



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 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Aug 11	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Shirley Davis
Wed, Aug 12	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Craig Ahern
Thur, Aug 13	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Charles Reineke
Fri, Aug 14	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Joseph Walsh
Sat, Aug 15	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Helen Stier
Sat, Aug 15	5:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Deceased of Norbert & Edith Burke Family
Sun, Aug 16	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	† Marvin Winkels
Sun, Aug 16	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

This Saturday, August 15, is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast is one when it falls on a Saturday or Monday, in the United States the obligation to attend is lifted. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Nevertheless, I will offer a Mass on Saturday morning in Spring Valley. I invite you to come, nonetheless, and honor our Blessed Mother.

Last week, we concluded the Evangelization section of Bishop Barron's Pastoral Letter. Here is the beginning of his discussion on Vocations.

III. Vocations

It is no secret that the priesthood has been passing through a painful season. The scandals of the past many years have harmed the people of God, weakened the Church in its evangelical mission, and undermined confidence in the priesthood. At the height of the troubles, some twenty years ago, many priests were ashamed even to appear in public wearing the Roman collar. Given the passage of time and the massive institutional reforms put in place to address this problem, the worst of that season is behind us.

I believe in fact that a time of renewal is upon us. It is fascinating to note that the number of seminarians during the time of scandals really did not go down significantly. And as a former seminary professor and rector, I can testify that those young men discerning a vocation during that time had a keen sense that they were called upon to contribute to the spiritual renewal of the priesthood.

There is something else afoot in the wider culture, namely, a growing interest among young men for the spiritual life. Raised on the speculations of the new atheists that the world comes from nothing and returns to nothing, and that there is, accordingly, no purpose to life, no meaning to existence, they are hungry for what will satisfy their souls. And so, in increasing numbers, they are willing to listen to the voice of God. The Church should be ahead of this curve, inviting young men to the radical self-gift of a priestly vocation. Many commentators on the scene today stress that the Church has made things too easy, especially on young men, who enjoy a challenge. Pope John Paul II in particular proved that the young respond when they are summoned to spiritual and moral heroism.

A first proposal that I would make is to assure that the seminarians in our diocese are visible to our people. When I was coming of age in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I am quite sure that I never saw a seminarian, either in my Catholic school or at Mass. And so, when I began to feel the stirrings of a vocation, I had very little idea what the life of a seminarian was like. I had no model to emulate. I love the fact that in our diocese, the seminarians, both from IHM Seminary and St. Paul's Seminary, are frequently

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, August 16

Greeters: Walsh Family
Gifts: Chari Kruegel & De Vreeman
EMHC: John Glady & Rosann Sanford
Reader: Joanie Betsinger
Servers: None
Ushers: Jacob Souhrada & Mike Souhrada
Counters: Tim Engesser & Mulhern

Offering from August 2 – Week 5

Weekly Support:	\$	1,289.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,981.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	9,790.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	9,109.00

Announcements

- **SAVE THE DATE:** St. Ignatius **50th** Annual Fall Festival, Sunday, September 20, 11 AM to 1 PM. More info coming soon.



ST. FINBARR
GOAL: \$7,240

\$7,842

ST. IGNATIUS
GOAL: \$10,009

\$11,055

ST. PATRICK
GOAL: \$6,277

\$8,907



present for liturgies and other public events. I cannot think of a better way to recruit candidates for the priesthood than to show that young men like themselves have already begun to walk the path toward ordination. I regularly see our seminarians, not only at the grand festive liturgies, but also at Totus Tuus, Camp Summit, prayer services at abortion clinics, fundraisers, parish activities, etc.

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, August 15

Opener: Diana Weiss
EMHC: Ellen Olson & Kathy Gehling
Reader: Dawn Stier
Servers: Colton Meyerhofer & Kaylee Davis
Ushers: Al Stier & Logan Marx
Counters: Dawn Stier & Lori Stier

Offering from August 8 – Week 5

Weekly Support:	\$	3,589.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,673.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	6,800.00
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.

*"Take courage, it is I;
do not be afraid."*

Matthew 14:27

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, August 16

Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller
Gifts: Loren & Penny Rickerl
EMHC: Kathy Stern
Reader: Vicky Hackel
Servers: Clara Rohrer & Allie Bunne
Ushers: Nick Kasel & Chris Lentz
Counters: Mike Arndorfer & Jennifer Lewis

Offering from August 2 – Week 5

Weekly Support:	\$	1,526.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,331.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	5,458.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	6,950.00



Community News

- Boxes of Joy: Be on the lookout for good deals on school supplies to pack in the boxes.
- Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will host a booth in the Plager Building at the Mower County Fair Aug. 11-16. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help in the booth. Day and evening shifts are available and no prior experience is necessary. Call Arlo/Beth Drees at 507-434-9141 for more information.
- 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.
- Save the Date! Beloved, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Lourdes High School.
- 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 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.