



## ST. IGNATIUS

213 W Franklin St  
Spring Valley, MN 55975



## ST. FINBARR

504 1<sup>st</sup> St SW  
Grand Meadow, MN 55936



## ST. PATRICK

436 W Main St  
LeRoy, MN 55951

# MARCH 22, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Mass Schedule

Tues, Mar 24	6:00 PM	St. Finbarr	Living & Deceased of Alice Snyder Family
Wed, Mar 25	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Barb & † Tom Hovde
Thur, Mar 26	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Diane Reineke
Fri, Mar 27	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Russ Betsinger
Sat, Mar 28	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Renae Kasel
Sun, Mar 29	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun, Mar 29	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Sr. Gertrude Schommer

### 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 <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

Last weekend was quite the situation. Weather forecasters so often miss the mark, forecasting doom and gloom weather-wise, and then little comes of it. They weren't wrong last weekend, however. Waking up Sunday morning and looking out the window, it was good that everyone could stay in and avoid the slippery, blistery outdoors for the early Mass. There was a small crowd at the 10:30 am Mass—maybe 35 people or so.

It's good to remember that the obligation to attend Mass is a grave one. Nevertheless, there are serious reasons when, even though the obligation to attend isn't lifted, there's no guilt in not making it to Mass. If you are sick, it is not a sin to miss Mass. If a parent has a sick child at home and has to stay home to care for them, there's no sin in missing Mass. If you are elderly, the weather makes it dangerous to venture out, and there's no one to bring you, there's no sin in missing Mass. Dangerous weather like last weekend excuses virtually everyone.

There were several people who, looking ahead, decided to attend Mass on Saturday evening. That is a show of prudence and devotion! I heard from several priests that their Masses this last Saturday evening were packed. They compared it to Christmas or Easter, that so many people had shown up before the storm to attend Mass.

It's hard to believe Easter is so close, and that next Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. Check out the schedule on the next page for all our times for the Sacred Triduum—the holy three days. Celebrating Easter is so much more meaningful when we set aside time to attend these beautiful and powerful liturgies.

Next Sunday, on Palm Sunday, in the afternoon we will have a common penance service. Three other priests will join me in offering Confession for you. Help spread the word, especially to those for whom it may have been a long time, and come to St. Finbarr for this great opportunity. Making a good Confession near the end of Lent also helps with our celebration of Easter.

Lastly, keep praying for our young people who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and for their Confirmation. Both of those celebrations are coming up at the end of April, on the same weekend. Confirmation will be on Friday, April 24. We have nine students from our parish cluster who are preparing to be confirmed by Bishop Barron. Then that Sunday, April 26, will be First Holy Communion at each parish's weekend Mass.

The Confirmation students will be making their retreat next Saturday, March 28, at St. Patrick. Please pray for them as they take this time away with each other, and especially with the Lord!

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Ignatius

### **Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 29**

Greeters: Chari Kruegel & Pam Walsh  
Gifts: Walsh Family  
EMHC: Jeff Erding & Chari Kruegel  
Reader: N: S O'Connell, R: J Wolf, V: C Wiste  
Servers: Jimmy Mettler & Paul Mettler  
Ushers: Bob Capelle & Ralph Drees  
Counters: Tim Engesser & Paul Klockeman

### **Offering from March 15 – Week 37**

Weekly Support:	\$	196.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	62,584.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	86,765.00

### **Announcements**

- Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. This takes about one hour and you are asked to deliver once a month. If St. Ignatius does not have adequate volunteers, we will no longer be able to participate in this much-needed community service. It all comes down to people being willing to commit to this initiative. Please contact Pat Blahnik at 507-346-7194 as soon as possible for more information.
- The Knights of Columbus are serving a pork chop dinner with all the fixings next Sunday, Mar. 29, 11:00-1:00, \$15.00. Drive-Thru or Dine In .



### **Faith Formation**

<b>St. Finbarr</b>		
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Mar 25, Apr 1
<b>St. Patrick</b>		
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Mar 25, Apr 8
<b>St. Ignatius</b>		
Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Mar 22, 29
Confirmation Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Mar 25, Apr 1

## St. Finbarr

### Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 29

Opener: Diana Weiss  
EMHC: Troy Gehling & Kathy Gehling  
Reader: Susan Baldus & Denice Gehling  
Servers: Evan Davis & Kaylee Davis  
Ushers: Lon Baldus & Logan Marx  
Counters: Susan Baldus & Dylan Davis

### Offering from March 15 – Week 37

Weekly Support:	\$	.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	91,950.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	67,790.00

### Announcements

- Please notify Dawn Stier if you would like to donate to Easter flowers. Text, email or call.

## Penance Service

Sunday, March 29 3:30 pm St. Finbarr

## 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 28

Greeters: Loren & Penny Rickerl  
Gifts: Nick & Kathi Bunne  
EMHC: Jennifer Lewis  
Reader: Cathy Mason & Travis Lewis  
Servers: Vanessa & Landon Lewis  
Ushers: Bruce Diemer & Chris Lentz  
Counters: Mike Arndorfer & Vicky Nolt

### Offering from March 14 – Week 37

Weekly Support:	\$	946.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	62,338.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	65,704.00

### Announcements

- Rescheduled! Our annual Irish Festival is Sunday, March 22, 11am-2pm. Mulligan Stew Dinner “all you can eat”, Hamburger or hot dog with chips. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Crafts, Bingo. Games for all ages. Carry-outs available.

*“The Cross will not crush you;  
if its weight makes you stagger,  
its power will also sustain you.”*

St. Padre Pio

## Community News

- There will be a second collection Sunday at St. Finbarr & St. Ignatius for Catholic Relief Services. This collection funds many CRS activities including Offices of International Justice and Peace and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.
- Rescheduled! St. Patrick Annual Irish Festival is Sunday, March 22, 11am-2pm. Carry-outs available.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius.
- Courier: The March edition is available in church entry and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website, [dowr.org](http://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.
- 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.

## Easter Triduum Times

### Holy Thursday, April 2

Morning Prayer 9:00 am – St. Ignatius  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm – St. Ignatius

### Good Friday, April 3

12:00 noon – St. Ignatius  
3:00 pm – St. Patrick  
6:00 pm – St. Finbarr

### Holy Saturday, April 4

Morning Prayer 9:00 am – St. Ignatius  
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm – St. Ignatius

### Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 am – St. Finbarr  
10:30 am – St. Patrick

## **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.*