

# 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 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36**

### From Father's Desk –

Our Lenten season is in full swing, with Stations of the Cross, fish fries and all. There will be several opportunities for Confession this Lent, as well. As the end of Lent gets closer, we'll publish a schedule with those times. In two weeks, however, on Sunday, March 30, at 5:00 pm in Grand Meadow, we will have a penance service with three extra priests helping. Whenever you find time, whether at this service or later in Lent, just ensure you find an opportunity to make a good confession before Easter. It's a beautiful sacrament with healing and grace for all who approach with sincerity.

Today is the St. Patrick Irish Festival and I hope many are able to enjoy the activities. Though he is very popular, sometimes St. Patrick's life isn't very well known. He was born to rather noble parents, sometime around the year 400, perhaps as early as 387. We don't know with certainty where he was born—Scotland, England or even perhaps Wales, but not Ireland. When he was 16 years old, he was taken by Irish pirates and forced into slavery in Ireland.

It was during his six years of slavery when he tended flocks of sheep that St. Patrick really came to have faith. In his *Confession*, he says: "His fear increased in me more and more, and the faith grew in me, and the spirit was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers, and in the night nearly the same, so that while in the woods and on the mountain, even before the dawn, I was roused to prayer." Escaping from slavery, he traveled some 200 miles by foot, then making his way onto a ship which sailed to Britain. His fervor for the love of God had grown so much he wanted to become a priest and a missionary.

After many years working with St. Germain to evangelize the people of England, St. Germaine sent him to Rome to be evaluated by the pope for the Irish mission. St. Patrick was appointed the missionary to evangelize Ireland (after another who was appointed refused for fear of the task). He was ordained a bishop shortly after receiving this commission from the pope. He returned for a visit to St. Germain and then made his way to Ireland, probably in 433. Though he was first attacked when he landed, he set out for where he had been a slave. There, the Catholic Encyclopedia tells us, St. Patrick paid "the price of ransom to his former master, and in exchange for the servitude and cruelty endured at his hands to impart to him the blessings and freedom of God's children."

From there he continued his ministry with the stories we are more familiar with—preaching about the Trinity using the three-leaf clover, etc. St. Patrick defeated paganism in Ireland by his good example and preaching. Having completed his mission, either in 460, 461, or perhaps even 493, St. Patrick went home to the Lord on March 17.

In Christ,  
Fr. Parrott

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Mass & Stations: Tues., Mar. 18, 6:15 PM for Stanley & Shirley Davis †  
Sat., Mar. 22, 5:00 PM for Pat Weiss †

### Offering from Mar. 8, 2025 – Week 36

Weekly Support:	\$ 507.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 71,050.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 58,361.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 278.00

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

Opener: Diana Weiss  
EMHC: Becky Oehlke / Ellen Olson  
Lector: Susan Baldus  
Servers: Avery Paul / Colton Meyerhofer  
Ushers: Clint Weiss / Logan Marx  
Counters: Clint Weiss / Susan Baldus

- **Housing Needed:** Due to the blizzard last week, we had to reschedule the NET Ministries Retreat for our Confirmation students. Please see the notice under Tri-Parish News for more information.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wed., Mar. 19, 8:30 AM for Jodi Miller  
Stations: Fri., Mar. 21, 5:15 PM  
Sun., Mar. 23, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

### Offering from Mar. 9, 2025 – Week 36

Weekly Support:	\$ 3,104.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 50,004.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 57,382.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00

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

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh  
Gifts: David & Gladys Kasel  
EMHC: Mike Arndorfer  
Lector: Kathy Stern  
Servers: Benita Nolt / Kaylee Huff  
Ushers: Steve Kasel / Loren Rickerl  
Counters: Paul Yoch / Jim Yoch

- **Annual Irish Festival** is today, 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 & Crafts, Bingo and games for all ages.
- **Scholarship Pancake Breakfast** will be held at the L-O school on Sunday, March 24, 9-12:30. Proceeds go toward L-O Scholarship fund.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Thur., Mar. 20, 8:30 AM for Bernie Mettler †  
Stations & Benediction: Thur., Mar. 20, 6:15 PM  
Fri., Mar. 21, 8:30 AM for Dennis & Dorothy Borgia †  
Sun., Mar. 23, 10:30 AM for Bob & Ardys Hurley †

### Offering from Mar. 9, 2025 – Week 36

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,549.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 78,356.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 86,850.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 435.00

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

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding  
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill  
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Joanie Betsinger  
Lector: Sarah O’Connell  
Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen / Avery Reiter  
Ushers: Bob Capelle / Joe Drees  
Counters: Klockeman / Mulhern

- **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life** will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation is \$20.00.
- **Scholarship Applications** are on the bulletin board for St. Ignatius seniors. Application is due March 31st.
- **Volunteers are Needed** (both women and men) to deliver meals on wheels. If you are willing to help, please call Pat Blahnik at 507-346-7194.
- **St. Ignatius Fish Fry Committee** would like to thank everyone who helped make our 39th annual fish fry a success again this year. We served approximately 475 people and made a profit of \$5,000.00.

## 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 Patrick** annual Irish Festival is 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.
- **Answering God’s Call:** Your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal from year to year is so greatly appreciated! You are making a difference in our Catholic community through faith-enriching ministries that lead people closer to Christ. To give online, visit [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org).
- **Housing Needed:** Due to the blizzard last week, we had to reschedule the NET Ministries Retreat for our Confirmation students. When the NET Ministries team is done with the retreat in Grand Meadow, they will need a place to stay overnight the evening of May 7th. There will be 4 men and 5 women. 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, the host home is asked to provide them with a light breakfast and a sack lunch for their journey to the next location. 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.
- **March is MN Food Share Campaign.** Please support your local food shelf with non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Donations will be proportionally matched.
- **St. Ignatius Fish Fry Committee** would like to thank everyone who attended our 39<sup>th</sup> annual fish fry and made it a success again this year! See you next year.
- **Visitation Catholic Church**, Stacyville Iowa, invites you to their scalloped turkey supper drive-thru, Sunday, Mar. 23, 3-6 PM.

*“Nothing is far from God.”*

*St. Monica*



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/19, 26
Class	7-8 PM	3/19, 26

### St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/19, 26
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	3/19, 26
Youth Mass	8:30 AM	3/30

### St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	3/19, 26
Class	9-10:20 AM	3/16, 23
Youth Mass	10:30 AM	3/30

## Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius	Joe O’Connell – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Sara Kasel– St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Cheri Jose	Les Kunz
Sandy Stern	Stephen Czapiewski
Jason Emanuel	Todd Mlenar
Kathleen Domaille	Karen Sanford

*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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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: [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:**

*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.*