

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 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

From Father's Desk –

It is with gratitude, relief (!), and pleasure that we can announce Rochelle Fay has accepted the Faith Formation Coordinator position at St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow. I want to thank Rochelle for taking on this new position and new adventure. It is very important for each of us to take our part in supporting the life of the parish. It will be important in Grand Meadow that our parents step up to help fill any vacancies we might have for catechists, and help make it easier for Rochelle and all of us to begin this year well.

Buy-in and assistance from our parents and families is needed in all of our parishes, of course. I am humbled by those who help out in the essential task of teaching our young people about the Trinity, the Church, the Scriptures, the Sacraments, the Saints and so much more. Even if all of our catechist/teacher spots are filled, I encourage parents and grandparents to stop by and help out. You could sit in on a class, help keep the kids on task, maybe add some “color commentary”, lead a discussion on a particular topic, or help with other special activities throughout the year. Reach out to Rochelle, Elaine, or Nichol at your parish to see how you can help.

This week the Diocesan Synod on Evangelization and Vocations is taking place in Mankato. Bishop Barron, many priests, several religious, and dozens and dozens of lay parishioners will gather for prayer, discussion, and deliberation on future directions in our diocese to promote these two very important needs which every diocese has. We’ve been blessed with an increasing number of seminarians, but we can always use more. Bishop Quinn used to say, if we don’t have priests, we don’t have the Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, the Church will die. The Eucharist in a particular way, but all of the sacraments, too, are at the heart of the Church. It is through them that we are united with Christ. Pope Leo recently reminded us, “In fact, the fruitfulness of Mary and of the church are inextricably linked to their holiness, which is their conformity to Christ.” Encouraging priest vocations helps ensure that the faith is preached and the sacraments are available in our parish communities.

I will not be attending, but I will be praying for the Synod. This Thursday, I will lead the Rosary at St. Ignatius near the end of the day’s Exposition at 6:30 pm, to unite us with the Bishop in prayer for our diocese and for the synod. You are invited to join me. The Rosary will be followed by Benediction at 6:45, which we do every week—and you’re always invited participate in this special blessing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In Christ,

Fr. Parrott

St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Tues., Aug. 19, 8:30 AM for Pat & Diana Weiss Sun., Aug 24, 8:30 AM for Helen Stier †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 24, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Opener: Tye Davis EMHC: Kristal Brogan / Kathy Gehling Lector: Adyson Brogan Servers: Sean Brogan / Evan Davis Ushers: Lon Baldus / Al Stier Counters: Clint Weiss / Lori Stier</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Aug. 10, 2025 – Week 6</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,399.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,646.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 25,975.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 8,956.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>WELCOME</u> to Rochelle Fay as part of our parish staff. We are thankful to Rochelle for saying “yes”, and we are excited for this year of Faith Formation!</p> <p>➤ <u>SAVE THE DATE</u> for St. Finbarr's Fall Festival. Sunday, September 7 from 11:30-2:00. Games, Vendors and Food! Hope to see you there.</p>	

St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Wed., Aug. 20, 8:30 AM for Tom Hovde Sat., Aug. 23, 5:00 PM for Deceased Barhite Relatives</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Aug. 23, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller Gifts: Davis & Gladys Kasel EMHC: Joyce Arndorfer Lector: Jennifer Lewis Servers: Landon Lewis / Allie Bunne Ushers: Loren Rickerl / Mike Welsh Counters: Jim Yoch / Joyce Arndorfer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Aug. 9, 2025 – Week 6</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,576.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,365.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 9,635.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 10,474.00</p>	

St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Thur., Aug. 21, 8:30 AM for Leon Steinkamp † Fri., Aug. 22, 8:30 AM for Don & Barb Wannarka † Sun., Aug. 24, 10:30 AM <i>Pro Populo</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 24, 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Bob & Marcy Capelle Gifts: Bill Mettler Family EMHC: Bob Capelle / Jeff Erding Lector: Sarah O’Connell Servers: Ava Wolfgram / Emily Wolfgram Ushers: Mike Souhrada / Jacob Souhrada Counters: Colwell / Souhrada</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Aug. 10, 2025 – Week 6</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 2,489.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,980.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 6,749.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 11,265.00</p>	

- **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.
- **Please Sign Up** in the entryway to help with our Fall dinner and to bring a pie. Also, there are advertising flyers near the sign-up for all to take and help spread the word of our event. Thank you!
- **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.

*“Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I
begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made.”*

St. Peter of Alcantara

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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.
- **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.
- **All Are Invited** to St Ignatius 49th annual Fall Dinner and Raffle, September 21. Serving chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and pie 11 AM - 1 PM. Drive through meal at the back entrance or come in for a sit-down meal. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any St Ignatius members. Lots of great prizes. The raffle drawing will be at 1 PM that day and you do not need to be present to win.
- **Second Collection Next Weekend** for Catholic Home Missions and Black and Native Americans. Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services including evangelization, education and maintenance. The 125-year-old collection for Black and Indian people continues as grants to dioceses to strengthen evangelization programs.
- **Courier:** The August edition is available in the Narthex and 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	Pat Weiss – St. Finbarr
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Rita Bezdicek – St. Ignatius
Joe O'Connell – St. Ignatius	Jane Reinecke – St. Ignatius
Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius	Sara Kasel – St. Patrick
Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Jodi Miller – St. Patrick	Crystal Stern – St. Patrick
David Geary	Marilyn Calkins
Cheri Jose	Karen Sanford
Sandy Stern	Maxine Mlenar
Jason Emanuel	Todd Mlenar
Diane Reinecke	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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Elaine Mills – St. Patrick	507-440-0674
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.