

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church
213 W Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

From Father's Desk –

Blessed Sunday to all of you! What a gift the Lord's day is. It's a time to refresh, to be with community and family, to honor the Lord's work in salvation history, in the world and in our life. Even as the lengthier summer relaxation comes to an end, we still have the Lord's day every week.

We are looking forward to the Fall Dinners/Festivals. Your help making them happen is much appreciated, and it's a good way to be a presence within the community. I appreciate seeing everyone around, parishioners and visitors. Just a couple weeks away and the time between now and then will fly by. Encourage all your friends and family to come and enjoy.

There are a couple updates to make you all aware of here at the parish office. I mentioned a while ago that we have a new phone system which allows you to call the parish number and it rings to my cell phone as well as the office and rectory phones. One easy number to reach me, the same old number. That doesn't mean I'm always able to answer it, but it simplifies things and allows me to receive your call even if I am away from the rectory and office.

With the new phone system, it is also now enabled for text messaging. Now, mind you, I do not like texting very much. It's a short, cheapened form of communication, but it has its uses. So, you can text the parish number, and I will see it. Just be forewarned: texts are far more easily forgotten and overlooked than emails, letters, voicemails or phone calls. If you have something quick and short, and maybe if time is of the essence, then texting might be a good way to accomplish that. If it's something important or that involves a task needing to be done, then I suggest choosing another method to contact me. I can mark emails unread and I can flag them to make sure I return to them. Choose what you will, but I've given you fair warning! (Also, because it's a business account, the first time I text you the system automatically adds the "Reply STOP to stop," etc... that's just the way it works, I guess.)

Lastly, you may have noticed my email address on page 3 changed last week. We have a new domain for both email addresses and our website. You can keep using the old email address for now, but I do have a new email address at the new domain. And our new website is up and running: www.fmparishes.org. The FM is for Fillmore and Mower counties, which our three parishes are in. Check it out. It's a newer look, with some new features—especially the Google Calendar with our Masses and other events listed there, which is easily updated. We have some more control over the design and capabilities of this new site. Over the course of several months or a couple years, we'll let our old website domain expire. I want to thank Jim Hindt for helping us with the old website, which served us well.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Tues., Aug. 26, 8:30 AM for David Snyder † Sun., Aug 31, 8:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 31, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Opener: Diana Weiss EMHC: Dawn Stier / Nicole Meyerhofer Lector: Susan Baldus Servers: Kaylee Davis / Ryan Meyerhofer Ushers: Chris Stier / Terry Weelborg Counters: Susan Baldus / Dylan Davis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Aug. 17, 2025 – Week 7</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 683.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,646.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 25,259.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 8,989.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>St. Finbarr's Fall Festival</u> is Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.</p>	

St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Wed., Aug. 27, 8:30 AM for CW Sat., Aug. 30, 5:00 PM for Kurt Fuhrmann</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Aug. 30, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Nick & Kathi Bunne Gifts: Cletus & Arlene Bastian EMHC: Gladys Kasel Lector: Vicki Nolt Servers: Brittany Tucke / Kathia Alamaraz-Nolt Ushers: Jim Yoch / Tom Winkels Counters: Vicki Nolt / Mike Arndorfer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Aug. 16, 2025 – Week 7</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,309.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,365.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 11,207.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 11,209.00</p>	
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St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Thur., Aug. 28, 8:30 AM for Thomas & Margaret Mettler Thur., Aug. 28, Rosary, 6:30 PM for the Synod Fri., Aug. 29, 8:30 AM for Kenneth Dingels † Sun., Aug. 31, 10:30 AM for Ed Schommer Jr †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 31, 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Lois Boelter / De Vreeman Gifts: De Vreeman / Chari Kruegel EMHC: John Gladys / Bill Mettler Lector: Joe Mulhern Servers: Jimmy Mettler / Nadalie Oeltjen Ushers: Joe Mulhern/ John Mulhern Counters: Rahe / Christian</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Aug. 17, 2025 – Week 7</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 849.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 5,109.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 11,607.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Please Sign Up</u> in the entryway to help with our Fall dinner and to bring a pie. Also, there are advertising flyers near the sign-up for all to take and help spread the word of our event. Thank you!</p>	

Bishop Barron invites you to two upcoming events!

1700-year anniversary of the Council of Nicaea: Bishop Barron and the Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Chicago will both speak on the importance of the Council of Nicaea in the life of the Church. This event is on August 27 at Ss. Kosmas and Damianos Greek Orthodox Church in Rochester with questions and fellowship afterward.

Mass for Peace: As conflicts and unrest continue globally and locally, Bishop Barron will be celebrating a Mass for Peace on Tuesday, September 2, at 5:30pm at Pax Christi in Rochester. All are invited to this Mass to pray for peace in our world, nation, and communities.

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- **The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** will be meeting this Fall. We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. It is a method of discernment for those interested in having questions answered, learning more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church, or it may be an opportunity you need to just come and listen. Join us!! Or do you know someone who might be thinking about becoming Catholic? Invite them! Call Joyce Arndorfer at 507-440-3692 or Tim Engesser at 507-346-1875 for more information.
- **Sewing Machine Donation.** The Jeremiah Program in Rochester provides housing, child care, and assists women with completing their education to become self-sufficient. They have a waiting list for sewing machines. Do you have one sitting in a closet that you don't use anymore? It would be a valuable donation. Jeremiah Program, 2915 Jeremiah Ln NW, Rochester, MN 55901 – (507) 215-8661. Or call Sylvia Christian at (507) 259-8001.
- **Women's Christian Experience Weekend:** September 12-14 at Good Earth Village, Spring Valley Take time away from the busy-ness of daily life to encounter the Holy Spirit in a unique way. Participants spend time together renewing their Christian faith. Visit the Pax Christi Church, Rochester website for more information.
- **Bishop Gerard Battersby of the La Crosse Diocese** will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident, or infant death on Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse.
- **St. Finbarr's Fall Festival** is Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.
- **All Are Invited** to St Ignatius 49th annual Fall Dinner and Raffle, September 21. Serving chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and pie 11 AM - 1 PM. Drive through or come in for a sit-down meal. Purchase raffle tickets from any St Ignatius members. Great prizes. The raffle drawing will be at 1 PM that day and no need to be present to win.
- **Second Collection This Weekend** for Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native Americans.
- **Courier:** The August edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.



Faith Formation Announcements

Enjoy Your Summer!

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound
Tri-Parish members and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr	Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Jane Reinecke – St. Ignatius
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Kathleen Domaille
David Geary	Marilyn Calkins
Cheri Jose	Karen Sanford
Sandy Stern	Maxine Mlenar
Jason Emanuel	Todd Mlenar
Diane Reinecke	

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain,
email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.*

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Elaine Mills – St. Patrick 507-440-0674

Tri-Parish Website: www.fmparishes.org

Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements for infant baptism are made at least one month in advance. A one-hour Pre-Jordan session is required for parents who have not participated in one previously. Baptism is preferably celebrated during the Mass on Saturday or Sunday. To make arrangements, contact Fr. Parrott.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of meetings and a marriage encounter weekend. This sacrament is not celebrated during Lent or Holy Week.

Confession: This is offered before the Saturday Mass from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., before or after daily Mass in the respective parishes or by appointment with Fr. Parrott or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.