

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 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

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

From Father's Desk -

Today is Laetare Sunday, which means it's the middle Sunday of the Lenten season. Laetare is a strong word for be glad, delight, be happy, be cheerful, or simply: rejoice! It's generally viewed as a stronger word than the one we celebrate during Advent, Gaudete. Here, there's a greater sense of joy because this deeper season of penance and sacrifice is half past, and the very event of our salvation is quickly approaching. We are allowed flowers, organ and instruments, and the priest can wear not purple but rose, to indicate a brighter and more beautiful day.

We have a few priests coming today to help us with our penance service. I hope to see all of you there. We will be overjoyed on this joyful Sunday if we have to stay not just one, but two or three hours to hear all the confessions of our parish families. What a witness and a grace that would be—for everyone to show up and all of us demonstrate how important, meaningful and lifegiving the Sacrament of Penance is. I know I am overwhelmed when I receive the sacrament, and humbled. I know how little I deserve it. But that's precisely why we go: our merciful Savior loves us and wants to bestow His peace in this very special way.

Each of us can give a powerful witness to our Catholic faith. By participating in all the sacramental life of the Church, we shore up in our own hearts the habit and importance of frequent participation. We also show others that the Catholic faith is essential to who we are—we set aside time for it when we could be doing something else. We rightly give the many prayers, devotions and sacraments of the Church a piece of our day—whether that's in coming to Mass, Confession, the Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction, helping with Faith Formation, or any number of other things.

This is precisely what Bishop Barron is calling each of us to do. With the Synod on Evangelization and Vocations, he is asking us to make more room in our lives for the practice of and witness to our Catholic faith. And to do so unabashedly. Gladly tell others you believe the Eucharist is really Jesus' true Body and Blood—that's what Catholics believe. Gladly affirm that you can't eat meat on Fridays—that's what being Catholic means. Gladly tell others you confess your sins to a priest—that's what Catholics do. Gladly tell others you have to go to Stations before you can meet them for dinner—that is how Catholics pray and do penance! After all, this is precisely what Jesus tells us He wants us to do.

Bishop Barron speaks often of needing to shuffle off this attitude of "beige Catholicism", the idea that if we just kind of blend in and don't stick out, everything will be great. But it's precisely the opposite. We need to be distinctively Catholic so others can see the importance of living a different life, a life dedicated to Jesus in the Catholic Church.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Mass & Stations: Tues., Apr. 1, 6:15 PM for Martha Sue deLaBruere † Sat., Apr. 5, 5:00 PM for Leon Steinkamp †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Apr. 5, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>Opener: Becky Oehlke EMHC: Becky Oehlke / Troy Gehling Lector: Emily Kelzer Servers: Kaylee Davis / Brody Meyerhofer Ushers: Al Stier / Chris Stier Counters: Lori Stier / Susan Baldus</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Mar. 22, 2025 – Week 38</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 716.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 73,051.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 60,384.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Housing Needed:</u> 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.</p> <p>➤ <u>Thank You:</u> Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the fish fry this year. Thank you also to everyone that attended. It was another very successful fish fry serving 365 people with a projected profit of \$3,577 for the church. We couldn't have done it without you!</p> <p>➤ <u>Mission Circle</u> will meet Tuesday, April 8, 1 PM at Church. NO meeting on Tues April 1.</p>	

St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Wed., Apr. 2, 8:30 AM for Sara Kasel Stations: Fri., Apr. 4, 5:15 PM Sun., Apr. 6, 8:30 AM Dan, Marietta, Gary and Herman †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Apr. 6, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller Gifts: Mike & Margaret Arndorfer EMHC: Jim Yoch Lector: Cathy Yoch Servers: Brittany Bunne / Landon Lewis Ushers: Chris Lentz / Paul Yoch Counters: Cathy Yoch / Pat Arndorfer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Mar. 23, 2025 – Week 38</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,237.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,269.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 52,657.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 57,904.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Coffee & Rolls</u> after Mass on Sunday.</p> <p>➤ <u>Easter Flowers:</u> Please contact Joyce Arndorfer (507-440-3692) or Pat Utz (507-951-9333) if you are interested in donating a lily plant(s) in memory of loved ones for Easter. The cost is \$18 per plant. Please write down the names of loved ones to be remembered. Thank you.</p>	

St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Thur., Apr. 3, 8:30 AM for Elda Glady † Stations & Benediction: Thur., Apr. 3, 6:15 PM Fri., Apr. 4, 8:30 AM for Mike & Terri Blanchard † Sun., Apr. 6, 10:30 AM for <i>Pro Populo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Apr. 6 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Lois Boelter / De Vreeman Gifts: Joe Drees Family EMHC: John Glady / Bill Mettler Lector: Candis Wiste Servers: Ava Wolfgram / Emily Wolfgram Ushers: Jacob Souhrada / Mike Souhrada Counters: Souhrada / Colwell</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Mar. 23, 2025 – Week 38</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 912.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,885.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 80,342.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 88,665.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life</u> is taking orders for Easter Lilies through April 6. Suggested donation \$20.00.</p> <p>➤ <u>Scholarship Applications</u> are on the bulletin board for St. Ignatius seniors. Applications are due tomorrow, March 31.</p> <p>➤ <u>Volunteers are Needed</u> (both women and men) to deliver meals on wheels. If you are willing to help, please call Pat Blahnik at 507-346-7194.</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			

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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 this 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:** We had to reschedule the NET Ministries Retreat for our Confirmation students. The NET Ministries team will need a place to stay overnight the evening of May 7. 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 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 (507-251-7929) if you can help.
- **Camp Summit Needs Nurses/ EMTs.** The nursing team provides general first aid, assists youth through illnesses, homesickness, and helps chaperones with medications and medical emergencies. Visit our website at campsummitwinona.org to learn more. Week one runs July 19-24. If interested or would like more information, please email campsummitwinona@gmail.com.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	4/2, 9
Class	7-8 PM	4/2, 9
First Confession, grade 2	4 PM	4/5

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	4/2, 9
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	4/2, 9
First Confession, grade 2	8 AM	4/6

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	4/2, 9
Class	9-10:20 AM	3/30, 4/6
First Confession, grade 2	11:30 AM	4/6

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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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:

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.