

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31, 2025**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14**

## **From Father's Desk –**

Next weekend is the St. Finbarr Fall Festival. Last year's was a great success and I hope this year's will be, as well. It's great if parishioners from all three parishes show up and support each other's festivals and dinners, and it helps make them all successful. I glanced at the weather forecast for the seventh, and it looks like we may need to offer some prayers for a pleasant, rain-free day! **Please note, for the Fall Festival on Sept. 7, Mass at St. Finbarr will be at 10:30 AM.**

Pope Leo has been a great voice for peace. He has repeatedly raised the issue of the suffering of the people in Gaza, as well as in Ukraine. We need to pray that violence ends, with a lasting respect for human life and neighboring peoples and countries. Two Fridays ago, on the Queenship of Mary August 22, the day was dedicated by Pope Leo to prayer and fasting for peace in Gaza. It was only on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> that the pope had invited Catholics around the world to join in this effort. (This is actually pretty common historically, that a pope will ask Catholics around the world to join in something which occurs within less than a week, and so most of the Catholic world doesn't hear about it.) If you hadn't heard about it, you can still pick a day and dedicate it for the cause of peace, which is a very worthy undertaking right now.

If you haven't, yet, I invite you to take a look at our new website. [www.fmparishes.org](http://www.fmparishes.org) If there's some important feature we're missing which you think we should have on there, let us know. The new contact form on the site has already been used several times! Hopefully the redesigned site can increase people's ability to stay aware of our parish life and get in touch with us.

This past week we had two related feast days, which the Church often does in different ways. Like with the quasi-octave from August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to August 22, the Queenship of Mary, the Church will make a connection between two feast days in the liturgical calendar. This past week, on August 28 we celebrated St. Augustine, the masterful theologian and bishop of the early church. The day before on August 27 was the feast of St. Monica, his supplicant mother. St. Augustine was born in northern Africa, spent time learning philosophy and rhetoric in Carthage, Rome and elsewhere. His Christian mother begged for his conversion to the faith, and followed him, praying ceaselessly and with many tears. St. Augustine met St. Ambrose in Milan and experienced a great conversion. He was baptized and ordained soon enough, and became the bishop of Hippo, also in northern Africa. He is one of the most revered theologians in all of church history and is still a great source for spiritual and theological insight.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tues., Sept. 2, 8:30 AM for Patricia Irlbeck †  
**Note Change: Sun., Sept 7, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo***

### Offering from Aug. 24, 2025 – Week 8

Weekly Support:	\$ 937.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 26,196.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 8,989.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 7, 8:30 AM

Opener: Dawn Stier  
 EMHC: Ellen Olson / Troy Gehling  
 Lector: Denice Gehling  
 Servers: Holly Weiss / Brody Meyerhofer  
 Ushers: Logan Marx / Clint Weiss  
 Counters: Trudy Swanson / Clint Weiss

- **St. Finbarr's Fall Festival** is next Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Mass next Sunday will be offered at 10:30 AM. Games, Vendors and Food! Please sign up to help on bulletin board in back of church.
- **Mission Circle** meets Tuesday, Sept 2 at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wed., Sept. 3, 8:30 AM for Father Collins  
 Sat., Sept. 6, 5:00 PM for Scott Rowe †

### Offering from Aug. 23, 2025 – Week 8

Weekly Support:	\$ 568.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 11,775.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 11,209.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Sept. 6, 5:00 PM

Greeters: David & Gladys Kasel  
 Gifts: Bruce & Deb Diemer  
 EMHC: Mike Arndorfer  
 Lector: Kate Rohrer  
 Servers: Clara Rohrer / Jaeden Huff  
 Ushers: Chris Lentz / Tony Arndorfer  
 Counters: Pat Arndorfer / Jon Hiller

- **CCW** will meet Monday, September 1, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Gladys Kasel and Kathy Stern.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Thur., Sept. 4, 8:30 AM for William & Eleanore Jones and Family  
 Fri., Sept. 5, 8:30 AM for Francisco & Julia Mercado †  
 Sun., Sept. 7, 10:30 AM for Esther & Irvin Evers †

### Offering from Aug. 24, 2025 – Week 8

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,551.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 6,660.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 11,750.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 7, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter  
 Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill  
 EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Teri Hall  
 Lector: Jerry Wolf  
 Servers: Harper Holmen / Scarlett Marcom  
 Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / Paul Mettler  
 Counters: Czapiewski / Engesser

- **Please Sign Up** 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!
- **The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, September 9. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.

***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.*

***Marriage Anniversary Mass:** Saturday, September 6. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, presided by Bishop Robert Barron, will take place at 10 AM at St. Rose of Lima, 180 S Fremont St, Lewiston, followed by a Light Reception including the presentation of Anniversary Certificates. Family and friends are encouraged to attend! Register at the Diocese's website DOWR.org.*

## Tri-Parish News

- **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.
- **Courier:** The August edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: [dowr.org](http://dowr.org).



### Faith Formation Announcements

Classes Start Soon!

## 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](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com).*

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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NEW! Tri-Parish Website: [www.fmparishes.org](http://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.*