

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

March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Joshua 5:9a,10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

From Father's Desk -

In the prayers of the Church, one of the titles for Lent is a “season of grace.” It is a blessed season, hopefully filled with lots of prayer, and intentional sacrifice and fasting. And in this way it becomes a great grace, because we cannot do any of these worthy works without the grace of the Almighty.

One of the ways that the Church encourages us all to enter into this season of grace is by embracing the idea of going into the desert with Jesus. The Church does this during Lent by simplifying things and making them more sparse. This is why, you may have noticed, there are no decorations in our churches. No flowers, no extra crosses, no “desert scenes”, no banners. It is all meant to be bare and stark. In the Roman Missal, the General Instruction states: “During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts” (n. 305). Eventually, too, we will (hopefully) have veils over our statues—the church encourages for the last two weeks of Lent to cover all the crosses and all the statues in church.

This emptying our churches of extra frills and decorations is part of the emptying ourselves, as St. Paul so beautifully poeticizes about Jesus: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” (Phil 2:5-8)

The Church also encourages one more element in making the season of Lent simple and austere. “In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instruments is allowed only in order to support the singing. Exceptions, however, are *Laetare* Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts” (GIRM, n. 313). Most parishes don’t implement this perfectly, as most require some instrumentation for people to be able to sing along with the songs. There are some ways, however, that we might look at in future years to implement this, e.g., singing the Mass parts (the Holy, the Lamb of God, etc.) using a chant setting without accompaniment.

I hope these ways of making the church more stark and akin to being in the desert with Jesus will assist you to enter into the true nature of this season, which does not end merely with the austere measures. Instead, we gain a real spiritual insight into the grace which comes from emptying ourselves and identifying with Jesus Christ who gave up everything to save us.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Mass & Stations: Tues., Mar. 25, 6:15 PM for Pat & Diana Weiss
Sat., Mar. 29, 5:00 PM for Rudy & Anna Calta †

Offering from Mar. 15, 2025 – Week 37

Weekly Support: \$ 1,285.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 72,335.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 58,361.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Mar. 29, 5:00 PM

Opener: Kristie Skifter
EMHC: Kristie Skifter / Kristal Brogan
Lector: Adyson Brogan
Servers: Sean Brogan / Ryan Meyerhofer
Ushers: Terry Weelborg / Lon Baldus
Counters: Trudy Swanson / Dylan Davis

- **Housing Needed:** Due to bad weather, 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. 26, 8:30 AM for Joyce Arndorfer
Stations: Fri., Mar. 28, 5:15 PM
Sun., Mar. 30, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Mar. 16, 2025 – Week 37

Weekly Support: \$ 1,391.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 51,420.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 57,382.00

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

Greeters: Loren & Penny Rickerl
Gifts: Travis & Jennifer Lewis
EMHC: Nick Kasel
Lector: Arlene Bastian
Servers: Tyler Huff / Natalie Bunne
Ushers: Tom Winkels / Jim Yoch
Counters: Jessica Yoch / Barb Hovde

- **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 Patrick** projects a profit of \$3900 from the Irish Festival held this past weekend. Thank you to all the businesses, workers, and clean-up crew that generously donated prizes, money, time and talent to make this event a success. Huge appreciation to all the youth that helped.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Mar. 27, 8:30 AM for Bezdicek Family
Stations & Benediction: Thur., Mar. 27, 6:15 PM
Fri., Mar. 28, 8:30 AM for Deceased Members of Malley Family
Sun., Mar. 30, 10:30 AM for Marketta Souhrada †

Offering from Mar. 16, 2025 – Week 37

Weekly Support: \$ 2,569.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 79,845.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 86,850.00

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

Greeters: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EMHC: Rita Bezdicek / Bob Capelle
Lector: Youth
Servers: Youth
Ushers: Bob Capelle / Joe Drees
Counters: O'Connell / Rahe

- **Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life** will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass through April 6th. 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.

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			

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- **Penance Service:** We will have four priests available to hear Confessions on Sunday, March 30, at St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow at 5:00 pm. Making a good Confession, and at least your annual Confession, is an essential part of the Lenten season. Make time to come and receive the great gift of God's mercy and peace in the Sacrament of Confession.
- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Relief Services. This collection provides funding for migration and refugee services; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.
- **Catholic Men,** come to the Man of God Conference being hosted by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. On Saturday, April 5, join your fellow Catholic brothers at Resurrection Parish in Rochester. Bishop Barron and other speakers will present. There will be Mass, Confession, Adoration and Benediction. Register online at www.dowr.org/event-details/3768.
- **Open Hearts,** a young woman's opportunity to learn about the vocation of consecrated life, is open for registration. Held on March 29 at the Mankato Newman Center, eight orders including **Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity**, will gather for the day to witness the beauty of women's vocations. Open to young women from high school through 30's. Register soon at <https://dowr.my.canva.site/openhearts> or email openhearts@dowr.org for more information.
- **Housing Needed:** Due to bad weather, 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. 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. Call Jenny Gehling at 507-251-7929 if you would like to help.
- **Family Bingo Party,** Sunday, March 23, noon, at St. John's in Johnsburg. Lunch will be served. A free will donation is appreciated with proceeds going to the Southland Food Shelf. Bingo with prizes of a variety of meats will follow the lunch. All are welcome.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/26, 4/2
Class	7-8 PM	3/26, 4/2

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	3/26, 4/2
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	3/26, 4/2
Youth Mass	8:30 AM	3/30

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	3/26, 4/2
Class	9-10:20 AM	3/23, 30
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
Maxine Mlenar	

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.

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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.