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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Sep 22	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	No Mass
Wed, Sep 23	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	No Mass
Thur, Sep 24	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	No Mass
Fri, Sep 25	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	No Mass
Sat, Sep 26	5:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Alice Snyder
Sun, Sep 27	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun, Sep 27	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Gervase O'Brien

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

Today is the St. Ignatius Fall Festival. I hope everyone is able to make time to come. It is a great thing when so many of our parishioners and community members all come together to share this time together.

Last Sunday was St. Finbarr's Fall Festival, and God favored it by keeping the rain just south of us for the day. Thank you to everyone who made it a great day!

Starting this week, I will be unavailable for the next two to three weeks. Thank you for all the prayers, I expect everything will go well. If there are sacramental emergencies and someone needs to be anointed due to the danger of death, call the office if Mary is here, she will find a priest. If not, the emergency line is available.

We will likely be able to conclude Bishop Barron's Pastoral Letter with next week's bulletin. Here, he continues to lay out his goals for our diocese and what he, as our local successor to the Apostles, would like to see:

Conclusion and Challenge

Invite Men to Consider the Priesthood

Every major study of priestly vocations that I have read emphasizes the following: the single greatest factor in bringing a young man to the seminary is the encouragement that came from someone that he loved and trusted. When a parent, a relative, an older friend, a confidant said, "you would make a good priest," a powerful seed was planted in the young man's soul. So, I would encourage everyone in our diocese: when you notice a person who has the gifts—intelligence, kindness, prayerfulness, devotion to the liturgy, care for the suffering and the poor—tell him that he should think about the priesthood. Don't assume that someone else is doing it; you do it!

When I was a senior in high school, I took a course in advanced English. The professor was Mr. White, a wonderful man and a deeply inspiring teacher. One of the requirements of his class was that we keep a daily journal. It didn't matter particularly what was in it. It could be poetry, a diary, essays, or stories, but we were to write something every day. In the spring of that year, I received my journal back from Mr. White and it was filled with comments, some praising my writing, some constructively critical of it. But alongside one of my entries, there was the simple remark, "Have you ever considered the priesthood?" The piece that he was commenting upon was not on a religious topic and it had nothing to do with vocational discernment, but he saw something in it that prompted him to make that remark. Well, it had a deep impact on me, and I remember it to this day.

What I would love to see is every one of us undertaking the challenge to notice and encourage those in our parishes whom we think may have a priestly vocation. My goal is to have the priests and people of each deanery raise up one vocation every year. With five deaneries, that would mean at least five new seminarians each year!

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, September 27

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding
Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys
EMHC: Bob Capelle & Jeff Erding
Reader: Teri Hill
Servers: None
Ushers: Paul Klockeman & Bryan O'Connell
Counters: Arndorfer & Mulhern

Offering from September 13 – Week 11

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,135.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 2,694.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 20,975.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 24,513.00

Announcements

- Join in our 50th Fall Festival celebration! Serving BBQ chicken dinner from 11 - 1. Music by Ravens Fire plus a bounce house for kids. Raffle tickets are \$5/ticket.

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST AND THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST

MATTHEW 20:16



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr

Catechetical Sunday	8:30 AM	Sep 20
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Sep 23, 30

St. Patrick

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Sep 23, 30
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St. Ignatius

First Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Sep 20, 27
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St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, September 26

Opener: Tye Davis
EMHC: Troy Gehling & Dawn Stier
Reader: Denice Gehling
Servers: Ryan Meyerhofer & Chael Stier
Ushers: Clint Weiss & Jim Davis
Counters: Clint Weiss & Dom Stier

Offering from September 12 – Week 11

Weekly Support:	\$	730.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	2,140.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	15,064.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	14,482.00

Announcements

- Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Fall Festival. Whether you helped set up, made treats, volunteered to work or came and ate and enjoyed the beautiful day with us it all made our Festival a success.
- Congratulations to Tricia Anderson who won the patriotic quilt raffle. Tricia has two sons in the military, one who has served and one who is still actively serving our country. It was especially meaningful to her to win.
- 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 27

Greeters: Loren & Penny Rickerl
Gifts: Jim & Jessica Yoch
EMHC: Gladys Kasel
Reader: Kathy Stern
Servers: Chloe O'Bannon & Allie Bunne
Ushers: Mike Welsh & Tom Winkels
Counters: Tom Winkels & Barb Hovde

Offering from September 13 – Week 10

Weekly Support:	\$	1,601.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,693.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	13,782.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	16,710.00

Announcements

- Kathy Stern will be stepping down from the maintenance position at St. Patrick. Thank you, Kathy, for all you've done for us. St. Patrick will need a maintenance person starting at the beginning of the new year. If anyone is able and interested in taking the position, please contact Father Parrott.
- Pick up Boxes of Joy beginning today. They should be filled with new, unused items and returned to the church by Sunday, November 1. We hope to again reach our goal of 100 boxes. All boxes will contain a list of acceptable and unacceptable items. Luke 3:11: "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

Community News

- Help St. Ignatius celebrate the 50th annual Fall Festival this Sunday, September 20. Serving BBQ chicken dinner from 11 - 1. Drive through or come in for a sit down. Music by Ravens Fire plus a bounce house for kids. Raffle tickets are \$5/ticket. Lots of great prizes. 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.
- Stories of faith. Voices of hope. Your local community brought together by a shared mission. Join us for our fall live drive September 15-17 from 7am-7pm on 970 AM in Rochester/Austin. Be a part of what it takes to keep Catholic radio on the air.
- Visitation Catholic Church, 604 N Broad Street, Stacyville, IA invites you to their Drive-Thru Hot Beef Sandwich Supper, Sunday, September 20, 2026, serving from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Menu includes hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, and cookies. Free Will Offering.
- 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 September 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

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

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

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