

# *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 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26**

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

This past week, the Church celebrated the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This is one of the many titles for our Blessed Mother Mary. It is a popular title for her, as well as a popular devotion of many Catholics who will travel to Lourdes, France. Mary appeared some 167 years ago, on February 11, 1858, to a simple teenage girl who was out collecting firewood with her sister and a friend. That girl was Bernadette Soubirous, who was canonized a saint in 1933. The Blessed Virgin appeared to 14-year-old St. Bernadette several times between February 11 and July 16 of that year, sometimes daily, but each time Mary appeared as beautiful as ever, and gracious.

In one of these apparitions, the Lady asked her to drink from the water that welled up from there, though it was unknown at the time and little Bernadette had to dig to bring forth this fountain. This spring soon cleared and has become a source of great consolation and great healing. Literally. Several people suffering from medical conditions were healed as they approached the waters just after little Bernadette dug the hole and drank from it. So, too, through the decades and until this day, some five million pilgrims make a visit to Lourdes and its fountains each year. They go to honor Our Lady. And some go to be healed, wading or being immersed in the waters that still flow there.

Several popes have spoken well of the Lourdes Shrine, of the apparitions and of the healings that have been known to occur there. Pope Saint John Paul II loved to visit and pray there, as he did with so many Marian shrines and sites of apparitions. Pope Benedict visited Lourdes in 2008 and drank from the springs there. Many who travel to France and make a pilgrimage to Lourdes will bring back with them Lourdes water, taken from the fountains there.

St. Bernadette described the Lady who appeared to her: beautiful, lovelier than she had ever seen, dressed in white, a blue girdle, a yellow rose on each foot, with a rosary that had a yellow chain with white beads, with a dazzling light come out of the alcove behind her.

During one of the apparitions, the Blessed Virgin Mary herself once described to St. Bernadette who she was: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.  
Sat., Feb. 22, 5:00 PM for Laurene Churchill †

### Offering from Feb. 8, 2025 – Week 32

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,433.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 61,147.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 67,355.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sat., Feb. 22, 5:00 PM

Opener: Diana Weiss  
EMHC: Candice Stier / Lisa Glynn  
Lector: Susan Baldus  
Servers: Avery Paul / Chael Stier  
Ushers: Chris Stier / Lon Baldus  
Counters: Susan Baldus / Lori Stier

- **The Funeral Mass** for Shirley Davis was held at 10:30 AM this morning, 2/15, at St. Finbarr. Burial was in the church cemetery. Please pray for her and her family. May she rest in peace.
- **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. 19, 8:30 AM for William & Alma Schwering †  
Sun., Feb. 23, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Feb. 9, 2025 – Week 32

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,328.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 44,343.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 75,370.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 23, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Loren & Penny Rickerl  
Gifts: Loren & Penny Rickerl  
EMHC: Gladys Kasel  
Lector: Kate Rohrer  
Servers: Tyler Huff / Chloe O'Bannon  
Ushers: Mike Welsh / Jim Yoch  
Counters: Kathy Stern / Barb Hovde

- **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. 18, 8:30 AM for Ed Schommer Jr †  
Thur., Feb. 20, 8:30 AM for Paul Gladys †  
Fri., Feb. 21, 8:30 AM for Deceased Members of Mulhern Family  
Sun., Feb. 23 10:30 AM for Frank & Theresa Weising †

### Offering from Feb. 9, 2025 – Week 32

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,119.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 71,597.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 79,304.00

### Liturgy Schedule Sun., Feb. 23 10:30 AM

Greeters: Youth  
Gifts: Youth  
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Rosann Sanford  
Lector: Youth  
Servers: Youth  
Ushers: Youth  
Counters: O'Connell / Rahe

- **Pork Chop Dinner**, today, 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 today. Proceeds to Boxes of Joy.
- **The 39th Annual Fish Fry** will be on Friday, March 7. We will have dine-in and drive-thru. This requires the help of all our parishioners, so please use the sign-up board in the entryway. Thank you!



## Tri-Parish News

- **Housing Needed:** This year St. Finbarr will be hosting the NET Ministries retreat for the tri parish confirmation students. There will be 4 men and 5 women staying 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. Every missionary has their own sleeping bag and pillow, therefore, floors, couches, or air mattresses work just fine. 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.
- **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.
- **Courier:** The February edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website, [dowr.org](http://dowr.org), then click "The Courier."

*"The ones who have a voice must speak  
for those who are voiceless."*

*St. Oscar Romero*

## 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).*



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/19, 26
Class	7-8 PM	2/19, 26

### St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/19, 26
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	2/19, 26
Youth Mass	8:30 AM	2/23

### St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	2/19, 26
Class	9-10:20 AM	2/16, 23
Youth Mass	10:30 AM	2/23

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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### 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:**

*None Jan -- Mar*

### **St. Patrick:**

*Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Ignatius:**

*Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.*