene Bastian
Servers: Natalie Bunne & Hannah Huff
Ushers: Loren Rickerl & Rod Miller
Counters: Pat Arndorfer & Jessica Yoch

Offering from February 21 – Week 34

Weekly Support:	\$	3,277.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	59,364.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	58,063.00

Announcements

- CCW meeting Monday, March 2nd @ 7pm in the church hall. Co-chairs are Jess Yoch and Mel Welsh.
- St Patrick's will host its annual Irish Festival on Sunday, March 15, 11am-2pm. If anyone would like to donate toward the meat or a silent auction item, contact Elaine at 507-440-0674 or elainemills55@gmail.com. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.
- The LeRoy Ministerial Society will be holding its annual L.A.M.A. Luau on Sunday, March 8 11:30 to 1:00. Ody's pulled pork, kids' games, and door prizes. Free will donations go to the LeRoy Area Food Shelf.

Community News

- St. Ignatius Fish Fry Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our 40th annual fish fry and made it a success again this year! See you next year.
- World Day of Prayer 2026 will be at St. Ignatius on Friday, March 6. 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.
- Women's Lenten Retreat, Made For More! Sponsored by Diocesan Catholic Council of Women, Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm at St. Theodore Church, Albert Lea. Keynote speaker Elizabeth Leon. The day will include Mass, reflection, reconciliation and refreshments. \$50 per person. Obtain registration form - call or email Joanne Tibodeau at 507-373-1646 or jjt@sttheo.org. Download form at <https://sttheo.org>. All are welcome!
- 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, 9am-5pm, Saturday, March 21. \$30 registration fee; open to all young women.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet Thursdays at 7:00 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.