



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

APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Apr 28	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Stanley & Shirley Davis
Wed, Apr 29	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Sara Kasel
Thur, Apr 30	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Bill & Eleanore Jones
Fri, May 1	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Victor Reineke
Sat, May 2	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Jodi Miller
Sat, May 2	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Brian O'Keefe
Sun, May 3	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Paul Snyder
Sun, May 4	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-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 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

This weekend our young people receive their First Holy Communion. We pray for them to experience the closeness of the Lord, and the fullness of His grace. The great sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, the profound love He displayed and poured out upon the Cross, is linked completely to the gift that is Holy Communion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states (n. 1382):

“The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord’s body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.”

The moment of receiving Holy Communion is the closest moment of union with our Lord possible in this life. Many of the saints speak about the power of the moment of receiving Holy Communion. St. John Vianney is often cited as saying, “If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.”

In the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), the church prays about this moment:

“In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.”

As great a grace as First Communion is, it is interesting that the Church does not require or suggest recording the first reception of Holy Communion in any sacramental register or entry. The Church requires various sacramental registers. Parishes are required to have registers for Baptism (most importantly), Marriage and death. A Confirmation register is to be kept either at the diocese or at the parishes. And the diocese is to keep a register of Holy Orders. Entries are to be made in baptismal records for ordination and religious profession. But there is no First Communion register, and Canon Law doesn't require an entry in the baptismal record. Many parishes in the United States do have First Communion registers, but this is not called for by the Church.

This is not a statement about the importance of First Communion. It's simply that reception of the Eucharist is repeatable and does not change a person's canonical status in the Church. Hence, there is no need to record it, even though nearly all parishes in the United States do.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, May 3

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 April 13 – Week 41

Weekly Support: \$ 1,053.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 69,126.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 96,285.00

Announcements

- Today is the last day to order Long Stemmed Roses for Mother's Day from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. Suggested donations are: Single Rose \$2.50; Half Dozen \$15.00; Dozen \$30.00.
- Spring Valley Kiwanis volunteers are available to help on projects that you may be unable to do (minor lawn cleanup and window washing). For more information, please contact Jay @ Edina Realty: 507-421-1821.



Faith Formation

	St. Finbarr	
Last Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Apr 29
First Communion	8:30 AM	Apr 26
	St. Patrick	
First Communion	5:00 PM	Apr 25
	St. Ignatius	
Last Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Apr 26
First Communion	10:30 AM	Apr 26

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, May 3

Opener: Dawn Stier
EMHC: Ellen Olson & Kathy Gehling
Reader: Dawn Stier
Servers: Kaylee Davis & Colton Meyerhofer
Ushers: Clint Weiss & Dom Stier
Counters: Dawn Stier & Trudy Swanson

Offering from April 19 – Week 41

Weekly Support:	\$	967.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	97,953.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	74,740.00

Announcements

- St. Finbarr's Education Endowment Fund Scholarship applications are available in the Narthex and are being accepted through May 3. High school seniors who meet the criteria are eligible to apply. The scholarships are made possible because of donations by generous parishioners, as well as money raised at parish events for the St. Finbarr's Education Endowment Fund.
- The post office box for St. Finbarr has been closed. All mail should be directed to the parish office at 213 W Franklin Street, Spring Valley, MN 55975.

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, May 2

Greeters: Nick & Kathi Bunne
Gifts: TBD
EMHC: TBD
Reader: TBD
Servers: Natalie Bunne & Chloe O'Bannon
Ushers: Jim Yoch & Mike Arndorfer
Counters: Mike Arndorfer & Cathy Yoch

Offering from April 18 – Week 41

Weekly Support:	\$	1,605.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	69,572.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	72,593.00

*“Don't think that pleasing God lies
so much in doing a great deal
as in doing it with good will,
without possessiveness
and the approval of men.”*

St. John of the Cross

Community News

- Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th** at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Spring Valley. Registration is 5:30 pm with Mass at 6 pm followed by a supper, meeting and speaker. All women are welcome!
- Camp Summit needs nurses/EMTs for the first week of camp. Week one runs July 25-30. The nursing team ensures the safety and care of all the middle school youth, high school youth, and adult volunteers at camp. The nursing team will provide general first aid, help youth through illnesses, injuries, homesickness, and help chaperones with medications and medical emergencies as needed. Visit the website campsommitwinona.org to learn more or email campsommitwinona@gmail.com.
- Join us May 5-7 for Real Presence Radio's spring live drive! Tune in 7 AM - 7 PM CT to hear real stories from people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic radio. Tune in on 970 AM in Rochester or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.
- Courier: The April 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.
- 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

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.