



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

AUGUST 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Aug 4	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Kathy Snyder
Wed, Aug 5	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Don Olson
Thur, Aug 6	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Russ Betsinger
Fri, Aug 7	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Charles Reineke
Sat, Aug 8	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	John & JoAnn Gladys
Sat, Aug 8	5:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Leo Barnes
Sun, Aug 9	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun, Aug 9	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Wayne and Phyllis Buresh

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 st 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

This week I was able to help with Confessions and interact a little with the youth attending the Camp Summit retreat at Eagle Bluff. It's a good experience for our middle school youth. There's lots of prayer, daily Mass, Exposition and Adoration, as well as the outdoor activities of the environmental learning center there—ropes course and all. I hope our parents with children who will be in 5th, 6th and 7th grade this year will consider sending their children to this experience next summer.

We continue Bishop Barron's Pastoral Letter. This section concludes his discussion of the need to evangelize.

II. Evangelization

Other Recommendations

One theme that surfaced in our local Synod and that figures prominently in the studies of disaffiliation is the role of the family, especially fathers, in preventing young Catholics from departing the Church. Christian Smith has said that one of the clearest indicators that a young person will stay connected to the Church is that his or her family discussed religious matters in the casual environment of the home. If a child's considerations of religion were sequestered to Sunday morning Mass and perhaps religious education, he or she would tend toward disaffiliation. But if the faith was the subject of conversations around the table, children tended to stay close to the Church.

To make this even more pointed, study after study has shown that the father's role is of particular importance. If Dad prays and goes to church, kids typically pray and go to church. This pointed recommendation received a number of votes at our Synod: "Form and mentor fathers in leadership roles in home and parish life." I would imagine that there are many fathers of families who would like to play a more active role in the religious formation of their children but don't have the requisite instruction and encouragement. We should work hard at the parish level to provide both.

One suggestion that was made by our Synod, which figures prominently in the studies on evangelization, is to use the new media in a creative way. There is no question that the emergence of social media has been a boon to the mission of the Church. At a time when fewer and fewer young people spontaneously come to our parish programs or to Mass, we have the means to reach out to them, precisely where they "live." In many ways, we are experiencing a springtime of apologetics and evangelization through various social media ministries.

Accordingly, we find this suggestion from our Synod proceedings: "Expand diocesan digital outreach through social media, podcasts, and curated Catholic resources."

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, August 9

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter
Gifts: Walsh Family
EMHC: Jeff Erding & Bill Mettler
Reader: Jerry Wolf
Servers: Ava Wolfram & Emily Wolfram
Ushers: Ralph Drees & Joe Mulhern
Counters: Arndorfer & Paul Klockeman

Offering from July 26 – Week 4

Weekly Support:	\$	4,516.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,981.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	9,790.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	2,232.00

Announcements

- **SAVE THE DATE:** St. Ignatius **50th** Annual Fall Festival, Sunday, September 20, 11 AM to 1 PM. More info coming soon.
- Attention women of St. Ignatius. The August 8 CCW meeting has been **cancelled**. Our next meeting will be October 24.



ST. FINBARR
GOAL: \$7,240

\$7,842

ST. IGNATIUS
GOAL: \$10,009

\$11,055

ST. PATRICK
GOAL: \$6,277

\$8,307



I have proposed, both at the USCCB meetings and at the international Synod in Rome, that every diocese in the country should identify a bright, articulate, and technologically savvy person to lead and coordinate a social media outreach for evangelization. And I would encourage every pastor in our diocese to do the same at the parochial level.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, August 8

Opener: Tye Davis
EMHC: Dawn Stier & Kristal Brogan
Reader: Denice Gehling
Servers: Brody Meyerhofer & Ryan Meyerhofer
Ushers: Jim Davis & Terry Weelborg
Counters: Trudy Swanson & Dylan Davis

Offering from July 25 – Week 4

Weekly Support:	\$	787.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,673.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	3,211.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	976.00

Announcements

- 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.
- Mission Circle will meet August 4th at 1 at church. Everyone is welcome.

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, August 9

Greeters: Nick & Kathi Bunne
Gifts: Davis & Gladys Kasel
EMHC: Joyce Arndorfer
Reader: Kathy Stern
Servers: Landon Lewis & Hannah Huff
Ushers: Steve Kasel & Rod Miller
Counters: Joyce Arndorfer & Vicky Hackel

Offering from July 26 – Week 4

Weekly Support:	\$	777.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,331.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	3,932.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	2,250.00

Announcements

- CCW will meet on Monday, August 3, 7pm in the church hall . Chairperson is Kathy Stern.

*"If the word of God is spoken by someone
who is filled with the fire of charity —
the fire of love of God and neighbor —
it will work wonders."*

St. Anthony Mary Claret

Community News

- Boxes of Joy: Be on the lookout for good deals on school supplies to pack in the boxes
- Attention married couples young and old: Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with your spouse and with God all at the same time? We have been trained to lead a married couples group in St. John Paul II's The Rule. Please contact us at pamwalsh67@gmail.com or tjwalsh65.tw@gmail.com or phone Tim at 507-273-2874 or Pam at 507-421-9438. You can also learn more about married couple groups at <https://www.wojtylaci.com/>.
- Honor the Gift of Marriage. Join us at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lake Crystal on **August 15 at 10:00 a.m.** for our annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. All couples, regardless of their anniversary milestone, and their family and friends are invited to attend! A light reception will follow the Mass.
- Calling all women in Christ to take part in our annual Christian Experience Weekend, September 11-13 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley. Information can be found on the bulletin board by the church entrance or contact Pam Walsh pamwalsh67@gmail.com or 507-421-9438.
- 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 July 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.

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.