

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

September 7, 2025

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33

From Father's Desk -

St. Finbarr's Fall Festival is today! I hope the Lord has provided us with good weather. As well, I am very grateful to everyone who helped in any way to put this whole thing together, especially those who are part of the St. Finbarr Catholic United Financial council. All your sacrifice pays off, and is greatly appreciated. I hope all of our families are able to partake and enjoy the food, fun and fellowship.

Remember that the St. Ignatius Fall Dinner is in two weeks, also. Help out where you can. I know the pies are a highlight, so your assistance in providing them is a great help. As well, be sure to purchase and/or sell the raffle tickets! Those are one part of making the whole day a success. I hear Paul K is doing a great job, like always, of getting those tickets sold like hot cakes! Thanks here, too, to everyone working to put together another great day in our parish cluster.

There are some building and grounds issues that our pastoral and finance councils will deal with. Every year, we have an inspection by our insurance company's claims and risk manager. There's always something they find for us to work on. Sometimes it's trees that are aging that need to be cut down. It can be a leak in the basement where water is getting in. Sometimes it's in our cemeteries, with some headstones that are slightly leaning. Whatever it is, we promise we'll deal with it. And there are plenty of people around the parishes who help make sure we have good, well-running, safe places for our parish life. It's always a blessing when someone steps forward and says, "Father, my son can take care of that." Or sometimes they can take care of it themselves. Thank you to everyone who has a hand in taking care of these building and grounds needs. We can always use more help, if you are skilled in any particular area. Just let me know!

The Diocese of Winona mourns the loss of Bishop Harrington. He was the bishop who accepted me into the seminary. He was the bishop who ordained me a deacon. As a seminarian, I drove him several times for Confirmations throughout the diocese and MCed for him. He often had a quip or comment for pretty much any situation. He will be remembered in the coming days, including in several Masses that will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. Please pray for him.

Lastly, we also pray for Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis. Their pastor's homily from this last weekend was posted online. He dealt head-on with the difficulty they face, as well as the readings on humility. Taking a low place—and the tragedy they're living through is a very low place. But he encouraged them to sit with Jesus in that low place, because He is there with them, as He was in a very low and humble place on the Cross. No words can take away the suffering those families are experiencing. But the love of Jesus—with them through it all—begins to break through and lift them up. Please also pray for the whole community there at Annunciation.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Sept. 9, 8:30 AM for Paul Snyder †
Sun., Sept 14, 8:30 AM for Phil Jacobson †

Offering from Aug. 31, 2025 – Week 9

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,363.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 27,060.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 9,629.00
Second Collection	\$ 360.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 14, 8:30 AM

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Kathy Gehling / Dawn Stier
Lector: Becky Oehlke
Servers: Colton Meyerhofer / Evan Davis
Ushers: Jim Davis / Dom Stier
Counters: Dom Stier / Lori Stier

- **St. Finbarr's Fall Festival** is today from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Come and enjoy!

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Sept. 10, 8:30 AM for Jodi Miller
Sat., Sept. 13, 5:00 PM for Amanda Kasel †

Offering from Aug. 30, 2025 – Week 9

Weekly Support:	\$ 563.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 11,775.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 11,209.00
Second Collection	\$ 200.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Sept. 13, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Please check the schedule
Gifts: available in the back of church
EMHC:
Lector:
Servers:
Ushers:
Counters:

- **Le Roy Lions Tailgate Supper:** Sat. Sept. 6, 5-6:30 in Cardinal Courtyard.
- **Boxes of Joy** will be available in the back of church on September 14 and need to be returned by Sunday, October 26. Please help us reach our goal of 100 boxes again this year. Remember that all boxes are received by children in hot weather countries.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Sept. 11, 8:30 AM for William Mulhern †
Fri., Sept. 12, 8:30 AM for Tom Warren †
Sun., Sept. 14, 10:30 AM for *Pro Populo*

Offering from Aug. 31, 2025 – Week 9

Weekly Support:	\$ 965.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 7,138.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 15,889.00
Second Collection	\$ 308.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Sept. 14, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill
Gifts: De Vreeman / Chari Kruegel
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Bob Capelle
Lector: Joanie Betsinger
Servers: Ava Wolfgram / Emily Wolfgram
Ushers: Bob Capelle / Paul Klockeman
Counters: Klockeman / Mulhern

- **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.
- **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.

40 Days for Life: Thursday, September 25. How Prayer and Fasting Changes Hearts & Minds, fall kick-off, 6 PM at St. Francis Church, 1114 3rd St SE, Rochester.

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- **St. Finbarr's Fall Festival** is today (Sunday) from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 September edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.
- **Chester Lime Springs Community Club Breakfast:** Sun., 9/14, 8-11, free will donation. Serving eggs, pancakes, sausage and muffins. Proceeds go to upkeep of community center.
- **Bishop Bernard Harrington:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is mourning the loss of its seventh bishop. Bishop Harrington was installed as bishop of Winona on January 6, 1999 and served until May 7, 2009. He died August 20 at 91 years of age. His Funeral Mass was at 10:30 AM Saturday (9/6) at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Rochester. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Winona. May he rest in peace.



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	9/10
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	9/10

St. Ignatius

Class	9-10:20 AM	9/14
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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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NEW! 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.