



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 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Sep 1	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Mariah Snyder
Wed, Sep 2	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Jodi Miller
Thur, Sep 3	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Charles Reineke
Fri, Sep 4	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Sr. Gertrude Schommer
Sat, Sep 5	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Richard & Matthew Kruse
Sat, Sep 5	5:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Paul Snyder
Sun, Sep 6	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	† Ralph Smith
Sun, Sep 6	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-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

As the fall approaches, we look forward to the upcoming Fall Festival at St. Finbarr and the Fall Dinner at St. Ignatius. Please help out with these where you can—everyone pitching in makes these a success. And please come and enjoy the events.

Continuing with Bishop Barron's Pastoral Letter, we pick up with his Vocations section again:

One vocation-related topic that generated a good deal of energy at the Synod was altar serving. Many Synod participants shared that numerous studies over the years have indicated that there is a tight correlation between serving at Mass and the discovery of a vocation to the priesthood. Not every young man who serves becomes a priest, of course, but many seminarians testify that their years of serving at the altar played a significant role in their discernment. Therefore, if we are interested in more seminarians, we should perhaps put a renewed emphasis on the role of the altar server and especially encourage young men to this ministry. Do we have specialized and on-going training for them? Do we take them on spiritual retreats in order to enhance their experience of the Mass? Do we cultivate among them a camaraderie, a sort of esprit de corps? Do altar servers themselves actively recruit other young men to join them?

Some years ago [in Chicago]... I heard a story about one of our older priests. On the eve of his departure from the parish to take up residence in an assisted living center, he celebrated Sunday Mass. At the conclusion of the liturgy, he took off his shoes and placed them at the foot of the altar. Then he turned to the congregation and asked, "Who will fill these shoes?" It was a beautiful challenge to the parishioners to raise up from among their community a future priest. I was so impressed by this narrative that I sponsored a program at the seminary called "Who Will Fill These Shoes?"... I invited every pastor in the Archdiocese to find one young man in his parish who would make a good priest and to accompany him to a day of reflection at the seminary. We filled the main chapel at Mundelein, which seats about 800, with eager candidates and proud pastors. I spoke to them about the priesthood, seminarians were on hand to respond to their questions, and Cardinal George celebrated Mass for them. Afterwards, we had a festive lunch. I would like to do something very similar in our diocese...

Along with this major event, we should revive the practice of "Andrew Dinners" around the diocese. These are named for St. Andrew, the erstwhile disciple of John the Baptist, who asked Jesus, "Where do you stay?" to which the Lord responded, "Come and see." In each of the regions of our diocese, pastors would invite young men who are interested in the priesthood to dine together, to talk about the priesthood, to "come and see" whether the life of the priest might be for them.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, September 6

Greeters: Bill & Sue Puffer
Gifts: Bill Mettler Family
EMHC: Chari Kruegel & John Gladys
Reader: Sarah O'Connell
Servers: None
Ushers: Joe Mulhern & Bob Capelle
Counters: Rosann Sanford & Tim Engesser

Offering from August 23 – Week 8

Weekly Support:	\$	951.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	2,694.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	16,383.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	13,807.00
Second Collection:	\$	332.00

Announcements

- We are very low on Mass intentions at St. Ignatius. Masses can be offered for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. The customary stipend is \$10 and intentions should be given to Father Parrott.
- 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 Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, September 8. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- Wedding Blessings to Zoe and Dalton Vreeman who were married at St. Ignatius on Saturday, August 22.

"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."

- St. Francis of Assisi

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, September 5

Opener: Diana Weiss
EMHC: Nicole Meyerhofer & Ellen Olson
Reader: Susan Baldus
Servers: Colton Meyerhofer & Ryan Meyerhofer
Ushers: Jim Davis & Terry Weelborg
Counters: Susan Baldus & Lori Stier

Offering from August 22 – Week 8

Weekly Support:	\$	5,576.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	2,140.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	12,519.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	8,089.00
Second Collection:	\$	268.00

Announcements

- Mission Circle quilt raffle tickets are available in the entry way. You do not need to be present to win
- Mission Circle will meet Tuesday Sept 1 at the church. Everyone is welcome.
- Workers are needed for the Fall Festival. There is a sign-up sheet in the entry to work a shift .
- Boxes of Joy donations will be accepted until November 1 There is a list of preferred items needed in the entryway. Please consider helping with this project

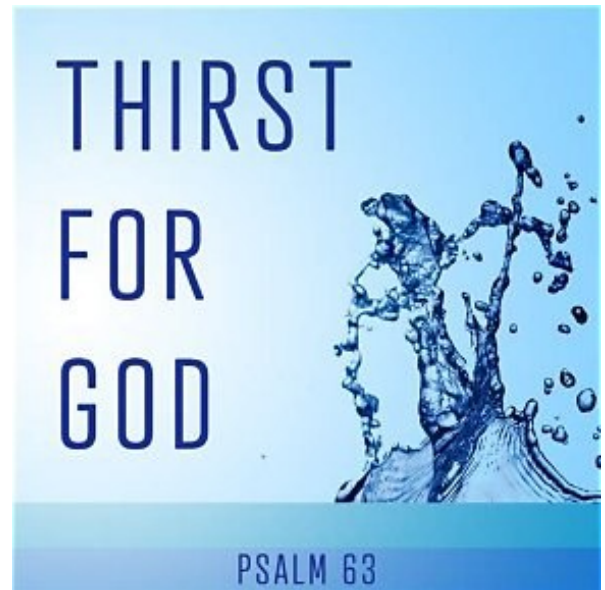
St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, September 6

Greeters: Paul & Cathy Yoch
Gifts: Nick & Kathi Bunne
EMHC: Nick Kasel
Reader: Vicky Hackel
Servers: Natalie Bunne & Vanessa Lewis
Ushers: Loren Rickerl & Tom Winkels
Counters: Cathy Yoch & Rita Hiller

Offering from August 23 – Week 8

Weekly Support:	\$	1,368.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,693.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	9,841.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	9,756.00
Second Collection:	\$	570.00



Community News

- St. Finbarr's Fall Festival will be on Sunday, September 13 from 11-2. Food, games and vendors. There's something for everyone!
- 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.
- Registration is now open for Beloved, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Lourdes High School. Visit www.dowr.org/events for more information.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.