

# 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 21, 2025** **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16: 1-13**

### **From Father's Desk –**

Today is the St. Ignatius Fall Dinner & Raffle! Come by and enjoy some chicken and purchase a raffle ticket—if there are any left! I hear they're selling fast. It's always great when people from all three parishes show up to support each other's parish at these events. It's a good time seeing everyone and we see how the community comes together. In just over a month, St. Patrick will have a Fall Dinner at the beginning of November, and we look forward to that as well.

In a week's time, from September 29 to October 2, Bishop Barron and the priests of our diocese will be away on our annual convocation, *Presbyteral Days*. Sometimes people have asked about that, wondering when our "retreat" is, and I find it always a little jarring—because it's very little like my typical retreats! In the business world, yes, it would probably be called a retreat, in the sense of getting away from the office and everyone going to have some experience or have some conferences and whatnot. However, in the Catholic world, a retreat is specifically a dedicated time set aside for prayer and spiritual direction *without* work. At *Presbyteral Days*, we have presentations on a topic (how to preach better, how to be a better administrator, having a healthier living style, having synods on synodality with synodal discussion for the synodal church, etc.) and a celebration of priest anniversaries. Of course, we also set aside time for the Liturgy of the Hours, daily Mass, and adoration. There's also time built in for recreation (which for many means golf!).

A retreat in the Catholic sense is spending time away with Mass, adoration, prayer, Confession if possible, and perhaps conferences on the spiritual life, and maybe even individual spiritual direction. It is typically a time to set aside all your devices. It's time to set aside work and generally to disconnect from all the rest of life. There are lots of different ways of having a retreat, but there are three more common types. A preached retreat is distinguished by a retreat director giving talks on some topic related to prayer, discernment or the spiritual life. A directed retreat emphasizes one on one meetings with a director who discusses your own life and prayer. A silent retreat prioritizes interior silence, not having casual conversations, minimizing external distractions and, often, is taken alone. These can overlap, of course. In fact, the Church requires a retreat before being ordained a deacon or a priest. The one I did before priesthood was a silent, preached and directed retreat for my class, with one hour of individual direction each day, two conferences a day, and four hours of prayer in the chapel each day, as well as Mass in common, the Liturgy of the Hours and the Rosary privately, and walks on my own. It didn't hurt that it was in Assisi!

This year's priestly convocation at *Presbyteral Days* is going to be on the Mass. Bishop Barron has also stated that he plans to discuss the Diocesan Synod with us, as well.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tues., Sept. 23, 8:30 AM for Melanie Doward †  
Sun., Sept 28, 8:30 AM for Pat Weiss †

### Offering from Sept. 14, 2025 – Week 11

Weekly Support:	\$ 5,104.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 33,073.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 15,228.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 28, 8:30 AM

Opener: Kristie Skifter  
EMHC: Kristie Skifter / Kristal Brogan  
Lector: Adyson Brogan  
Servers: Sean Brogan / Chael Stier  
Ushers: Terry Weelborg / Al Stier  
Counters: Trudy Swanson / Dylan Davis

- **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. 24, 8:30 AM for Herman Miller †  
Sat., Sept. 27, 5:00 PM for Dorothy & Merlyn Gunsallus †

### Offering from Sept. 13, 2025 – Week 11

Weekly Support:	\$ 3,547.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 31,955.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 18,389.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Sept. 27, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller  
Gifts: Paul & Cathy Yoch  
EMHC: Loren Rickerl  
Lector: Jessica Yoch  
Servers: Brittany Tucke / Chloe O'Bannon  
Ushers: Mike Welsh / Mike Arndorfer  
Counters: Rita Hiller / Jim Yoch

- **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.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Thur., Sept. 25, 8:30 AM for Ian & Andrea Miesner  
Fri., Sept. 26, 8:30 AM for Russ Betsinger †  
Sun., Sept. 28, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Sept. 14, 2025 – Week 11

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,907.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 14,032.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 20,918.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 28, 10:30 AM

Greeters: De Vreeman / Mary Anne Meyers  
Gifts: Bill Mettler Family  
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Rosann Sanford  
Lector: John Glady  
Servers: Harper Holmen / Scarlett Marcom  
Ushers: Joe Mulhern / John Mulhern  
Counters: Czapiewski / Sanford

- **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! If you would like to donate money for postage, please put in an envelope marked "Boxes of Joy Postage", and place in the collection. On Sunday, October 25th, right after Mass, we will put boxes together and share a light lunch.
- **Fall Dinner & Raffle:** Please make dinner plans today to come enjoy the barbecue chicken, baked potato, homemade coleslaw, dinner roll and homemade pie serving between 11 AM and 1 PM. You can even come to our drive through and be home by noon for the Vikings kickoff.
- **7 Sisters Apostolate:** Is a group of women each taking an hour a week to pray for our beloved priest, Father Parrott. Are you being called to pray? We are hoping for at least 14-21 women to commit to pray for an hour a week for father. Gather with us Oct. 5 after mass (Feast of St. Faustina) for potluck, organizational meeting and finally do an hour of prayer together. Any questions call Pam Walsh 507-421-9438. (Amy Mulhern turned this over to me.)
- **Thank You** to the individuals who donated cookies for the Relay for Life dinner. Thanks to the individuals who helped at the event with the luminaries, serving food, setting up and taking down the dining hall. Blessings to volunteers. Rita Bezdicek and Brenda Stier

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- **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.
- **A Life Saved:** 6:30 PM Sun, Oct 12 Valley Christian Center, 610 Territorial Road, Spring Valley: Doors open at 6 PM. Freewill Offering Appreciated. Speaker, Author, Abortion Survivor, Robin Sertell will share a story of healing and courage: *Robin survived three saline abortion attempts and now travels the world equipping other survivors to be a voice and share their stories.*
- **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 in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: [dowr.org](http://dowr.org).
- **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.
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin & Announcements:** Please e-mail Mary with any bulletin additions ([triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com)). Deadline is 9 AM Wednesdays. Announcements should be sent to Mary by Thursdays at 9 AM. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.

*"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone. We must be compassionate."*

*St. Josephine Bakhita*

## 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 Reineke – 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 Reineke	

*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

Class	7-8 PM	9/24
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	9/24

### St. Patrick

Class	6:45-7:45 PM	9/24
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	9/24
Youth Mass	5:00 PM	9/27

### St. Ignatius

Class	9-10:20 AM	9/21, 28
Confirmation Class, SV	6:45 PM	9/24

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

Father Parrott 507-346-7565  
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### Tri-Parish Bookkeeper:

Elaine Mills 507-440-0674  
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### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Mary Kuhlman 507-346-7565  
Email: [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com)

### 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.*