

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

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

From Father's Desk -

The Candlemas celebrations we had were very nice, and many thanks go to our musicians, especially Pat Utz and the Mettler family, for helping to make this day special, as well as all of our Masses more beautiful with music. For us Catholics, song and chant are very important for the sacred liturgy. It's even more so with some of our brethren in the Eastern Christian Churches. It's often said (though I don't know exactly how true this is) that a man cannot be ordained a priest if he cannot chant the Divine Liturgy! As the adage attributed to St. Augustine goes: "He who sings prays twice."

Back on January 1st when Bishop Barron was here, he mentioned that he had plans to have a synod. This is not a part of the universal synod which Pope Francis has been having, but it's not completely disassociated with it. As the Holy Father has been trying to spur the church to renewal, so too Bishop Barron has an ardent desire that we be renewed in our faith, and especially in our public witness. He recently issued the decree convoking a diocesan synod for Winona-Rochester.

The bishop's decree establishing the synod states: "The proclamation that Jesus is Lord of my life and of the universe is a powerful statement, especially when so many have forgotten that he came to save us from our sins. We as Catholics have for too long sat on the sidelines when presented with opportunities to bear witness to the good things God has done for us; we have been convinced that politics and religion should not be discussed at the dinner table and, even more, that speaking about faith publicly violates a commandment not to impose your beliefs on another. I want us to abandon those false convictions." Explaining the purpose of this diocesan synod, he continued: "I have desired to hold a diocesan synod that will focus on our local needs for evangelization and vocations. Since these terms are multi-valent, I ask that you consider the following working definitions: Evangelization is the proclamation of the Gospel—that Jesus Christ is Lord, has died for our sins, and has invited us into a new life with him in the Church—to fallen-away Catholics, non-Catholic Christians and the unbaptized. Vocations: This synod respects and cherishes all vocations. Its deliberations, however, are to focus on vocations from our own parishes to the diocesan priesthood and the consecrated life."

Bishop Barron will lead an opening Mass on Sunday, March 2, at the Cathedral in Winona. There will be surveys, regional gatherings and finally in August, there will be a diocesan gathering with parish delegates. Please pray this year for our Diocese of Winona-Rochester Synod, for Bishop Barron, and for greater evangelization and vocations!

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.
Sat., Feb. 15, 5:00 PM for Leo Barnes †

Offering from Feb. 1, 2025 – Week 31

Weekly Support:	\$ 710.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 61,147.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 67,355.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Feb. 15, 5:00 PM

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Becky Oehlke / Nicole Meyerhofer
Lector: Denice Gehling
Servers: Brody Meyerhofer / Evan Davis
Ushers: Lon Baldus / Al Stier
Counters: Clint Weiss / Dylan Davis

- **Housing Needed:** This year St. Finbarr will be hosting the NET Ministries retreat for the tri parish confirmation students. When the NET Ministries team is done with the retreat, they will need to stay overnight. For more information, please see the next page of the bulletin.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Feb. 12, 8:30 AM for Ida Rowe †
Sun., Feb. 16, 8:30 AM Tom Hovde

Offering from Feb. 2, 2025 – Week 31

Weekly Support:	\$ 908.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 43,015.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 74,437.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 16, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh
Gifts: Paul & Cathy Yoch
EMHC: Vicky Nolt
Lector: Arlene Bastian
Servers: Natalie Bunne / Brittany Tucke
Ushers: Loren Rickerl / Rod Miller
Counters: Rita Miller / Pat Utz

- **Please Sign Up** to help and furnish for the Irish Festival to be held Sunday, March 16. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Thank you for your support.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Feb. 11, 8:30 AM for Marvin Gehling †
Thur., Feb. 13, 8:30 AM for Annella Reineke †
Fri., Feb. 14, 8:30 AM for Russ Mulholland †
Sun., Feb. 16, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Feb. 2, 2025 – Week 31

Weekly Support:	\$ 3,573.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 68,610.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 77,773.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 16 10:30 AM

Greeters: Bill & Sue Puffer
Gifts: Bill Mettler Family
EMHC: Teri Hill / Chari Kruegel
Lector: Sarah O'Connell
Servers: Avery Reiter / Ava Wolfgram
Ushers: Bob Capelle / Paul Klockeman
Counters: Klockeman / Mulhern

- **The VFW Auxiliary #4114** is hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday, February 9, at the VFW Hall in downtown Spring Valley from 8am-12:30pm. Cost is \$10 for ages 12+, \$5 ages 6-11, and free for ages 4 and under.
- **Knights of Columbus** Council #13609 will meet on February 11. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **Pork Chop Dinner**, Feb. 16, 11:00-1:00. \$15.00. Drive-thru or dine at St. Ignatius Hall. Hosted by St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus Council #13609.
- **CCW** is hosting a bake and craft sale during the Knights of Columbus meal on Sunday, February 16. 4 workers are needed from 11:00 to 2:00. Please price your items and leave them in the dining hall. Donations of \$10 if in the form of a check make payable to St. Ignatius, mark the envelope CCW and put it in the offertory. To help raise money for the boxes of joy. Contact Melissa Jones @ 507-884-0002 or email Mistyjones78@gmail.com.



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- **Housing Needed:** This year St. Finbarr will be hosting the NET Ministries retreat for the tri parish confirmation students. When the NET Ministries team is done with the retreat, they will need to stay overnight with a family in our parishes. There will be 4 men and 5 women. They will stay the evening of March 5th, which is also Ash Wednesday this year. You can host a minimum of 2 or the entire team of 9 if you have the room. They don't even need a bed, every missionary has their own sleeping bag and pillow, therefore, floors, couches, or air mattresses work just fine. Missionaries may leave the homes as early as 6:30 AM or arrive as late as 10:30 PM due to retreat times and traffic. Before they leave in the morning, they ask for a light breakfast from their host home. Please consider opening your home for one night to the NET missionaries. Call Jenny Gehling at 507-251-7929 if you would like to help out.
- **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 next retreat is Saturday, March 15, 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna. There is a poster on the bulletin board with more information and how to register.
- **Save The Date:** Winona-Rochester CCW Women's Lenten Retreat, March 1, 9 AM - 12 noon, St. Theodore Catholic Church, 315 Clark St, Albert Lea. All are invited to this Lenten spiritual event. This will be an opportunity to attend Mass, spend time in Adoration and complete Reconciliation. An opportunity to enhance your Lenten journey this year!
- **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.
- **Courier:** The February edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website, dowr.org, then click "The Courier."



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/12, 19
Class	7-8 PM	2/12, 19

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/12, 19
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	2/12, 19

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	2/12, 19
Class	9-10:20 AM	2/9, 16

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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Elaine Mills – St. Patrick 507-440-0674
Jenny Gehling – St. Finbarr 507-251-7929
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:

None Jan -- Mar

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.