

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 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

From Father's Desk –

“Non habemus papam.” This was the message that my priest friend who is serving as a Navy chaplain in Japan sent me when he woke me up very early on Monday morning to tell me the pope had died. It’s a play on the announcement of a new pope: “Habemus papam!” We have a pope! There are plenty of very good articles and stories you can read about the life and ministry of Pope Francis. I encourage you to take some time and read some of them. Yesterday, Saturday, was his funeral Mass, which begins the Novendiales, nine days of mourning the death of the pope and offering Masses for his soul. Even though it is the Easter season, many of the liturgical commemoration for our Masses this week will be Requiem Masses praying for the repose of Pope Francis’ soul.

We each should pray for Pope Francis and remember him. Two things that stuck out to me about his work. He is probably the pope of the last 50 years who has talked the most about the devil! Whether colloquially in an interview or in his Sunday Angelus messages, Pope Francis seems to have mentioned the danger that Satan poses more than Pope Benedict or Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis appeared to be keenly aware of the prowler and his efforts. As well, I especially appreciate his steadfast preaching on the dignity of life. He never wavered about protecting the life of every child in the womb. He condemned our modern world’s “throwaway culture”, which has led to the discarding of things that are uncomfortable for us, including even human life. May he rest in peace.

Today, we will have the celebration of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm at St. Ignatius. This is a beautiful devotion which is at the heart of the Easter mystery: God died in the flesh so as to liberate us from slavery to sin and grant us forgiveness. The church has always contemplated God’s mercy during the Easter season, especially this second Sunday of Easter as the Gospel is about the power to forgive that Jesus bestows upon the Apostles. It has taken on a more profound celebration since the year 2,000 when Pope St. John Paul II inaugurated the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, inspired by the life of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska and her Diary which records the visions she received from the Lord.

Next weekend, we celebrate First Communion with our youngsters who have spent this year preparing for the sacrament. It coincides with the first Sunday in May, so we will very appropriately begin the weekend Masses with May Crowning of our Blessed Mother. There’s a beauty in the coincidence of these events: as the mother of new life, Mary accompanies us along the way as we grow in the life of the Church. Mary stands vigil here, too, as these children are advancing in their participation in the life of the sacraments by beginning to receive the Eucharist. Please pray for our First Communicants and their families next weekend.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Apr. 29, 8:30 AM for Pat & Diana Weiss
Sat., May 3, 5:00 PM Sheldon Churchill †

Offering from Apr. 20, 2025 – Week 42

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,266.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 79,931.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 71,652.00
Holy Land	\$ 214.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., May 3, 5:00 PM

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Kathy Gehling / Ellen Olson
Lector: Becky Oehlke
Servers: Colton Meyerhofer / Chael Stier
Ushers: Al Stier / Chris Stier
Counters: Susan Baldus / Clint Weiss

- **St. Finbarr's Education Endowment Fund Scholarship** applications are available in the Narthex and are being accepted until May 3, 2025. High school seniors who meet the criteria are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The scholarships are made possible because of donations by generous parishioners, as well as money raised at parish events for the St. Finbarr's Education Endowment Fund.
- **St. Finbarr is in Desperate Need** of people to open the church 45 minutes before Mass and people to count the collection after Mass. Please consider helping with these ministries. Contact Dawn Stier.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., Apr. 30, 8:30 AM for Richard & Matthew Kruse †
Sun., May 4, 8:30 AM for Wesley Morse †

Offering from Apr. 20, 2025 – Week 42

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,561.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 61,261.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 67,974.00
Holy Land	\$ 446.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., May 4, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller
Gifts: First Communicants
EMHC: Joyce Arndorfer
Lector: Parents of Communicants
Servers: Vanessa Lewis / Clara Rohrer
Ushers: Paul Yoch / Nick Kasel
Counters: Jessica Yoch / Arlene Bastian

- **Coffee and Rolls** after Mass today.
- **St. John's Council of the Knights of Columbus** will again be handing out Tootsie Rolls this Sunday after Mass at St. Patrick. Free will donations are accepted.
- **CCW** will meet on Monday, May 5, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Margaret Arndorfer & Judy Jasper.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., May 1, 8:30 AM for Tom & Lorretta Kennedy †
Friday, May 2, 8:30 AM for Bezdicek Family
Sun., May 4, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Apr. 19, 2025 – Week 42

Weekly Support:	\$ 2,035.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 87,882.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 103,196.00
Holy Land	\$ 328.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., May 4, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Jeff & Cindy Erding
Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill
EMHC: Bill Mettler / Rosann Sanford
Lector: Claire Mettler
Servers: Ava Wolfgram / Emily Wolfgram
Ushers: Joe Mulhern / John Mulhern
Counters: Christian / Czapiewski

- **Last Day** to order long stemmed roses for Mother's Day after Mass. Suggested donation is \$2.00.
- **Need Help Around the Home?** Spring Valley Kiwanis volunteers are available to help you with projects you are unable to do (minor lawn clean-up and window washing). For more information, please contact Jay at Edina Realty 346-1751.

2025 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,305.00	\$6,067.00	\$9,802.00
Donors	22	21	31
Total Received YTD	\$8,100	\$8,155	\$9,225
Amount Needed to Meet Goal	\$205	+\$2,088	\$577

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- **CMA: Answering God's Call.** Through your support, the Catholic Ministries Appeal funds diocesan-led ministries throughout the 20 counties of southern Minnesota. Thank you for providing opportunities to thousands of people to draw closer to Christ because of your generosity. To give online, visit www.catholicismn.org.
- **Diocesan Synod:** Bishop Barron would appreciate your participation in a regional gathering to discuss the issues of evangelization and vocations. Please make time to attend a meeting in the next couple weeks. Some options in our area are: May 3 at Sacred Heart in Adams at 8:30am; May 3 at Resurrection in Rochester at 8:30am; May 10 at St. Charles Borromeo in St. Charles at 8:00am; May 17 at Sacred Heart in Owatonna at 8:30am; or May 17 at Pax Christi in Rochester at 8:30am.
- **Mass Announcements:** Please submit all announcements to be read at weekend Masses to Mary in the parish office by Thursday at 10:00 AM. Mary prepares them for Father and he makes final edits and approval for any announcements to be made. Please do not bring hand-written announcements to Mass. Thank you.
- **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 in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin:** Please e-mail Mary with any bulletin additions (triparishsecretary@gmail.com). Deadline is 9 AM Wednesdays.



Prayer Chain

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

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

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	4/30, 5/7
Class	7-8 PM	4/30, 5/7
First Communion	5:00 PM	5/3

St. Patrick

Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	4/30, 5/7
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	4/30
First Communion	8:30 AM	5/4

St. Ignatius

Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	4/30, 5/7
Class	9-10:20 AM	4/27
First Communion	10:30 AM	5/4

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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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.