

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 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

From Father's Desk -

We have a pope! Pope Leo XIV is making an impression in his first few days as the Successor to St. Peter as the head of the apostles. I haven't read and don't entirely know all the rules about secrecy after a conclave, but we're learning quite a bit of information about the election, including that he was chosen on the fourth ballot with over 100 votes, well over the required 89.

It is relieving to simply have a choice. There's great curiosity about it beforehand, perhaps even some anxiety about who it will be, what name will he choose, not to mention the other questions about what kind of pope he will be and what might he do on this or that issue. It is a great blessing to simply know who the next leader will be. We can look for signals about this thing or that, and what that might tell us about directions he might try to take the church in. I do plenty of it myself. However, it does seem to butt up against the fact that we should trust in Divine Providence and the promise of Christ that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church.

Part of all of this about our fretting about the pope is a problem of the technological age. Centuries ago, a new pope would be chosen and many people didn't know the last pope had died, and probably didn't hardly know who the last pope was! It is quite different now, of course, as we've seen so many pictures and videos of our new Pope Leo. Within minutes the pope's brother was on TV talking about him. And I still find it a bit jarring to hear the Pope natively speak American English. Regardless, we can all pray for Pope Leo, asking God to guide him, and asking God to give us ever greater trust in His Divine Providence.

Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! This weekend, we celebrate our parish baccalaureates at St. Patrick and St. Finbarr. St. Ignatius celebrated last Sunday. New adventures lie ahead of these young people, and we pray for them as they take their next steps. We also assure them of their home here in Fillmore and Mower counties and our three parishes.

Thank you also to those who serve on each parish's scholarship committee. It's good to encourage our young people in their futures. I have told some of our committees and councils that a goal of ours should be to honor and encourage all our graduates who choose to go to college, as well as those who choose technical schools, employment in a trade or farming, and especially those who enter the military. All very worthy endeavors.

Lastly, I know several people have worried about getting ahold of me in an emergency. The office and rectory phone really has been enough. To ease concerns, however, the office & rectory phone can now also ring on my personal phone. Voicemails, likewise, are sent to my personal phone. As an additional benefit, this new company costs less than half of what we were paying previously!

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., May 20, 8:30 AM for Terry Weelborg
Sat., May 24, 5:00 PM for Peter & Agnes Snyder †

Offering from May 10, 2025 – Week 45

Weekly Support:	\$ 709.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 82,080.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 74,449.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., May 24, 5:00 PM

Opener: Dawn Stier
EMHC: Denice Gehling / Ellen Olson
Lector: Dawn Stier
Servers: Colton Meyerhofer / Chael Stier
Ushers: Dom Stier / Lon Baldus
Counters: Dawn Stier / Trudy Swanson

- **Please Consider** volunteering to help with liturgical ministries. Contact Dawn Stier.
- **Pick Up Your Donated Easter Flowers** in the kitchen this week.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., May 21, 8:30 AM for Claire Schneider
Sun., May 25, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from May 11, 2025 – Week 45

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,251.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,269.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 63,219.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 70,716.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., May 25, 8:30 AM

Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh
Gifts: Loren & Penny Rickerl
EMHC: Gladys Kasel
Lector: Jessica Yoch
Servers: Landon Lewis / Tyler Huff
Ushers: Jim Yoch / Rod Miller
Counters: Jim Yoch / Rita Hiller

- **Congratulations** to Kaylee Brincks and Benita Nolt, 2025 graduates from St. Patrick.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., May 22, 8:30 AM for Capelli Family
Friday, May 23, 8:30 AM for Russ Betsinger †
Sun., May 25, 10:30 AM for Anne Mrotz †

Offering from May 11, 2025 – Week 45

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,111.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,885.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 90,892.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 112,899.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., May 25, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Lois Boelter / Mary Anne Meyers
Gifts: Joe Drees Family
EMHC: John Glady / Rosann Sanford
Lector: Joanie Betsinger
Servers: Avery Reiter / Jimmy Mettler
Ushers: Joe Mulhern / John Mulhern
Counters: Rahe / Sanford

- **The Spring Valley Area Ambulance** crew will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser today, May 18, from 0830-1230 at the ambulance station on the east edge of Spring Valley. Free will offering and all are welcome.
- **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.



Tri-Parish News

- **CMA: Answering God's Call.** Thank you for your generosity! All Tri-Parish goals have been met. We have received contributions from 80 parishioners. If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card today, or give online at www.catholicfsmn.org. Reminder: 100% of all funds raised over our goal are returned to our parish.
- **FORMED:** Every summer, school ends, and vacation begins. We take trips and visit family and friends, which is a lot of fun! However, our faith formation often takes a backseat during this time. This year, you can have a summer that is both enjoyable and faith-filled. Join *Summer with the Saints*— 12 weeks of faith-filled videos and family-friendly activities, delivered weekly to your inbox. Go to formed.org to register.
- **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 May edition is available 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.

*“Settle yourself in solitude,
and you will come upon God
in yourself.”*

St. Teresa of Avila



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Senior Recognition	5:00 PM	5/17
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St. Patrick

Senior Recognition	8:30 AM	5/18
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St. Ignatius

Prayer Chain

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

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

*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.