

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

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

From Father's Desk –

Passiontide has begun! The crosses and statues are veiled. I hope it has the intended impression: even more is hidden from our eyes. Our penance deepens, and we must rely even more on God's grace and providence. Part of the tradition of veiling is a reminder that Jesus is going to be betrayed, and He has to hide Himself so that He can suffer in just the right way at just the right time. In the old Mass, before the changes in the 1970s, the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday and began Passiontide—the last two weeks of Lent. The Gospel for Passion Sunday was always John 8: 46-59, when Jesus upset many of the Jewish leaders, affirming that He knows the true God, but they have made themselves blind to God. Having claimed to see God and to have existed even before Abraham, the Jews picked up stones to kill Him. John tells us, however, “Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.” So too, now, in our churches, Jesus is symbolically hidden. We veil the crosses that bear Him. We cover the saints who are reflections of Him. We must see Him as He truly is: both the invisible God who transcends all of creation, and the invisible God who is present under the appearance of bread. Our faith must be even stronger in these last days of Lent, to better prepare us for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

On another note, as you can see inside this weekend's bulletin, the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota which organizes the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal on behalf of the diocese has given us our first status report on the progress of the appeal. I am grateful to those of you who have already donated. All of our parishes already have more than a dozen donors. St. Patrick is very near their goal, and the other two parishes are each about two-thirds of the way there. Thank you! For those of you who have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation. It supports the important work of the diocese. Anything over the goal comes back to your parish. Whatever you can do to help is appreciated.

Our Holy Week schedule is:

Holy Thursday, April 17	Office & Morning Prayer	9:00 am	St. Ignatius
Holy Thursday, April 17	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm	St. Ignatius
Good Friday, April 18	Passion of the Lord	Noon	St. Ignatius
Good Friday, April 18	Passion of the Lord	3:00 pm	St. Finbarr
Good Friday, April 18	Passion of the Lord	6:00 pm	St. Patrick
Holy Saturday, April 19	Office & Morning Prayer	9:00 am	St. Ignatius
Holy Saturday, April 19	Easter Vigil Mass	8:00 pm	St. Ignatius
Easter Sunday, April 20	Mass	8:30 am	St. Patrick
Easter Sunday, April 20	Mass	10:30 am	St. Finbarr

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Mass & Stations: Tues., Apr. 8, 6:15 PM for Paul Snyder † Sat., Apr. 12, 5:00 PM for Melanie Doward †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Apr. 12, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>Opener: Diana Weiss EMHC: Ellen Olson / Kristal Brogan Lector: Becky Oehlke / Adyson Brogan Servers: Sean Brogan / Chael Stier Ushers: Clint Weiss / Logan Marx Counters: Clint Weiss / Dylan Davis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Mar. 29, 2025 – Week 39</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,282.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 74,333.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 61,523.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Mission Circle</u> will meet Tuesday, April 8, 1 PM at Church.</p> <p>➤ <u>Easter Altar:</u> Please contact Dawn Stier if you would like to donate Easter flowers.</p>	

St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Wed., Apr. 9, 8:30 AM for Dorothy & Merlyn Gunsallus † Stations: Fri., Apr. 11, 5:15 PM Sun., Apr. 13, 8:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Apr. 13, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Paul & Cathy Yoch Gifts: Bruce & Deb Diemer EMHC: Jennifer Lewis Lector: Jessica Yoch / Barb Payne Servers: Chloe O'Bannon / Allie Bunne Ushers: Mike Welsh / Nick Kasel Counters: Kathy Stern / Barb Hovde</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Mar. 30, 2025 – Week 39</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 812.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,269.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 53,469.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 58,937.00</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> <p>➤ <u>CCW</u> will meet on Monday, April 7, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Jean Roe & Liz Scaglione.</p> <p>➤ <u>2025 Scholarship Applications</u> are available in the back of church.</p>	

St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Thur., Apr. 10, 8:30 AM for Thomas Warren † Stations & Benediction: Thur., Apr. 10, 6:15 PM Fri., Apr. 11, 8:30 AM for Don & Barb Wannarka † Sun., Apr. 13, 10:30 AM for the Schaefer Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Apr. 13 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladly EMHC: Bob Capelle / Jeff Erding Lector: J Betsinger / S O'Connell / C Wiste Servers: Harper Holmen / Scarlett Marcom Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / Joe Drees Counters: Arndorfer / Engesser</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Mar. 30, 2025 – Week 39</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 2,572.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,885.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 82,914.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 89,678.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Today is the Last Day</u> to order Easter Lilies for our altar from MCCL. Suggested donation \$20.00.</p> <p>➤ <u>The Knights of Columbus</u> will meet on Tuesday, April 8. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.</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> <p>➤ <u>The VFW Auxiliary #4114</u> is hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast Sunday, April 13, at the VFW Hall downtown Spring Valley from 8AM-12:30PM. Cost is \$10 for ages 12+, \$5 ages 6-11, and free for ages 4 and under. This is the last breakfast of the season until Ag Days.</p>	

2025 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,305.00	\$6,067.00	\$9,802.00
Donors	17	14	20
Total Received YTD	\$5,350	\$5,400	\$6,625
Amount Needed to Meet Goal	\$2,955	\$667	\$3,177

Tri-Parish News

- **Pray for Our 2nd Graders!** This weekend they complete preparation for their First Confession. Two weeks after Easter, one month from now, they will receive First Holy Communion.
- **DOW-R Council of Catholic Women Quarterly Meeting** is Saturday, April 12 at St. Ignatius. The meeting begins at 8 AM with registration and breakfast. Speakers will be Lola Baxter on Seven Sisters Apostolate and Tim Geisler, President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, District Council of Winona-Rochester on the missions. The day will be inspiring and informative. All are welcome!
- **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.
- **Assisi Heights:** Visit the website, www.rochesterfranciscan.org, to learn about events scheduled for 2025.
- **Courier:** The April edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org then click "The Courier."
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin:** Please e-mail Mary with any bulletin announcements (triparishsecretary@gmail.com). New deadline is 9 AM Wednesdays.
- **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.

*"Ask Jesus to make you a saint.
After all, only He can do that."
St. Dominic Savio*



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.*



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	4/9, 23
Class	7-8 PM	4/9, 23
First Confession, grade 2	4 PM	4/5

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	4/9, 23
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	4/9, 23
First Confession, grade 2	8 AM	4/6

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	4/9, 23
Class	9-10:20 AM	4/6, 13
First Confession, grade 2	11:30 AM	4/6

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

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Elaine Mills – St. Patrick 507-440-0674
Jenny Gehling – St. Finbarr 507-251-7929

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.