

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 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

From Father's Desk -

The season of Lent is quickly approaching, even though it's very late this year. Our March 5 Ash Wednesday Masses are:

Noon - St. Ignatius

6:00 pm - St. Finbarr

7:30 pm - St. Patrick

Each of us is encouraged by the Church to perform some particular penance of our own during Lent. And this is not just because of the season, but a genuine response to the Lord who calls us to repent, to convert, to believe. Over the years, sometimes people have encouraged to take on some charitable work, rather than giving something up or making a sacrifice by denying ourselves something. Works of charity and mercy are always laudable, especially during the Lenten season. However, the impact in our will of self-denial is the point of the Lenten sacrifice. Strengthening our will to deny ourselves some small thing helps us gain the strength of will to deny other things, especially sin.

Aside from our own personal sacrifice, the Church asks us all to unite in performing sacrifice together. The Code of Canon Law explains: "In order for all to be united among themselves by some common observance of penance, however, penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence" (can. 1249).

Canon 1250 tells us: "The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent." Canon 1251: "Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays." I know this often comes as a surprise to people, that the Church still requires a penance be performed not only on the Fridays of Lent but every Friday throughout the whole year, but it is still the law of the Church. Outside of the Lenten season, the United States bishops have permitted the substitution of some other penance—a work of charity or some self-denial. During Lent, however, it must be the abstinence from meat for all Catholics 14 years old and older.

The other common penance is fasting. Canon 1251 continues: "Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday." The law of fasting applies to Catholics 18 years old through 59 years old. According to the U.S. bishops, "When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal."

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

No Tues. morning Mass Jan. – Mar.
Sat., March 1, 5:00 PM for David Snyder †

Offering from Feb. 15, 2025 – Week 33

Weekly Support:	\$ 670.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 69,307.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 54,108.00

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

Opener: Kristie Skifter
EMHC: Kristie Skifter / Denice Gehling
Lector: Youth
Servers: Colten Meyerhofer / Evan Davis
Ushers: Youth
Counters: Trudy Swanson / Dylan Davis

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Feb. 26, 8:30 AM for Lisa Hovde †
Sun., March 2, 8:30 AM for Herman Miller †

Offering from Feb. 16, 2025 – Week 33

Weekly Support:	\$ 452.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 44,795.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 75,875.00

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

Greeters: David & Gladys Kasel
Gifts: Vicky Nolt
EMHC: Loren Rickerl
Lector: Arlene Bastian
Servers: Benita Nolt / Landon Lewis
Ushers: Nick Kasel / Tom Winkels
Counters: Rita Miller / Jessica Yoch

- **Coffee and rolls** after Mass today.
- **CCW** will meet on Monday, March 3, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Jessica Yoch & Jess Bly.
- **Annual Irish Festival** will be held Sunday, March 16. from 11 AM-2 PM. Mulligan Stew Dinner “all you can eat” for \$12; Hamburger and chips, \$6; and Hot Dog and chips, \$3. Carry-outs available. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Crafts, Bingo with final game payout of \$100.00, and games for all ages. If you would like to donate toward the meat or a silent auction item, contact Elaine at 507-440-0674, elainemills55@gmail.com or Kathy at 507-421-2541.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Feb. 25, 8:30 AM for Mike Blanchard †
Thur., Feb. 27, 8:30 AM for Brenda Woida †
Fri., Feb. 28, 8:30 AM for Bob & Jan Czapiewski
Sun., March 2 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Feb. 16, 2025 – Week 33

Weekly Support:	\$ not available
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 71,352.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 80,514.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., March 2 10:30 AM

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Rita Bezdicek
Lector: John Glady
Servers: Emily Wolfgram / Aleigha Drees
Ushers: Paul Mettler / Joe Mulhern
Counters: Arndorfer / Christian

- **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!



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- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection on Ash Wednesday, March 5, for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, and supports social service programs, youth ministry, church construction, evangelization and more.
- **St. Ignatius Fish Fry:** The 39th annual fish fry will be on Friday, March 7th, 5-7:30 PM. Adults \$15.00 and children under 12 \$6.00. Come and enjoy some great fish!
- **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.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/26, 3/12
Class	7-8 PM	2/26, 3/12
Blessing of Confirmands	5:00 PM	3/1
Youth Mass	5:00 PM	3/1

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	2/26, 3/12
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	3/12
Prayer & Pizza	6:30 - 7:45 PM	2/26
Blessing of Confirmands	8:30 AM	3/2

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	2/26, 3/12
Class	9-10:20 AM	2/23, 3/2
Blessing of Confirmands	10:30 AM	3/2

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
Kathleen Domaille	

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:

None Jan -- Mar

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.