

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

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

From Father's Desk -

Godspeed and the richest of blessings to our young people who have received their First Holy Communion this weekend. It's a very special grace, and we pray for them to grasp the wonder of God's love for them. Sometimes you will hear some people talk fondly of remembering their First Holy Communion and what it was like, what they wore, who was there, and many other details. I confess, I don't remember a thing about mine. I have seen pictures of me dressed up after the Mass was over, but I still don't have any concrete memories of it. I suppose everyone is different, and I hope many of our young people will remember and cherish this day for years to come.

You might notice some things are simpler with the Masses this year. An important aim in celebrating with our young people is to make sure we don't overload them with too many things to do. There is one thing for them to do this day: receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with as much love and devotion as they can muster. Everything else can quickly become a distraction, taking us away from that central gift. St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote beautifully that she remembered every detail of her First Holy Communion and that whole day. She reflects on the moment she received Jesus:

"I would not tell you everything, even if I could, for there are certain things which lose their fragrance in the open air, certain thoughts so intimate that they cannot be translated into earthly language without losing at once their deep and heavenly meaning. How lovely it was, that first kiss of Jesus in my heart — it was truly a kiss of love. I knew that I was loved and said, 'I love You, and I give myself to You forever.'"

St. Thérèse begins talking about her younger self in the third person:

"And her joy became so vast, so deep, that now it overflowed. Soon she was weeping, to the astonishment of her companions, who said to one another later on: 'Why did she cry? Was there something on her conscience? Perhaps it was because her mother was not there, or the Carmelite sister she loves so much.' It was beyond them that all the joy of Heaven had entered one small, exiled heart, and that it was too frail and weak to bear it without tears. As if the absence of my mother could make me unhappy on the day of my First Communion! As all Heaven entered my soul when I received Jesus, my mother came to me as well. Nor could I cry because you were not there, we were closer than ever before. It was joy alone, deep ineffable joy that filled my heart."

I pray we all can understand what an immense gift it is, and may we never take it for granted, to receive Our Lord and God in Holy Communion, Jesus Christ who gave His whole self for us—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tues., May 6, 8:30 AM for Rebecca Wolterman Sat., May 10, 5:00 PM Dick Ricke †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., May 10, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>Opener: Diana Weiss EMHC: Troy Gehling / Nicole Meyerhofer Lector: Susan Baldus Servers: Brody Meyerhofer / Evan Davis Ushers: Jim Davis / Terry Weelborg Counters: Lori Stier / Trudy Swanson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Apr. 26, 2025 – Week 43</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 670.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 80,476.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 68,889.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>St. Finbarr is in Desperate Need</u> 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.</p> <p>➤ <u>Mission Circle</u> Tuesday May 6, 1 PM. at church. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>➤ <u>Senior Recognition:</u> May 17 at 5 PM Mass.</p>	

St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wed., May 7, 8:30 AM for Sick Children in Memory of Kelsey Rickerl Sun., May 11, 8:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., May 11, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Nick & Kathi Bunne Gifts: Mike & Melanie Welsh EMHC: Nick Kasel Lector: Barb Payne Servers: Benita / Kathia Nolt-Almaraz Ushers: Bruce Diemer / Tony Arndorfer Counters: Jon Hiller / Vicky Nolt</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Apr. 27, 2025 – Week 43</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 707.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,269.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 61,968.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 68,094.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>CCW</u> will meet on Monday, May 5, 7 PM in the church hall. Co-chairs are Margaret Arndorfer & Judy Jasper.</p>	

St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thur., May 8, 8:30 AM for Ed Schommer Jr † Friday, May 9, 8:30 AM for Beate Rueber † Sun., May 11, 10:30 AM for Marketta Souhrada †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., May 11, 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Teri Hill Lector: Sarah O'Connell Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen / Avery Reiter Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / Ralph Drees Counters: Engesser / Klockeman</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Apr. 26, 2025 – Week 43</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,493.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,885.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 48,195.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 103,196.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Knights of Columbus</u> Council #13609 will meet on May 13. Supper at 6 PM at The Pizza Place (it's Taco Tuesday) with meeting to follow at the church.</p> <p>➤ <u>Need Help Around the Home?</u> 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.</p>	

2025 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,305.00	\$6,067.00	\$9,802.00
Donors	23	21	33
Total Received YTD	\$9,100	\$8,155	\$9,475
Amount Needed to Meet Goal	+\$795	+\$2,088	\$327

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- **CMA: Answering God's Call.** The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. The Appeal funds ministries to invite more than 38,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church. To give online, visit www.catholicfsmn.org.
- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection next weekend to support Catholic Charities. Any donations stay in the local area and help Catholic Charities provide vital services such as emergency warming shelters, free diaper banks, free senior exercise classes, rental assistance and adoption services.
- **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 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.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Last Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	5/7
Last Class	7-8 PM	5/7
Senior Recognition	5:00 PM	5/17

St. Patrick

Last Confirmation Class, SV	7:00 PM	5/7
Senior Recognition	8:30 AM	5/18

St. Ignatius

Last Confirmation Class	7:00 PM	5/7
Last Class	9-10:20 AM	5/4
Senior Recognition	10:30 AM	5/11

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	Maxine Mlenar
Jason Emanuel	Todd Mlenar
Kathleen Domaille	Karen Sanford
Mary Geary	

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

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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.