# Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church 436 W Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951 Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church 504 1" St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936 Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church 213 W Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975 Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

#### From Father's Desk -

Welcome to Sister Tierney Trueman, a member of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Rochester, Minnesota. Sister speaks to us this weekend about the importance of supporting the missionary work of the Church throughout the world. In particular, she shares with us about the service of the Rochester Franciscans with their mission in Bogota, Colombia.

The Rochester Franciscans have a long history in our diocese, and in providing for those in need. Their website tells much of their story: In 1877, Sister Mary Alfred Moes, along with her biological sister, Sister Barbara Moes, and 23 other Franciscan Sisters from Joliet, Illinois, came to Rochester, to establish a new community of Franciscan Sisters ready to serve as teachers. Six years later, in 1883, Rochester was hit by a devastating tornado. The Franciscan Sisters provided care for the victims. Seeing the necessity for health care in the Rochester area, Mother Alfred persisted until Dr. William Mayo agreed to serve as director of a hospital to be built by the Sisters. Established in 1889, Saint Mary's Hospital was on the cutting edge of health care.

The Sisters also continued their work in education, staffing parochial schools in Minnesota and beyond, while also establishing academies in Owatonna and Rochester. Their work included post-secondary education, and in 1894, they founded what became the College of Saint Teresa in Winona, which continued until the late 1980s. The Rochester Franciscans also incorporated other ministries, starting after the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. As well, they extended their service to other parts of the world.

The Motherhouse for the Sisters in Rochester is a beautiful work of architecture. Sitting atop the hill, the stone buildings with red clay shingles on the roof are memorable in forming Assisi Heights. The whole structure and campus, like many cathedrals and churches throughout the world, stands as a sight to be seen for a long distance, both to oversee the area and to inspire the mind and heart to thoughts of what is above.

Our diocese is deeply indebted to the Sisters of Saint Francis for their decades of ministry—especially their work with St. Mary's Hospital with the hallmark of excellence it set, and their work in Catholic schools across the diocese. Two remarkable schools—at previous parishes I've been at, in Owatonna and Fairmont—still carry on the legacy of the history of the Rochester Franciscans' work in schools and fondly remember the Sisters who taught there.

Please pray for Sister Tierney and the Sisters of Saint Francis of Rochester this weekend.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

#### St. Finbarr Announcements Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 3, 8:30 AM **Mass Schedule** Opener: Tve Davis Tues., July 29, 8:30 AM for Melanie Doward † EMHC: Kathy Gehling / Kristal Brogan Sun., Aug 3, 8:30 AM for Tom Bryson † Susan Baldus Lector: Servers: Sean Brogan / Evan Davis Offering from July 20, 2025 – Week 3 Chris Stier / John Warmka Ushers: Weekly Support: 1,746.00 Counters: Lori Stier / Dylan Davis Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,646.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 4,012.00 3,100.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$

**SAVE THE DATE** for St. Finbarr's Fall Festival. Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.

#### St. Patrick Announcements Liturgy Schedule Sat., Aug. 2, 5:00 PM Jon & Rita Hiller Greeters: Mass Schedule Travis & Jennifer Lewis Wed., July 30, 8:30 AM for Sara Kasel Gifts: Sat., Aug. 2, 5:00 PM for Mary Jo Bastian † EMHC: Kathy Stern Barb Payne Lector: Jaden Huff / Chloe O'Bannon Offering from July 19, 2025 – Week 3 Servers: Tom Winkels / Jim Yoch Ushers: Weekly Support: 1,564.00 Counters: Rita Hiller / Kathy Stern Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,365.00 YTD Support Received: 6,794.00 YTD Expenses Paid: 3,559.00

#### St. Ignatius Announcements Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 3, 10:30 AM Mass Schedule Greeters: Mary Anne Meyers Thur., July 31, 8:30 AM for Deceased of Evers Family Gifts: Lee & Teri Hill Fri., Aug. 1, 8:30 AM for Patricia Capek † EMHC: John Glady / Teri Hill Sun., Aug. 3, 10:30 AM Pro Populo Lector: Claire Mettler Scarlett Marcom / Jimmy Mettler Servers: Ushers: Paul Mettler / Ralph Drees Offering from July 20, 2025 – Week 3 Counters: Christian / O'Connell Weekly Support: \$ 925.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 3,235.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 5,124.00

- Our Local CCW is in need of a secretary. Please consider being Christ's hands and feet to share the information from our meetings! It is only 4 times a year. Thank you for your consideration!
- The Time to Start Thinking About Boxes of Joy is Approaching. Be on the lookout for good deals for school supplies. See sheets posted in the church entry for the items that CANNOT go in the boxes this year and the articles of clothing (undies, dresses and shorts) for the 4-6 year olds to help stop human trafficking. If you would like to donate money for postage, please put in an envelope marked "Boxes of Joy Postage," and place in the collection. On Sunday, October 25, right after Mass, we will put boxes together and share a light lunch. Thank You!





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## **Tri-Parish News**

- ➤ <u>Promote Life August 5-10<sup>th</sup>:</u> Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) is seeking pro-life volunteers (mature students adults) to help in our booth at the Mower County Fair. Please prayerfully consider giving a few hours of your time to help protect the lives of mothers, babies, elderly, and disabled persons. Day and evening shifts are available, and no prior experience is necessary. Please call Beth Drees at (507)434-9141 for more information or to volunteer.
- > SAVE THE DATE for St. Finbarr's Fall Festival. Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.
- **SAVE THE DATE**: Sunday, September 21 is St. Ignatius Chicken Dinner and Raffle,11 AM to 1 PM. More info coming soon.
- > <u>SAVE THE DATE</u>: Winona-Rochester Diocese CCW Convention will be Saturday, October 11 at St. Adrian Catholic Church, Adrian, MN. The keynote speakers: Melissa Neumann "Healing Hidden Wounds" and Dawn Ritter "Hold Your Feminine Genius."
- Everyone is Invited to the 53rd annual LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 9946 SE 24<sup>th</sup>Avenue, rural Owatonna, on Sunday, July 27 beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:15 AM by the Litomyslaneous Polka Band. The Owatonna KC Choir will sing at 9:30 AM. Games, entertainment and silent auction until 4 PM. Come to the Czech community of Litomysl on July 27<sup>th</sup> for a fun-filled day.
- 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.
- Courier: The July edition is available in the Narthex and on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.
- Mass Announcements: Please email announcements to Mary by Thursday at 10 AM. Subject to edit and Father's discretion.

## Prayer Chain

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

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr
Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius
Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick
David Geary
Cheri Jose
Sandy Stern

Jason Emanuel

Kathleen Domaille

Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius Jane Reinecke – St. Ignatius Sara Kasel – St. Patrick Tom Hovde – St. Patrick Diane Reinecke Marilyn Calkins Karen Sanford Maxine Mlenar Todd Mlenar

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to <a href="mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com">triparishsecretary@gmail.com</a>.



Enjoy Your Summer!

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#### Sacraments

<u>Baptismr.</u> 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.

<u>Marriage</u>: 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.

<u>Confession</u>. 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.