

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 a.m.



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.



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

Sunday, September 2, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The chief issues of our age are religious. They are about ultimate goal of life and to find true meaning of life and our final destiny. For many people who are engaged in such a search religion remains a self-search. Sometimes it leads to God and at others makes the person self-righteous. Every religion calls to a growth which is human and personal. It is strengthened in the loyalty of the person to the ultimate and is manifested in the service of our neighbors. Religion ultimately must find meaning to our life. The

theme of today's readings is the nature of true religion. Generally in a human society the laws are a necessary component. They are necessary for an ordered living and manifesting the best of relationships in society. Mark in today's Gospel shows what happens when the letter of the law is slavishly followed. The scribes and Pharisees criticize the disciples for their failure to observe the laws about washing of their hands. Jesus confronts the Scribes and Pharisees over what constitutes authentic piety and true obedience to the commandments of God. Jesus reminds us that important things are not the norms and rules but what is inside a person's heart.

God bless!

2018 Harvest Mass

Sunday, September 9th @ 10 a.m.
at Patrick and Rhea Steinkamp's
home at 14003 State Highway 56,
LeRoy. Their farm is located ¼ mile
West of intersection of County Rd
11 and State Hwy 56. Lunch will be
served following Mass.
Everyone is invited.

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, September 4th @ 8:30 am for Fred Boucsein
 Saturday, September 8th @ 5:00 pm for Adeline Snyder †

Offering from August 25, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 310.00
 Received YTD: \$9,672.00
 Catholic Home and Black & Indian Missions: \$256.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat, Sept. 8th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Lee & Lynn Baldus
 Ushers: Jim Davis & Tony Warmka
 Servers: Cole Weiss & Travis Weiss
 Lector: Dawn Stier
 Gifts: Brad & Kristie Skifter
 EM: Theresa Wolff, Becky Oehlke, Heather Voigt
 Counters: Jenny Gehling & Dawn Stier

- **Faith Formation Begins Soon:** Faith Formation registration and first day of class will be Sept 12th. There will be a meal starting at 6:15 for all family members. Registration and class will begin at 7pm. We will need 3 people to help clean up as well. Contact Kristie Skifter if you can help with the clean up.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, September 5th @ 8:30 am Bernard Wendel †
 Sunday, September 9th @ 10 am at Pat and Rhea Steinkamp
 residence for Violet Olson †

Offering from August 26, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 998.00
 Received YTD: \$8,021.00
 Catholic Home and Black & Indian Missions: \$297.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun, Sept. 9th @ 10:00 am

Greeter:
 Ushers:
 Servers: Nicole Hanson & Brendon Arndorfer
 Lectors:
 Gifts:
 EM:
 Counters:

- **Teachers Needed:** We are in need of 8 and 9th grade Faith Formation teachers. Contact Elaine Mills ASAP if you would be willing to help out.
- **Harvest Mass Sign-Up:** The Harvest Mass is scheduled for Sept. 9th. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Please sign up to help. We need workers, both Men and Women, to make this a success. Thank you.
- **CCW Meeting:** The next CCW meeting will be on Monday, September 3rd at 7 pm in the church hall. The committee for this month is: Ann Soltau, Theresa Jacobson, Kathy Stern, Denise Rannels, Shannon Drees, Rhea Steinkamp, Brenda Arndorfer, Rhonda Lunning.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, September 6th @ 8:30 am for David Simmons †
 Friday, September 7th @ 10 am at Care Center for
 Raymond Sickler †

Offering from August 26, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 2,182.00
 Received YTD: \$11,685.00
 Catholic Home and Black & Indian Missions:

Liturgy Schedule for Sun, Sept. 9th

Greeters:
 Ushers:
 Servers:
 Lectors:
 Gifts:
 EM:
 Counters:

No Sunday morning Mass at St. Ignatius.
 Please attend the Harvest Mass at Pat &
 Rhea Steinkamp's near LeRoy.

- **Faith Formation Teachers Needed:** Please contact Mychelle or Nichol ASAP if you're interested or have questions.
- **Youth Group Leaders Needed:** Youth Group Leader(s) needed to lead this year's Youth Group. Please contact Mychelle or Nichol.
- **Thank You:** A huge thank you from the Capelle family! We asked for prayers on August 12 and you came through. In less than 4 hours after we prayed, he (Carter) turned around. We can't thank you enough. For complete story you can follow his journey on www.Caringbridge.org/cartercapelle This is a miracle in the making...a teachable moment for us all.
- **St. Ignatius Fall Festival:** Our 43rd annual Fall Festival is Sunday September 16th. Please donate from each family: last names starting with A – H, 2 pies and everyone else one pie. These can be dropped off in the church basement Saturday the 15th or Sunday before 10 a.m. (please no cream or refrigerated pies). We are also looking for Garden or Bake Sale items to sell at the Fall Festival so please remember that as the day gets closer. Please price these items and bring them at the same time as you bring your pie. The dinner work schedule is in the entryway and on our website www.tri-parish.net so please sign up for a shift. We need everyone's help. Thanks!
- **Church Cleaning:** We will be cleaning the inside of the church next Saturday, September 8th at 10 a.m. and could use everyone's help. Please bring feather dusters and old rags if you have them. Other cleaning supplies and equipment will be provided. On Wednesday, September 12th at 6 p.m. we ask the Faith Formation kids to meet to continue the cleaning under Mychelle's direction. The Fall Festival is September 16th so we would like to get the church looking immaculate for our guests.
- **Faith Formation Registration:** will be on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm for Preschool – 10th Grade. This will be the only registration day. Class will begin at 7:00 pm on this same night for grades 5 – 9. Class for Pre K – 4 & 10th grade starts on Sunday, September 23rd.



Tri-Parish News

- **Needed:** Tri-Parish choir members to sing at the Harvest Mass on Sunday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Pat and Rhea Steinkamp home. Also, if you have extra tomatoes we can use for the Harvest Mass meal, please bring them to the Mass or leave them at the church. Thank you.
- **Scott Balbach Benefit:** Saturday, September 29th at Spring Valley Community Center from 4 - 8 pm. There will be a Dinner and Silent Auction... watch for flyers. Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and desert. Perfect time for Confirmation students to get in some hours of community service. Contact Marcy Capelle for times needed. We need 24 pans of bars and are asking for our ladies to donate them.
- **Next Bible Study Series Starting Soon:** So much can be gained in fellowship while learning the beautiful truths of our wonderful faith. We do not need to be scholars or biblical experts to grow in the love of Jesus Christ! I am excited to offer another program in the Lectio Bible Study Series for the tri-parish! For those of you that have sacrificed the time to attend any of our Bible studies, I assure you that LECTIO: PETER will be just as rewarding! All are welcome and do not need to be members of our parish. Even if someone has not participated in any of our other programs, this is an excellent time to begin! You can preview Lectio: Peter on FORMED.org using the parish code PZGRTC. We will commence classes in St. Ignatius Hall Saturday, September 8th at 7p.m. Classes will continue every Saturday--last class November 10th. Early registration study guides are available for purchase for only \$9 from St. Ignatius OR materials can be printed off from your home computer on the FORMED webpage. Please make all checks out to St. Ignatius. Contact Amy Mulhern to register at 507-421-1929 or email bygodsgrace777@hotmail.com.
- **St. John's of Johnsburg Fall Dinner:** You are all invited to this dinner on Sunday, September 9th from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. The menu consists of Turkey/Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, pie & beverage. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for kids ages 5 – 12 and Free for kids 4 and under. They will have take-outs available. They are located 6.5 miles SW of Adams or 4 miles North of Stacyville.
- **St. Ignatius Fall Festival:** will be on Sunday, September 16th beginning at 11 am with a barbecued chicken meal with baked potato, coleslaw, roll, coffee, lemonade & homemade pie. Carry outs will be available. Other activities include a silent auction, general store, raffle drawing for ¼ beef, ½ hog, gas grill, king sized quilt, tool kit, girls bike, boys bike, \$100 Sunshine Foods gift card, \$100 BP Amoco gift card and Hindt Photography photo session. Tickets are only \$5/ticket. Someone will be selling tickets after Mass at St. Finbarr and St. Patrick or from any parishioner at St. Ignatius.



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Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 12th – Faith Formation Registration for grades 1-10 @ 6:15 with a meal and first class beginning at 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick

⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 12th – Faith Formation Registration and a light meal beginning at 6:00 pm with the first class following the meal.

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 12th - Church cleaning by students at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 19th - Registration for Preschool - 10th Grade. **This will be the ONLY registration date.** Parents and students are required to attend.
- ⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 19th - Class begins for 5 - 9th graders at 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Sept. 23rd - Class begins for 10th graders at 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, Sept. 23rd - Class begins for Pre K - 4th graders at 9:15 am

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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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. Marreddy.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of preparatory 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 Father Marreddy.



Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – Noon

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – Noon

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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