

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 1st 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

August 10, 2025 **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48**

From Father's Desk -

This week we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. The Code of Canon Law states: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body" (can. 1247). We have, therefore, a full schedule of Masses listed on the next page. This is a great way to honor Our Lord's work in the plan of salvation, as well as Our Lady and her final destiny.

We have several more saint days during these weeks of summer.

On July 26, the church honored the mother of the Mother of God—St. Anne—as well as the father of the Mother of God—St. Joachim. Tradition tells us St. Joachim prayed fervently for a child. Likewise, St. Anne vowed to dedicate her child to the Lord. Being blessed with the gift of a daughter, they instilled deep faith and devotion in their child. The faith of these holy parents is evident in their daughter!

August 4 was the feast day of St. John Vianney. Taken as the patron saint for many diocesan priests, St. John Vianney lived an exemplary life in his rural little parish in Ars, France. Most of the priest saints we commonly hear about are either bishops, founded religious orders, or were members of a consecrated religious order. St. John Vianney is notable as just a simple parish priest. One great story from his life is that an ambitious younger priest wanted to take over the parish in Ars, and started a petition. When St. John Vianney saw it, he agreed that he was an inadequate pastor and signed the petition to have himself removed. What humility!

On August 8, the universal church celebrated St. Dominic, the Spanish priest and founder of the Dominican Order. A great preacher, and dedicated to poverty, St. Dominic committed himself and his community to being a mendicant—that is, begging—Order of Preachers. He popularized the devotion of praying the Rosary, especially daily, effecting a great change in the life of the church which lasts to this day.

The day preceding the Assumption, fittingly, is dedicated to St. Maximilian Kolbe. Dying a martyr during the Shoah, his whole life was dedicated to Mary, the "Immaculata". He wished for everyone to dedicate and consecrate their whole lives to the Immaculate Virgin. St. Maximilian was imprisoned by the Nazis for his Catholic faith, as were many religious. Father Maximilian, a Franciscan priest, was eager to take the place of a father who had two sons, Francis Gajowniczek. Francis Gajowniczek survived and lived to see both the beatification and the canonization of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

In Christ, Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., Aug. 12, 8:30 AM for Charles Hoehn †
 Feast of the Assumption: Fri., Aug. 15, 8:30 AM *Pro Populo*
 Sun., Aug 17, 8:30 AM for Jason Wolff †

Offering from Aug. 3, 2025 – Week 5

Weekly Support:	\$ 3,669.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 27,566.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 7,306.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 17, 8:30 AM

Opener: Dawn Stier
 EMHC: Nicole Meyerhofer / Ellen Olson
 Lector: Dawn Stier
 Servers: Brody Meyerhofer / Colton Meyerhofer
 Ushers: Jim Davis / Dom Stier
 Counters: Dom Stier / Trudy Swanson

- **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

Mass Schedule

Wed., Aug. 13, 8:30 AM for Nancy Otto †
 Feast of the Assumption: Thur., Aug. 14, 5:30 PM for Sharon Rich
 Sat., Aug. 16, 5:00 PM for Judy Schwering †

Offering from Aug. 2, 2025 – Week 5

Weekly Support:	\$ 683.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 8,064.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 6,851.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Aug. 16, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Jerry & Pat Utz
 Gifts: Rod & Shirley Miller
 EMHC: Nick Kasel
 Lector: Cathy Yoch
 Servers: Maria Almaraz-Nolt / Tyler Huff
 Ushers: Nick Kasel / Mike Arndorfer
 Counters: Rita Hiller / Arlene Bastian



St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thur., Aug. 14, 8:30 AM for Stephen Czapiewski †
 Feast of the Assumption: Thur., Aug. 14, 7:00 PM for Russ Betsinger †
 Fri., Aug. 15, No morning Mass
 Sun., Aug. 17, 10:30 AM *Pro Populo*

Offering from Aug. 3, 2025 – Week 5

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,871.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 4,310.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 8,150.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 17, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter
 Gifts: John & JoAnn Gladys
 EMHC: Joanie Betsinger / Rita Bezdicek
 Lector: Don Mulhern
 Servers: Nadalie Oeltjen / Avery Reiter
 Ushers: Bryan O'Connell / Ralph Drees
 Counters: Engesser / Arndorfer

- **The Rosary** will be said on August 12 at 5:30 PM by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, August 12. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **The VFW Auxiliary** #4114 is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, August 17 (Ag Days weekend), from 8-12:30 at the VFW Hall in Spring Valley. Cost is \$10 ages 12+, \$5 ages 5-11, free for ages 4 and under.
- **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!
- **Thinking About Boxes of Joy**. 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.

Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Assumption

Mass Times:

Thursday, August 14, 5:30 PM, St. Patrick

Thursday, August 14, 7:00 PM, St. Ignatius (Benediction at 6:45 PM)

Friday, August 15, 8:30 AM, St. Finbarr

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- **Renting the Parish Halls:** As part of the audit our parishes had this spring, we were notified that insurance coverage is required for all non-parish-sponsored rentals (e.g., wedding showers, parties for graduation or baptisms, non-profit group events, etc.). Additional insurance can be provided from your homeowner's plan, or insurance may be purchased from the diocesan insurance company. This must be provided at least two weeks before an event takes place. The form and information are available when you're scheduling an event at one of our parishes.
- **Women's Christian Experience Weekend:** September 12-14 at Good Earth Village, Spring Valley Take time away from the busy-ness of daily life to encounter the Holy Spirit in a unique way. Participants spend time together renewing their Christian faith. Visit the Pax Christi Church, Rochester website for more information.
- **Bishop Gerard Battersby of the La Crosse Diocese** will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident, or infant death. All are welcome.
- **St. Finbarr** is still in need of a Faith Formation Coordinator and the beginning of classes is just around the corner. Please contact Fr. Parrott with questions or if you are interested in this paid position.
- **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.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** 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."
- **Courier:** The August edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website: dowr.org.



Faith Formation Announcements

Enjoy Your Summer!

Prayer Chain

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

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

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

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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.