

# 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**

**September 14, 2025**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Readings: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3: 13-17**

## **From Father's Desk -**

Next Sunday is the St. Ignatius Fall Dinner! Please come and enjoy the chicken dinner. It's really great when our parishes support one another. There were a number of St. Ignatius folks who went over to Grand Meadow last Sunday to support their festival. Of course, the raffle tickets are a big thing, too. There's still some left, from what I last heard.

What a great day we had this last Sunday for the St. Finbarr Fall Festival. The weather was perfect, and we saw lots of people come to the dinner. The kids had lots of fun collecting too much candy, too many toys, and too many cakes! But it was all good fun. Sorry, Diana! No bounce house for me this year! Thanks to everyone who made it a great success. More information will be forthcoming as everything wraps up.

Faith Formation is ramping up right now. There are a few opportunities, yet, to help out with your parish's program. Just reach out to Elaine, Nichol or Rochelle and they will be glad to hear from you and find a way for you to contribute. Being involved in the lives of these young people is so important—you give a great witness by showing up, even just once, and helping these kids to learn more about Jesus and His Church, and to demonstrate that as a real part of the church who cares for them.

Today we will honor all those who have already chosen to be teachers or catechists in our Faith Formation programs. These leaders have an important task ahead of them. We thank them for the gift of their time and talent. I know how hard it can be to set aside that time each week during the school year, and to sometimes work through the issues that might come up in class. But it's all a great service and sacrifice for the next generation of the church, and for our Lord. Ask our Blessed Mother Mary to assist you in making the commitment and being faithful to it with patience and perseverance. She will not fail to come to your help!

This weekend we also have something a little different. We have a "feast of our Lord" which then takes precedence over the lesser important Sunday of Ordinary Time. As you can see by the title above, we celebrate our Lord's Holy Cross. On Good Friday we proclaim and acclaim "the wood of the Cross, on which the Salvation of the world! Come, let adore!" We venerate the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our redemption. We commemorate the True Cross, which St. Helena was able to locate in the Holy Land. She and the church gave it pride of place so that it could be honored in Rome and throughout the world.

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tues., Sept. 16, 8:30 AM for Mariah Snyder  
Sun., Sept 21, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Sept. 7, 2025 – Week 10

Weekly Support:	\$ 873.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 27,969.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 13,633.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 21, 8:30 AM

Opener: Dawn Stier  
EMHC: Denice Gehling / Troy Gehling  
Lector: Dawn Stier  
Servers: Kaylee Davis / Ryan Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Lon Baldus / Chris Stier  
Counters: Dawn Stier / Susan Baldus

- **A Huge Thank You** to everyone who attended, donated or volunteered at this year's Fall Festival. It was a great success because of each of you!
- **Boxes of Joy** are available. Adopt a box, bring gift items, or make donations to Cross Catholic Outreach. Gift Idea sheets available on bulletin board.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wed., Sept. 17, 8:30 AM for Crystal Stern  
Sat., Sept. 20, 5:00 PM for Leo & Margaret Ulwelling †

### Offering from Sept. 6, 2025 – Week 10

Weekly Support:	\$ 549.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 12,338.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 16,356.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Sept. 20, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jon & Rita Hiller  
Gifts: Nick & Kathi Bunne  
EMHC: Arlene Bastian  
Lector: Jennifer Lewis  
Servers: Natalie & Allie Bunne  
Ushers: Nick Kasel / Jim Yoch  
Counters: Paul Yoch / Travis Lewis

- **Boxes of Joy** can be picked up in the back of church and must be returned by Sunday, October 26. Please help us once again reach our goal of 100 boxes. If possible, include the \$9 dollars postage per box in the form of cash or a check made out to Cross Catholic Outreach. For any questions, contact Barb Payne.
- **Faith Formation** registration is Wednesday, Sep 17, 6:45 PM in the church hall.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Thur., Sept. 18, 8:30 AM for Bob & Stephen Czapiewski †  
Fri., Sept. 19, 8:30 AM for Frank & Theresa Weisinger †  
Sun., Sept. 21, 10:30 AM for Walt & Agnes Mulhern †

### Offering from Sept. 7, 2025 – Week 10

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,402.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 11,125.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 17,571.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 21, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Bill & Sue Puffer  
Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys  
EMHC: Teri Hill / Bob Capelle  
Lector: Sarah O'Connell  
Servers: Avery Reiter / Jimmy Mettler  
Ushers: Ralph Drees / Joe Mulhern  
Counters: Arndorfer / O'Connell

- **Volunteers** are needed for the Relay for Life in Spring Valley to be held on September 13. Please take time to help. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.
- **Boxes of Joy**: Help us fill 120 Boxes. A list of items needed is on the Boxes of Joy table in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!
- **Fall Dinner & Raffle**: We are still in need of volunteers for the dinner & pie donations. Please contact Chari or Mychelle. Please return all raffle tickets ASAP to Teri or Mychelle. This will give us an opportunity to help you sell any UNSOLD tickets. Thank you!

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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. Call Joyce Arndorfer at 507-440-3692 or Tim Engesser at 507-346-1875 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.
- **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.
- **Beloved Women's Conference**: Registration is now available for the Women's Conference to be held Saturday, November 1 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Janesville. Visit [DOWR.org](http://DOWR.org) for more information and to register.
- **Courier**: The September edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: [dowr.org](http://dowr.org).
- **Chester Lime Springs Community Club Breakfast**: Sun., 9/14, 8-1, free will donation. Serving eggs, pancakes, sausage and muffins. Proceeds go to upkeep of community center.
- **Tri-Parish Masses**: Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Parrott along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended. Make checks payable to St. Ignatius. Stipend requests are \$10 per Mass and are said during the week and on weekends.
- **Mass Announcements**: Please email announcements to Mary by Thursday at 9 AM. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.



## 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).*



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

Registration	6:30 - 7 PM	9/10
Class	7-8 PM	9/10

### St. Patrick

Supper &		
Registration	6:30 - 6:45 PM	9/17
Class	6:45 - 7:45 PM	9/17

### St. Ignatius

Class	9-10:20 AM	9/14
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## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Mary Kuhlman 507-346-7565  
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### Faith Formation Coordinators:

Rochelle Fay – St. Finbarr	507-259-2675
Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius	507-273-3705
Elaine Mills – St. Patrick	507-440-0674

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.*