



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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Sep 8	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	Sue and Dave Gaebel
Wed, Sep 9	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Crystal Stern
Thur, Sep 10	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Charles Reineke
Fri, Sep 11	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Nathaniel Drees
Sat, Sep 12	5:00 PM	St. Finbarr	† Albert & Lois Gehling
Sun, Sep 13	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun, Sep 13	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	Joe & Rita Bezdicek

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

Next week is the St. Finbarr Fall Festival. I hope to see everyone there from our whole cluster to make it a great day for our parishes and community. Don't forget to plan also for St. Ignatius' dinner in two weeks.

We have been having server training these weeks. The last will be St. Ignatius. You will notice a number of changes. Many of them help the Mass proceed more smoothly, others add solemnity and dignity to the celebration. I appreciate the efforts of our young people. Please support and thank them when you see them doing a good job, especially our new servers who are just starting out and may be nervous about how they did.

Faith Formation will start soon, as well, now that the school year is underway. I look forward to meeting with the Confirmation and First Communion families on Wednesday, September 16. Let's pray it's a great year!

Now, continuing the series, we come to the last section of Bishop Barron's Pastoral Letter:

Conclusion and Challenge

I would like to conclude this letter on a note of challenge and encouragement. Those who participated in the Synod were men and women of great faith and their work has produced a plethora of valuable insights and proposals. But I do not want this Synod to be forgotten or its conclusions summed up in a document that gathers dust on a shelf. Thus, I ask the Diocesan Curia, the Presbyteral Council, and the Diocesan Pastoral Council to supervise the implementation of the Synod's findings. Furthermore, I am appointing a diocesan Synodal Implementation Committee to facilitate this process in the individual parishes.

Furthermore, I want us to come to terms with the fact that progress in both evangelization and vocations is measurable. This doesn't mean that we don't care about quality, but that we can quantify the progress of our endeavors in some way. At the end of the day, I want the number of seminarians to increase, and I want the October Mass count to go up. To this end, I am asking – challenging – the people of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to take the following concrete steps:

Bring One Person Back to Mass

In my travels around our diocese, I tell my people that each of them should become an evangelist, and I have made the following simple suggestion: bring one person back to Mass during the coming year. Everyone, myself included, knows someone who ought to be coming to Mass but isn't. It might be a family member, a friend, a co-worker. Take the time to invite that person to return to the source and summit of the Christian life. You might even find that this invitation functions as a conversation-starter, an opportunity to elicit and respond to questions, to clear up misconceptions, to assuage fears, etc. If successful, we would double our October count in one year!

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, September 13

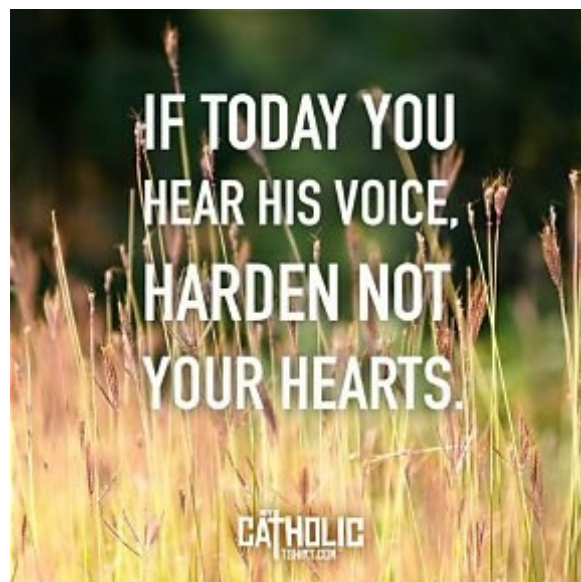
Greeters: Mary Ann Meyers & De Vreeman
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Jeff Erding & Teri Hill
Reader: Amy Mulhern
Servers: Ava Wolfram & Emily Wolfram
Ushers: Jacob Souhrada & Mike Souhrada
Counters: Mychelle Christian & Mulhern

Offering from August 30 – Week 9

Weekly Support:	\$ 974.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 2,694.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 16,383.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 13,807.00

Announcements

- We need 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.
- We are two weeks away from our 50th Fall Festival but still need several workers and several more pies. Please sign up to help in any way that you can. Also, we have more raffle tickets available to sell, so if you have a family reunion or any type of gathering coming up, get tickets from Teri Hill or Mychelle Christian.
- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, September 8. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.



St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, September 12

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Denice Gehling & Troy Gehling
Reader: Becky Oehlke
Servers: Chael Stier & Evan Davis
Ushers: Al Stier & Chris Stier
Counters: Dylan Davis & Trudy Swanson

Offering from August 29 – Week 9

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,187.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 2,140.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 13,706.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 9,495.00

Announcements

- Mission Circle quilt raffle tickets are available in the entry way. You do not need to be present to win.
- 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 13

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welch
Gifts: Jim & Jessica Yoch
EMHC: Vicky Hackel
Reader: Joyce Arndorfer
Servers: Cathia Almaraz-Nolt & Tyler Huff
Ushers: Steve Kasel & Mike Welch
Counters: Joyce Arndorfer & Travis Lewis

Offering from August 30 – Week 9

Weekly Support:	\$ 923.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,693.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 10,764.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 11,707.00

Announcements

- CCW will meet on Monday, September 7th, 7pm in the church hall. Chairperson is Barb Payne.

For where
TWO or THREE
are gathered together
in My name,
THERE AM I
in the midst of them.
MATTHEW 18:20

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.
- St. John the Baptist (Johnsburg, MN) Fall Dinner will be Sun, Sept 13 from 3:30-6:30. Serving Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, & Bar. Free Will Offering - Drive Thru Only, but we welcome you to eat your take out dinner in the hall.
- 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.
- 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 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.