

# 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

**February 26, 2025**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40**

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

The Church gives us the ritual of the blessing of candles and the procession with the candles at the beginning of this weekend's Masses for the Feast of the Presentation. Hopefully you can use this to deepen the sense of Christ's presence in your life and our responsibility to carry His light to the world. If you've never experienced it before, treasure it.

With the candles that were blessed, the Church also invites us all to experience an extra grace from God with the blessing of throats the day after Candlemas on the feast day of St. Blaise. I will have daily Mass at St. Ignatius tomorrow, on Monday, and offer the blessing of throats after Mass. As is the custom, two blessed candles are used in this blessing. If you are able to come, please do! It's a unique blessing. The prayer said is: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father..."

During this Jubilee Year, I will try to remember periodically throughout the year (though I very well might forget) to mention the jubilee and, here in these columns, write about it! In his papal bull inaugurating the year, Pope Francis recalled some of the history of jubilee years:

"This interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a *journey* calling for *moments of greater intensity* to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus. I like to think that the proclamation of the first Jubilee, in the year 1300, was preceded by a journey of grace inspired by popular spirituality. How can we fail to recall the various ways by which the grace of forgiveness had been poured out upon God's holy and faithful People? We are reminded, for example, of the great 'Pardon' that Saint Celestine V granted to all those who visited the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in Aquila on the 28th and 29th days of August 1294, six years before Pope Boniface VIII instituted the Holy Year. The Church was already experiencing the grace of the Jubilee as an outpouring of divine mercy. Even earlier, in 1216, Pope Honorius III granted the plea of Saint Francis for an indulgence for all those visiting the Portiuncola on the first two days of August. The same can be said of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: in 1222, Pope Callistus II allowed the Jubilee to be celebrated there whenever the Feast of the Apostle James fell on a Sunday. It is good that such 'dispersed' celebrations of the Jubilee continue, so that the power of God's forgiveness can support and accompany communities and individuals on their pilgrim way."

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.  
Sat., Feb. 8, 5:00 PM for Peter & Agnes Snyder †

### Offering from Jan. 25, 2025 – Week 30

Weekly Support:	\$ 900.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 60,437.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 65,491.00
Second Collection	\$ 295.11

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Feb. 8, 5:00 PM

Opener: Kristie Sifter  
EMHC: Troy Gehling / Kathy Gehling  
Lector: Emily Kelzer  
Servers: Kaylee Davis / Ryan Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Logan Marx / Terry Weelborg  
Counters: Lori Stier / Trudy Swanson

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wed., Feb. 5, 8:30 AM for good health for Crystal Stern  
Sun., Feb. 9, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Jan. 26, 2024 – Week 30

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,002.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 41,519.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 72,480.00
Second Collection	\$ 331.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 9, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Utz  
Gifts: Mike & Margaret Arndorfer  
EMHC: Nick Kasel  
Lector: Paul Yoch  
Servers: Benita Nolt / Kaylee Huff  
Ushers: Tony Arndorfer / Steve Kasel  
Counters: Kathy Yoch / Jim Yoch

➤ **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

Mon., Feb. 3, 12:10 PM *Ad libitum*  
Tues., Feb. 4, 8:30 AM for Sonny Hanson †  
Thur., Feb. 6, 8:30 AM for William & Eleanore Jones and Family  
Fri., Feb. 7, 8:30 AM for Russ Betsinger †  
Sun., Feb. 9, 10:30 AM for John Remker †

### Offering from Jan. 26, 2024 – Week 30

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,696.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 65,506.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 74,115.00
Second Collection	\$ 721.50

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 9 10:30 AM

Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill  
Gifts: Joe Drees Family  
EMHC: Rita Bezdicek / Bob Capelle  
Lector: Teri Hill  
Servers: Jimmy Mettler / Nadalie Oeltjen  
Ushers: Jacob Souhrada / Mike Souhrada  
Counters: Colwell / Souhrada

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



“ for my eyes have seen  
your salvation,  
...a light for revelation to  
the Gentiles, and glory for  
your people Israel.”

Luke 2

## Tri-Parish News

- **The Diocese of Winona-Rochester** is proud to offer a series of three retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic adult population. The theme for this diocesan event is *The Holy Family*. Each retreat has a particular focus, on the Holy Family as a whole or on one of its members. The retreats will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, important faith formation, and time for retreatants to engage in small group discussion and reflection. Lunch and snacks will also be provided along with daycare assistance for those with young children. The first retreat will occur on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Edward Parish in Austin. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information and how to register.
- **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.
- **Assisi Heights Activities:** The Sisters of St. Francis hold a variety of interesting events at the Assisi Heights Spirituality Center. For instance, in early February, there is Monday Meditation, Absolution – A Book Discussion, Centering Prayer on Tuesday and a seminar about Cojourners. Visit their website, [rochesterfranciscan.org](http://rochesterfranciscan.org) for all the information.
- **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.
- **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."

*Love never says: I have done enough!"*

*St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus*



### Faith Formation Announcements

#### St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/5, 12
Class	7-8 PM	2/5, 12
Youth Mass (6&5)	5:00 PM	2/1

#### St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/5, 12
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	2/5, 12
Food Shelf Collection	8:30 AM	2/5

#### St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	2/5, 12
Class	9-10:20 AM	2/2, 9

## 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](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com).*

### Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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#### Faith Formation Coordinators:

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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:**

*None Jan -- Mar*

### **St. Patrick:**

*Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Ignatius:**

*Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.*