

# *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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9, 2018** Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy**

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

One of God's attributes is to liberate people, freeing them from all the fetters that bind them and bonds that hold them away from the divine. The Book of Genesis tells us that God created everything that was good and placed the creation at the service of man. He gave the freedom to man so that he could make use of all created things and serve him the Lord and creator. He manifested his love to us by offering us a total liberation, which we need to accept with gratitude and a simple heart. He wanted us to manifest this love towards others. He gave us his Son in Jesus as his gift to us and who in turn taught us that only through love can we manifest our presence towards others. He came to save us all. He showed his special care towards the poor and the sick and healed them. In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man who was deaf and was suffering from speech impediment. Jesus touched him and healed him after which he could hear clearly and speak the good news of the Kingdom to all. This was the pagan territory and people showed great admiration towards him. In the second reading we hear that faith without work is dead. Living faith will perform works of charity. James tells us that God has chosen the poor of the world to inherit the Kingdom.

God bless!

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for George & Lillian Gehling †  
 Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Mary Ann Lammers Family  
 Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm for Robert Johnson †

### Offering from September 2, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 2,630.00  
 Received YTD: \$12,558.00

### Liturgy Schedule for Sat, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Gerald & Jane Brogan  
 Ushers: Lon Baldus & Fran Baudoin  
 Servers: Rylee Schaufler & Weston Schaufler  
 Lector: Kitty Kerrins  
 Gifts: Craig & Michelle Schaufler  
 EM: Lisa Glynn, Dawn Stier, Jordyn Glynn  
 Counters: Tiffany Davis & Trudy Swanson

- **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.
- **Christmas Box of Joy Collection:** Faith formation students will be collecting money during the offertory at Mass for the next few weeks to go towards Cross Catholic's Outreach's Box of Joy Program. With your donation, the students & teachers will be able to shop for as many items as possible that will fit into a shoebox. Through Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy program, you can ensure that these children of developing countries are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Mission Circle Needed:** Extra help for tying quilts on the first Wednesday of the month. Come each month or when you can. We desperately need more hands. St Finbarr's Mission Society. We meet a 1pm -3pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am Rick Schaefer †  
 Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Norbert Gerber †

### Offering from September 3, 2018

Weekly Support: \$1,088.00  
 Received YTD: \$9,406.00

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Youth Mass  
 Ushers: Youth Mass  
 Servers: Youth Mass  
 Lectors: Youth Mass  
 Gifts: Youth Mass  
 EM: Dave Miller, Becky Bunne, Kathy Stern  
 Counters: Rita Miller & Mary Harrington

- **"The Tabernacle Experience"** The LeRoy Area Ministerial Association invites you to "The Tabernacle Experience" on Saturday, September 22<sup>th</sup> at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds. The Tabernacle was the portable tent that was the earthly meeting place of God with the Israelites from the time of the Exodus from Egypt through the conquering of the land of Canaan. The LeRoy Bus Line will provide transportation at \$5.00 per person. Tickets for the narrated journey are \$6.00/adults and \$3.00 for children. The bus will leave LeRoy at 1:30 and be back to LeRoy by 5:30. Anyone wishing to enjoy this program please contact Joyce Arndorfer or Pat Utz (324-5388) as soon as possible.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Mike Hansen  
 Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am for The People

### Offering from September 3, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,118.00  
 Received YTD: \$14,985.00

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Scott & Stephanie Mulholland  
 Ushers: R. Neis, J. Mulhern, C. Reineke, T. Walsh  
 Servers: Kadence Aarsvold & Ellie Buchholtz  
 Lectors: Joanie Betsinger & Amy Mulhern  
 Gifts: Greg & Betty Gossman  
 EM: Team 2  
 Counters: Team 2

- **Thank You!** Thank you so much to the people who shared their time with me at the benefit. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the benefit. It is not only overwhelming but humbling how supportive and generous people are, Thank you. At this time I am still in cardiac rehab 3x's a week in Rochester. I am getting stronger. The doctors haven't scheduled the second surgery but I am sure they will let me know. The doctor wants a CT scan every 6 months, also the Hematologist wants a blood test every month due to very low platelets. Again Thank You so much, Mari Blanchard
- **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.
- **St. Ignatius Fall Festival:** Our 43rd annual Fall Festival is Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tri-parish.net) so please sign up for a shift. We need everyone's help. Thanks!
- **Church Cleaning:** will be on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. we ask the Faith Formation kids to meet to clean the church under Mychelle's direction. Please bring feather dusters and old rags if you have them. Other cleaning supplies and equipment will be provided. The Fall Festival is September 16<sup>th</sup> so we would like to get the church looking immaculate for our guests.



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- **St. John's of Johnsbury Fall Dinner:** You are all invited to this dinner on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **MCCL Fall Tour:** will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1001 Oakland Ave. E. in Austin and on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5455 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW in Rochester. There will be lots of great information and refreshments.
- **St. Ignatius Fall Festival:** will be on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **You're Invited:** to attend the Annual Ham & Beef Supper St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Elkton on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Serving of the family style meal will be from 4 – 7:30 pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years and Free for kids under 5.
- **Scott Balbach Benefit:** Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Marriage Anniversary Mass:** Bishop Quinn, in recognition and gratitude of your years of marriage, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass: Sunday, September 16, 2018. The Mass will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon at Good Shepherd Church in Jackson, MN, followed by a light reception with the Bishop, which will include the presentation of anniversary certificates. Family and friends are encouraged to attend! Please register at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org).
- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Married Couples Retreat:** This year's married couples retreat will take place on September 28-29 in Lanesboro. Registration is available at [www.dow.org](http://www.dow.org).
- **Women's Conference:** Save the date! The Women's Conference will be Saturday, October 13, at Sacred Heart parish in Owatonna.



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## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

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

### St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Church cleaning by students at 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - Registration for Preschool - 10th Grade @ 6:30 pm. **This will be the ONLY registration date.** Parents and students are required to attend.
- ⇒ Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - Class begins for 5 - 9th graders at 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Class begins for 10th graders at 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 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](http://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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