

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 1st 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 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

From Father's Desk -

In the liturgical calendar, we've finished the Christmas season and have returned to Ordinary Time. We have switched, now, from white to green with the primary color of the season, as I believe all of our altars will bear an altar cloth with the green embroidery indicating the season of Ordinary Time. Thank you, once again, to our decorators for your work in putting out all of the trees, nativity sets, lights and all the rest. It helps us celebrate each feast and each season. In your homes, of course, I again encourage you to keep your Christmas decorations out until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

February 2nd is the 40th day of Christmas as it would have been the completion of 40 days of life for our Savior. It was then that he would have been presented in the temple in Jerusalem. Even though this feast isn't traditionally viewed as part of the mystery of the Epiphany—the revelation of the God-man, the Christ child to the world—nonetheless, it has a certain revelatory aspect to it. As he is presented, two holy and devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, each separately prophesy about the infant Jesus. Simeon in particular in his prayer of praise to the Lord for allowing him to live to see the arrival of the Messiah calls Jesus “a light for revelation to the Gentiles”.

As Jesus is the light of the world, we symbolize His light with candles. The Paschal candle in particular is a sign of Jesus the Light of the world, the light which illuminates the night, which illuminates the darkness of our hearts and minds. Candles are essential to our worship for this reason—they are not merely there to provide light in order to read the books at Mass. Nowadays, of course, we have much better and brighter electrical lights for that purpose. The candles are also representations of the light of Christ, and that he gives light, meaning and understanding to all we do.

For this reason, the Church has developed a longstanding practice of celebrating the Presentation of the Lord as Candlemas, “candle-Mass”. On February 2nd, at the beginning of the Mass, candles are blessed. All the faithful at Mass hold candles in their hands, like at the Easter Vigil, and there is a procession with these lights to celebrate the light of Christ—the “light for revelation to the Gentiles”. As February 2 is a Sunday this year, we will have this blessing of candles at the beginning of all three of our Sunday Masses, as the Church prescribes. It is a meaningful ritual and helps us concretely celebrate the full liturgical conclusion of Christ's infancy with His presentation in the temple.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.
Sat., Jan. 25, 5:00 PM for Jason Wolff †

Offering from Jan. 11, 2025 – Week 28

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 59,335.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 63,136.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Jan. 25, 5:00 PM

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Lisa Glynn / Candice Stier
Lector: Becky Oehlke
Servers: Avery Paul / Chael Stier
Ushers: Chris Stier / Clint Weiss
Counters: Trudy Swanson / Clint Weiss

- Those who donated poinsettias for the Christmas season are asked to pick them up from the upstairs elevator room after Mass today. Thank you.
- Tuesday morning Mass has moved to St. Ignatius until April.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Jan. 22, 8:30 AM for Claire Schneider
Sun., Jan. 26, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Jan. 12, 2024 – Week 28

Weekly Support:	\$ 666.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 40,517.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 69,324.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Jan. 26, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh
Gifts: Cletus & Arlene Bastian
EMHC: Kathy Stern
Lector: Cathy Yoch
Servers: Landon Lewis / Jaeden Huff
Ushers: Paul Yoch / Bruce Diemer
Counters: Rita Miller / Vicky Nolt

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

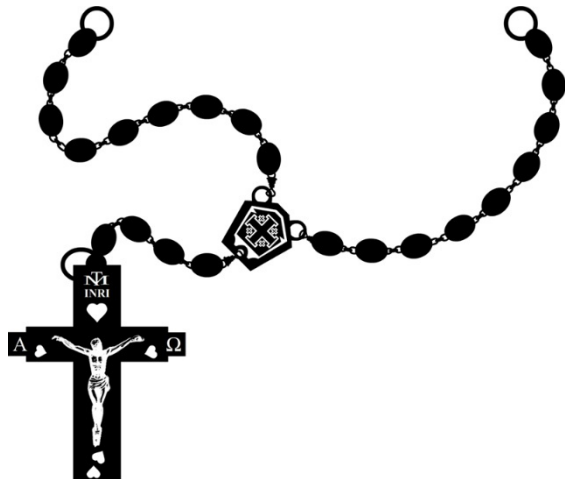
Tues., Jan. 21, 8:30 AM for A Person with Illness
Thur., Jan. 23, 8:30 AM for Don Mulhern
Fri., Jan. 24, 8:30 AM for Marketta Souhrada †
Sun., Jan. 26, 10:30 AM for Phil Weiss †

Offering from Jan. 12, 2024 – Week 28

Weekly Support:	\$ 5,404.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 65,055.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 74,115.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Jan. 26 10:30 AM

Greeters: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Rosann Sanford
Lector: Youth
Servers: Youth
Ushers: Youth
Counters: Arndorfer / Christian



*“Go forward bravely.
Fear nothing.
Trust in God; all will be well.”
St. Joan of Arc*

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- **MCCL** is chartering a coach from Rochester to Saint Paul for the March for Life on Wednesday, January 22. We will leave Rochester about 8:30 AM and return to Rochester by 3 PM. We will attend the prayer service at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, and then walk to and attend the march, returning shortly thereafter. Please let Linda McGuire know by January 20 if you are interested in attending. You can RSVP by call or text: 507-259-4035.
- **Sacred Heart School** Annual Matching Grant Dinner will be held Sunday, Jan. 26 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Gym, Adams. Catholic United Financial, St. Theresa Council #146 will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, bars and beverage. The free will donation dinner will benefit Sacred Heart School. Along with the dinner, the annual winter silent auction baskets will be on display with bidding from 10-1.
- **There Will Be A Second Collection** next weekend January 25/26 for Latin America (50%) and Catholic Communications (50%). The Latin America collection supports pastoral programs such as evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. The mission of Catholic Communications is to contribute to evangelization by fostering activities in relation to TV, radio, internet and other media.
- **New On FORMED:** Join Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR, for *Living Faith*, a five-week series designed to help you grow closer to Christ. Through his heartfelt teaching, you'll find strength to:
Approach each day with intention, Face challenges with courage and hope, and Deepen your relationship with God in the everyday moments. Let go of doing it all on your own and discover how faith can transform your life. This isn't just about a better year—it's about a better life, rooted in Christ.
- **Austin Area Council of Catholic Women** Quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28 at St. Augustine Church in Austin. The meeting will begin with Mass at 9:30 and follow with a speaker. All women are welcome.
- **Save the Date Sunday, February 2**, to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, with Mass at 10:30 am at St. Mary's University in Winona. The Christian Brothers will be hosting this year's celebration.
- **Courier:** The January edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org then click "The Courier."



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	1/22, 29
Class	7-8 PM	1/22, 29

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	1/22, 29
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	1/22, 29

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	1/22, 29
Class	9-10:20 AM	1/19, 26
Youth Mass	10:30	1/26

Prayer Chain

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

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Pat Weiss – St. Finbarr	Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Bill Jones – St. Ignatius
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Sara Kasel – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Karen Sanford	Cheri Jose
Diane Reineke	Sandy Stern
Stephen Czapiewski	Jason Emanuel

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.

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Tri-Parish Website: 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.