



## 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

# AUGUST 16, 2026

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Parish Office

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### Mass Schedule

|              |          |              |                                             |
|--------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Tues, Aug 18 | 8:30 AM  | St. Finbarr  | Mariah Snyder                               |
| Wed, Aug 19  | 8:30 AM  | St. Patrick  | † Amanda Kasel                              |
| Thur, Aug 20 | 8:30 AM  | St. Ignatius | Bill & Eleanore Jones                       |
| Fri, Aug 21  | 8:30 AM  | St. Ignatius | † Robert Czapiewski                         |
| Sat, Aug 22  | 5:00 PM  | St. Finbarr  | † Deceased of Alvin & Marcella Stier Family |
| Sun, Aug 23  | 8:30 AM  | St. Patrick  | <i>Pro Populo</i>                           |
| Sun, Aug 23  | 10:30 AM | St. Ignatius | † Charles Reineke                           |

### Adoration & Confession

|                     |                 |             |              |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Tues                | 9:00-9:30 AM    | Adoration   | St. Finbarr  |
| Wed                 | 9:00-9:30 AM    | Adoration   | St. Patrick  |
| Thur                | 9:00 AM-6:00 PM | Adoration   | St. Ignatius |
|                     | 5:45 PM         | Benediction | St. Ignatius |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat | 9:00 AM         | Confession  | St. Ignatius |
| Sat                 | 4:15-4:45 PM    | Confession  | St. Finbarr  |
| Sun                 | 8:00-8:20 AM    | Confession  | St. Patrick  |

*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

St. Finbarr and St. Ignatius festivals are only a month away now. Please help out where you can to make these events great, a day of good community, and successful for the parishes.

Over the next few weeks, each parish will be having server training for all current and new servers. There will be a few changes, and I look forward to working with our youth to make our Masses even more ceremonial, solemn, and meaningful. I know most of you already do, but from time to time showing your appreciation to our servers is always helpful to build them up and encourage them.

We continue now with the section on Vocations from Bishop Barron's Pastoral Letter.

### **III. Vocations**

An excellent and related suggestion that emerged from our Synod conversations was to produce "day in the life" videos about our seminarians. We could easily have a film crew follow some of our seminarians as they make their way through the day: praying, playing, studying, ministering, etc. This might serve to clear up some misconceptions that people have and to demonstrate how beautiful and healthy seminary life can be. And this film could be propagated widely through social media.

Another very concrete proposal that the Synod made was to encourage social interaction between priests and laity. Inviting priests to meals and to share in family activities is a way to normalize the priesthood in the minds of lay folk. This also means that priests need not be expected to attend every single parish meeting or activity, allowing them the time and energy to engage with parishioners in social settings. Some years ago, Time Magazine did a cover story on the level of satisfaction experienced by people in a variety of fields of endeavor. To the surprise of many, the vocation with the highest degree of job satisfaction was clergy person. Studies done within the Catholic Church on the lives of priests also bear this out. Time and again, and despite the recent difficulties, priests report very high levels of contentment in their work. I wonder how many people know this? I wonder how many Catholics fall into the trap of believing that the priesthood is a sad and lonely life, one that parents wouldn't wish for their children. Bringing priests and laity together is a good way to dispel these myths and misconceptions.

Still another intriguing proposal from our Synod is that lay people should "adopt" a seminarian. This means that they would commit themselves to supporting a seminarian financially, spiritually, and through friendship. They might offer novenas, make spiritual sacrifices, invite the young man to family events and activities, regularly communicate with him—all of which would be greatly beneficial not only to the seminarian but to the supportive family as well.

## St. Ignatius

### **Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, August 23**

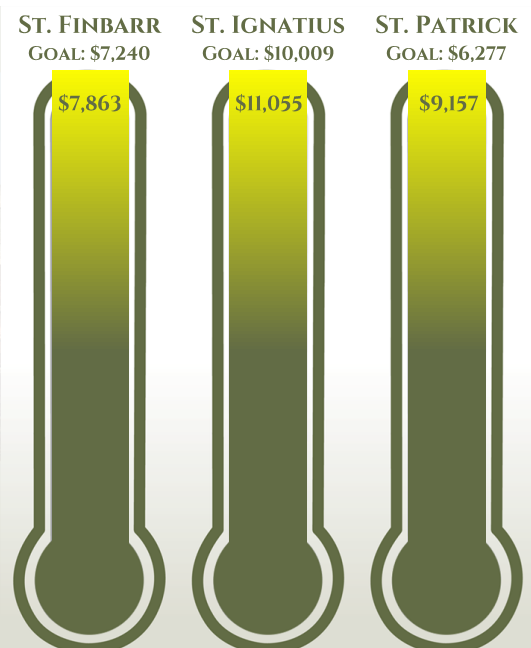
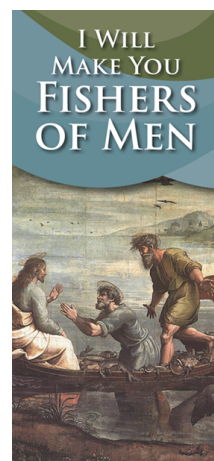
Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill  
Gifts: Walsh Family  
EMHC: Joanie Betsinger & Bob Capelle  
Reader: Teri Hill  
Servers: Avery Reiter & Harper Holmen  
Ushers: Paul Klockeman & John Mulhern  
Counters: Kelly Rahe & Mychelle Christian

### **Offering from August 9 – Week 6**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Support:           | \$ 4,265.00  |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses: | \$ 2,694.00  |
| YTD Support Received:     | \$ 14,150.00 |
| YTD Expenses Paid:        | \$ 12,521.00 |

### **Announcements**

- Please sign up in the entryway to help with our Fall dinner and to bring a pie. Help spread the word by taking some flyers in the entryway to hang up around the area. Pick up your raffle ticket envelope if you haven't already. Reach out to Teri Hill or Mychelle Christian if you would like more raffle tickets to sell.



The Synod participants made mention too of vocational support groups, who pray, fast, and support priests or seminarians.

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr

### Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, August 22

Opener: Dawn Stier  
EMHC: Denice Gehling & Troy Gehling  
Reader: Susan Baldus  
Servers: Sean Brogan & Evan Davis  
Ushers: Dom Stier & Lon Baldus  
Counters: Susan Baldus & Dom Stier

### Offering from August 8 – Week 6

|                           |    |          |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| Weekly Support:           | \$ | 363.00   |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses: | \$ | 2,140.00 |
| YTD Support Received:     | \$ | 7,164.00 |
| YTD Expenses Paid:        | \$ | 8,089.00 |

### Announcements

- Mission Circle quilt raffle tickets are available in the entryway before and after Mass. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt is displayed in the entryway. Drawing will be at 2:00 September 13. Need not be present to win.
- We are looking for 5th Grade Faith Formation Teachers for the 2026–2027 school year. You can sign up individually or co-teach to rotate weeks! Contact Rochelle Fay.
- St. Finbarr Fall Festival will be on Sunday, September 13 from 11-2. It's a fun day with food and drinks, games, bounce house, face painting and numerous vendors. Come join us. Anyone wanting to have a vendor booth please contact Dawn Stier.
- Mass of Christian Burial was held for Josie Churchill Sat., Aug 15 at St. Finbarr. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

## St. Patrick

### Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, August 23

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Utz  
Gifts: Mike & Margaret Arndorfer  
EMHC: Loren Rickerl  
Reader: Cathy Mason  
Servers: Kaylee Huff & Maria Almaraz-Nolt  
Ushers: Mike Welch & Bruce Diemer  
Counters: Jon Hiller & Tom Winkels

### Offering from August 9 – Week 6

|                           |    |          |
|---------------------------|----|----------|
| Weekly Support:           | \$ | 1,899.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses: | \$ | 1,693.00 |
| YTD Support Received:     | \$ | 7,356.00 |
| YTD Expenses Paid:        | \$ | 9,648.00 |



## Community News

- St Ignatius is celebrating their 50th annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 20. Serving BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and pie from 11 am - 1 pm. Drive through at the back entrance or come in for a sit down . Music by Ravens Fire from our very own Larry & Melissa Schmidt plus a bounce house for kids. Raffle tickets are \$5/ticket. Lots of great prizes. The drawing will be at 1 pm and you do not need to be present to win. Mark your calendar and invite others to join in our 50th Fall Festival celebration.
- Save the Date! Beloved, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Lourdes High School.
- Continue building your faith throughout the week with Catholic programming you can trust. Tune in on 970 AM in Rochester or listen online at [RealPresenceRadio.com](http://RealPresenceRadio.com).
- 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
- Courier: The August edition is available in the Narthex 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.

## **Prayer Chain**

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr

Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius

Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick

Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr

Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius

Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick

Cheri Jose

Lee Hill – St. Ignatius

Jodi Miller – St. Patrick

Sandy Stern

Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius

Crystal Stern – St. Patrick

Joanne Hampel

Bob & Margaret Cole

David Geary

Jason Emanuel

Diane Reineke

Karen Sanford

All Troops especially those in the Middle East

Eric Hadland

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to Mary in the office.*