

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 26, 2025 **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

From Father's Desk -

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord when we celebrate Candlemas. As I mentioned last week, we'll start Mass with the blessing of candles, as well as the ritual procession holding candles. Feel free to bring candles of your own (label them!) and place them with the other candles on the table to be blessed. The church invites us to meditate on Christ, the light of the world, whose warming rays shine upon the cold, arid desert of this world to give warmth to all of our hearts. In this way, we close out the traditional Christmas season and take down our Christmas trees and Nativity scenes.

Traditionally, it was only within a week or two, then, that the church began focusing on the penitential season in preparation for Easter. Though Lent doesn't begin until Ash Wednesday—which this year falls very late on March 5—the church historically began a season of smaller penance two and a half weeks before Ash Wednesday. This season was called Septuagesima, indicating something like 70 days before Easter in which the church offers penance, even though the number is closer to 60. Three Sundays before Ash Wednesday was called Septuagesima Sunday. The second Sunday before Ash Wednesday was called Sexagesima Sunday. The Sunday before Ash Wednesday was called Quinquagesima Sunday. Still to this day, in Latin, Lent is called Quadragesima, for the 40 days of penance before the Sacred Triduum starts on Holy Thursday. (And yes, there is one right way to count to 40 for the season of Lent, and how to correctly and precisely count the 40 days, but that can wait for later.)

“Lent” is a word that we use in English for the season of penance before Easter, but it's pretty much the only language which does that. Other languages follow the official Latin title of calling it “The 40”, Quadragesima. In Italian, it's called “La Quaresima.” In Spanish, it's called “La Cuaresma”. In French, it's called “Le Carême”. More Eastern countries follow the Orthodox custom of referring to the penitential fast and call it “The Great Fast,” e.g. in Polish it's “Wielki Post”. The English “Lent” comes not from any liturgical reference but from the seasonal reference to Spring. In older English, Spring is “lencten”, which has the same root as “lengthen”. That is, the days are getting longer.

But all of that is still weeks away. For now, bear with the short, cold, windy days of winter. Let the light and warmth of the Christ child warm your hearts. If you haven't been, an excellent way to stay close to Jesus is with the help of His mother Mary, by praying the Rosary. Don't forget to look up and listen to the Rosary in a Year podcast. If you aren't in the practice of saying a daily Rosary, this podcast will be a great help to growing in prayer with Mary and Jesus.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.
Sat., Feb. 1, 5:00 PM for Jerry Steinkamp †

Offering from Jan. 18, 2025 – Week 29

Weekly Support: \$ 496.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 59,831.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 65,491.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Feb. 1, 5:00 PM

Opener: Diana Weiss
EMHC: Denice Gehling / Ellen Olson
Lector: Youth
Servers: Holly Weiss / Colton Meyerhofer
Ushers: Youth
Counters: Dylan Davis / Susan Baldus

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Jan. 29, 8:30 AM for Clarence Arndorfer
Sun., Feb. 2, 8:30 AM for Joan Rickerl †

Offering from Jan. 19, 2024 – Week 29

Weekly Support: \$ 588.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 41,105.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 72,393.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 2, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Gerald & Barb Payne
Gifts: Travis & Jennifer Lewis
EMHC: Jim Yoch
Lector: Kathy Mason
Servers: Vanessa Lewis / Hannah Huff
Ushers: Bruce Diemer / Chris Lentz
Counters: Mike Arndorfer / Arlene Bastian

➤ Coffee and Rolls after Mass today.

➤ St. Patrick CCW will meet on Monday, Feb 3, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Janelle Sunnes & Kris Tucke.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Jan. 28, 8:30 AM for Phil Jacobson †
NOTE TIME CHANGE: Thur., Jan. 30, 8:00 AM for Russ Betsinger †
Fri., Jan. 31, 8:30 AM for Thomas & Margaret Mettler
Sun., Feb. 2, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Jan. 19, 2024 – Week 29

Weekly Support: \$ 1,197.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 63,810.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 74,115.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 2 10:30 AM

Greeters: De Vreeman / Chari Kruegel
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Jeff Erding
Lector: Bob Capelle
Servers: Harper Holmen / Scarlett Marcom
Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / Joe Drees
Counters: Charlene Czapiewski / Tim Engesser

➤ Knights of Columbus Council #13609 will meet on February 11. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.



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- **There Will Be A Second Collection** this weekend 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.
- **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.
- **The Austin 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus** held their annual raffle drawing June 13, 2024. Winners were: Valivia Miller, Austin, \$400; Doren Kasel, Austin, \$200; Cathy Yoch, LeRoy, \$100; Laurette Kasel, Taopi, \$100; Martin Feist, Austin, \$100; Gary Thome, Adams, \$100. The Knights thank everyone who bought raffle tickets. The MCCL received \$1,100 for their share of the raffle.
- **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 rosary at 9, 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	1/29, 2/5
Class	7-8 PM	1/29, 2/5
Youth Mass (6&5)	5:00 PM	2/1

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	1/29, 2/5
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	1/29, 2/5
Food Shelf Collection	8:30 AM	2/5

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	1/29, 2/5
Class	9-10:20 AM	1/26, 2/2
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.