

# Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951  
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



**St. Finbarr Catholic Church**  
504 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936  
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



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

**January 5, 2025**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12**

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

Because of the New Year holiday and the Mary, Mother of God Holy Day, I am able to write this article after the Mass with Bishop Barron at St. Patrick in LeRoy. I am most appreciative to everyone who was there, and those who helped make the day special. Thank you, ladies, for putting on the lunch! The soups, sandwiches and bars were delicious. Thanks to Pat and all who were in the choir. Thanks to our reader, ushers, greeters, decorators, counters, and our Lewis & Drees family servers. It was a glorious day, even if a bit chilly! Bishop Barron celebrated Mass and preached a beautiful homily. He highlighted those three words from the Gospel for the day: do God's will always with **haste**, eagerness and without delay; let the profound beauty of our faith and the Incarnation of Christ **amaze** and astound us still today; and **keep** and treasure all God's words, actions and blessings in our lives.

Bishop Barron also relayed that he intends for our local church to have a diocesan synod this next year. A couple of the things he wants us to focus on are evangelization and vocations. This has been his continual emphasis since he arrived in the diocese two and a half years ago. The statistics indicate that only about 20% of Catholics regularly attend Mass. As he said: this is terrible. He renewed his call for each of us to strive to bring just one person to Mass this next year. If we can each get one person to come back to attending Mass, it will have a profound impact on our parishes, on our church, and on the world. Please do what you can to prayerfully and graciously invite someone to come to Mass. Invite them to meet you at the door and sit with you. Do whatever you can to lower the bar, as it were, to make it as encouraging and easy as possible to cross the threshold of our church doors.

This year we have, as I mentioned briefly previously, about the longest Christmas season that our liturgical calendar permits. Sometimes with how Christmas falls during the week, we end up celebrating the feast of Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord back to back, on a Sunday and Monday. This year, they are spaced out a week apart, so we get a rightly protracted Christmas season. I hope you will take this time to continue to gaze upon our Nativity scenes in each of our churches. Meditate on the absolute littleness of the whole thing. It means everything for the history of the world, but in that moment, actually living through that moment, there's a way in which it all goes unnoticed. The whole world around Joseph and Mary don't even know there's something happening which they are missing. The righteous are attentive to what's happening and are filled with contemplation and wonder, but for everyone else, there is absolutely nothing to even take note of.

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass until April  
Sat., Jan. 11, 5:00 PM for Melanie Doward †

### Offering from Dec. 28, 2024 – Week 26

Weekly Support:	\$ 9,561.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 51,464.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 57,578.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Jan. 11, 5:00 PM

Opener: Diana Weiss  
EMHC: Kathy Gehling / Troy Gehling  
Lector: Emily Kelzer  
Servers: Kaylee Davis / Ryan Meyerhofer  
Ushers: John Warmka / Terry Weelborg  
Counters: Clint Weiss / Dylan Davis

- Tuesday morning Mass is moved to St. Ignatius until April.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wed., Jan. 8, 10:30 AM for Sara Kasel  
Sun., Jan. 12, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Dec. 29, 2024 – Week 26

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,186.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 34,180.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 65,383.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Jan. 12, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Nick & Kathi Bunne  
Gifts: Mike & Melanie Welsh  
EMHC: Jennifer Lewis  
Lector: Kathy Stern  
Servers: Chloe O'Bannon / Maria Almaraz-Nolt  
Ushers: Loren Rickerl / Tom Winkels  
Counters: Kathy Stern / Barb Hovde

- **St. Patrick Custodian:** We are looking to hire a new custodian to care for and clean the church. Responsibilities include vacuuming, mopping, dusting, washing counters, cleaning and stocking the bathrooms, lawn care and more. Hours are flexible and can vary weekly, but total about 12 hours per month. If interested, speak with Rick Roe or Fr. Parrott.
- **Glen Young** passed away on Dec. 17. There is no funeral scheduled at this time. Please pray for him and his family.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tues., Jan. 7, 8:30 AM for Wellbeing & Fidelity  
Thur., Jan. 9, 8:30 AM for Revival of Faith  
Fri., Jan. 10, 8:30 AM for Dolores Engesser †  
Sun., Jan. 12, 10:30 AM for Julie Mercado †

### Offering from Dec. 29, 2024 – Week 26

Weekly Support:	\$ 6,290.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 57,177.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 66,751.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Jan. 12 10:30 AM

Greeters: Bob & Marcy Capelle  
Gifts: Bill Mettler Family  
EMHC: Bob Capelle / Jeff Erding  
Lector: Jerry Wolf  
Servers: Ava Wolfgram / Emily Wolfgram  
Ushers: Paul Klockeman / Paul Mettler  
Counters: Mulhern / O'Connell

- **St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus** will meet on January 14 in the parish hall. Dinner at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **Spring Valley Community Christmas Dinner:** It was so great to see those from our church family step forward and help with the success of the dinner. We were able to serve around 200 people, and while most share their meal together at Faith United Methodist Church, we also had 70 meals either delivered to or picked up by area residents. A big thank you goes to Theresa and Tom Warren for an amazing job cooking the turkey and stuffing each year. But this dinner can't happen without everyone. We had an amazing group that provided food, delivered meals, helped get ready and serve the meal, and those that stayed around to clean up. Thank you to all who helped make it possible.
- **John Remker** recently passed away. Please pray for him and his family.

*"The greater and more persistent your confidence in God,  
the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask."*

St. Albert the Great

## Tri-Parish News

- **The List of Mass Intentions** for all three parishes is near zero. If you have anyone or anything you would like us to pray for during Mass, please speak with Fr. Parrott.
- **Winona-Rochester Council of Catholic Women Winter Quarter Meeting**, Saturday, January 11th at Holy Trinity, 9946 SE 24th Ave, Litomysl, MN. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 am. There will be rosary, meeting, mass and two speakers. The speakers are Andy Aplikowski Executive Director of the Human Life Alliance and Carla Nelson, Representative from District 24. Every woman in the Diocese is invited, including high school students.
- **The University of Mary** in Bismarck, North Dakota is seeking singers that have special skill and devotion to liturgical music. Generous scholarships are being awarded to those who come to Bismarck and share their musical gifts in service to God. Contact Dr. Rebecca L. Raber, Director of Choral Studies at [rlraber@umary.edu](mailto:rlraber@umary.edu) or [www.cappellaumary.com](http://www.cappellaumary.com).
- **CUF, St. Theresa #146** would like to thank everyone involved that made the Schmitz Family Benefit a great success. We are so fortunate to be in a caring and supportive community.
- **Courier**: The January edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) then click "The Courier."
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin**: Please e-mail Mary with any bulletin announcements ([triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com)). New deadline is 9 AM Wednesdays.
- **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.



### Faith Formation Announcements

#### St. Finbarr

Youth Mass (7 & 4)	5:00 PM	1/4
Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	1/8, 15
Class	7-8 PM	1/8, 15

#### St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	1/8, 15
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	1/8, 15

#### St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	1/8, 15
Class	9-10:20 AM	1/5, 12, 19

## Prayer Chain

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

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr  
Bill Jones – St. Ignatius  
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius  
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius  
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick  
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick  
Karen Sanford  
Diane Reineke  
Stephen Czapiewski

Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr  
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius  
Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius  
Tom Hovde – St. Patrick  
Joyce Arndorfer – St. Patrick  
Sara Kasel – St. Patrick  
Cheri Jose  
Karice Stern  
Jason Emanuel

*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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#### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Mary Kuhlman 507-346-7565  
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St. Ignatius Office 507-346-7565

#### Faith Formation Coordinators:

Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius 507-273-3705  
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Jenny Gehling – St. Finbarr 507-251-7929

Tri-Parish Website: [www.tri-parish.net](http://www.tri-parish.net)

## **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.*