

# 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

**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13**

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

As was announced at last weekend's Masses, the Synod on Evangelization and Vocations which Bishop Barron has convoked is beginning. He began the preparatory phase last Sunday with a Mass, offering a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, asking for His guidance and grace in all of our deliberations. The diocese is encouraging us all to engage with this discussion and this process. They have asked us to share this information with you.

"His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

"The preparatory phase of the Synod will begin on March 2, 2025. During this phase, consultation will take place across the Diocese in order to aid the deliberations of the Synod assembly in August, on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. We invite every member of the local church to participate in this preparatory phase by completing the survey on evangelization and vocations, which can be accessed by visiting our Synod website, or by scanning the code."

The website is [dowrsynod.my.canva.site](https://dowrsynod.my.canva.site), and there you can fill out the survey.



I encourage you to pray for the success of the synod. Here is the diocesan prayer for the synod:

"Most High and Gracious God, we implore you for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester as we embark on the Diocesan Synod for Evangelization and Vocations. We ask you to send us graces for wisdom and insight into how we can proclaim the Gospel and invite your sons and daughters into a right relationship of worship and friendship through your Son Jesus Christ. As we seek your grace to make you known and loved, we also beg you for the grace to invite each member of our Diocese to serve you with the gift of their lives in service to the Church especially in more vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Give us the gift of your Spirit for right discernment and clarity of approach so that we might faithfully carry out your will in this Diocese and in each of our parishes. We pray in gratitude for every gift and blessing you bestow and put our full confidence in your holy will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen."

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>Mass &amp; Stations: Tues., Mar. 11, 6:15 PM for. Keith Steinkamp † Sat., Mar. 15, 5:00 PM for John Gwin †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Mar. 15, 5:00 PM</u></b></p> <p>Opener: Becky Oehlke EMHC: Nicole Meyerhofer / Denice Gehling Lector: Becky Oehlke Servers: Brody Meyerhofer / Evan Davis Ushers: Al Stier / Chris Stier Counters: Dylan Davis / Lori Stier</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from Mar. 2, 2025 – Week 35</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 762.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 70,543.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 55,086.00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>St. Finbarr Fish Fry:</u></b> Instead of pies and apple crisp for dessert, we are asking parishioners to bake a pan of bars. If you helped last year and would like to do the same job, please let Lori Stier know ASAP by calling 507-696-2857. The sign-up sheets will be in the social hall March 1 &amp; 8 after Mass. This is a great Confirmation service hours opportunity for 9th and 10th graders.</p>	

## St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>Wed., Mar. 12, 8:30 AM for Kurt Fuhrmann, Jr. Stations: Fri., Mar. 14, 5:15 PM Sun., Mar. 16, 8:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Mar. 16, 8:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Greeters: Jerry &amp; Pat Utz Gifts: Mike &amp; Meanie Welsh EMHC: Vicky Nolt Lector: Sharon Jacobson Servers: Hannah Huff / Jaeden Huff Ushers: Mike Arndorfer / Rod Miller Counters: Kathy Stern / Vicky Nolt / Mike Arndorfer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from Mar. 2, 2025 – Week 35</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,233.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,269.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 46,654.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 52,468.00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>Annual Irish Festival</u></b> will be held Sunday, March 16. from 11 AM-2 PM. Mulligan Stew “all you can eat,” \$12; Hamburger and chips, \$6; and Hot Dog and chips, \$3. Carry-outs available. Silent Auction, Bake Sale &amp; Crafts, Bingo 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.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>The LAMA LUAU</u></b> Fundraiser for the LeRoy Food Shelf will be on Sunday March 9, from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at the LeRoy Community Center. There will be a free-will offering at the door, a meal, games, and a bucket raffle, and more. Please come and support the LeRoy Food Shelf.</p>	

## St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>Thur., Mar. 13, 8:30 AM for Russ Betsinger † Stations &amp; Benediction: Thur., Mar. 13, 6:15 PM Fri., Mar. 14, 8:30 AM for Dennis &amp; Dorothy Borgia † Sun., Mar. 16, 10:30 AM for Jacob, Jason &amp; Jonathan † Weiss</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Mar. 16 10:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Greeters: Bob &amp; Marcy Capelle Gifts: Chari Kruegel / De Vreeman EMHC: John Gladly / Teri Hill Lector: Bernadette Mulhern Servers: Scarlett Marcom / Jimmy Mettler Ushers: Jacob Souhrada / Mike Souhrada Counters: Colwell / Souhrada</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from Mar. 2, 2025 – Week 34</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,431.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,885.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 85,807.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 86,850.00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life</u></b> will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation is \$20.00.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Scholarship Applications</u></b> are on the bulletin board for St. Ignatius seniors. Application is due March 31st.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>The VFW Auxiliary</u></b> is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, March 9, from 8-12:30 at the VFW Hall in Spring Valley. \$10 ages 12+, \$5 ages 5-11, free for ages 4 and under. All proceeds benefit the Fisher House.</p>	

## 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,305.00	\$6,067.00	\$9,802.00
Donors			
Total Received YTD			
Amount Needed to Meet Goal			

## Tri-Parish News

- **St. Finbarr Fish Fry:** All are invited to attend the St. Finbarr Fish Fry on Friday, March 14, 4:30 - 7:00 PM in Grand Meadow. The menu will consist of fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, bar and beverages.
- **St Patrick Church** will host its annual Irish Festival on Sunday, March 16, 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.
- **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.
- **Answering God's Call:** Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for Your many blessings You have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen. To give online, visit [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org).
- **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 March edition is on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) then click "The Courier."

*One does not live on bread alone*

## 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
Rita Bezdicek	Sara Kasel – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Cheri Jose
Diane Reineke	Sandy Stern
Stephen Czapiewski	Jason Emanuel
Kathleen Domaille	Karen Sanford
Les Kunz	Todd Mlenar

*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	3/12, 19
Class	7-8 PM	3/12, 19

### St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/12, 19
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	3/12, 19

### St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	3/12, 19
Class	9-10:20 AM	3/9, 16

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

Father Parrott 507-346-7565 )  
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### Tri-Parish Bookkeeper:

Elaine Mills 507-440-0674  
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### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Mary Kuhlman 507-346-7565  
Email: [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com)

St. Ignatius Office 507-346-7565

### Faith Formation Coordinators:

Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius	507-273-3705
Elaine Mills – St. Patrick	507-440-0674
Jenny Gehling – St. Finbarr	507-251-7929
Tri-Parish Website: <a href="http://www.tri-parish.net">www.tri-parish.net</a>	

## **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.*