

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, January 13, 2019 Baptism of the Lord



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Titus 2:11-14; 3:2-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The feast of the Baptism of our Lord presents us with the Third Epiphany or the manifestation of our Lord, the first being the Nativity of our Lord and the second, the feast of the Magi. The Baptism of Jesus was the moment when he passed from the relative obscurity of village life in Nazareth onto the public stage of his mission of proclaiming the God's Kingdom. We are brought to the banks of the River Jordan somewhere north of Jerusalem where John the Baptist had begun his ministry. John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all those who would respond to his message of repentance. The purpose of his ministry of preaching and Baptism was to direct people toward Jesus who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to River Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus subjects himself to this simple act of repentance and is baptized by his own cousin. Baptism is meant as an acknowledgement of sin and Jesus was totally sinless. He had no need of repentance or forgiveness. When Jesus came out of water after his Baptism the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove. There is also the voice of the Father that comes from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

As you know that I am leaving on Monday, please pray for me during my travel and visit home.

Blessings!



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 19th @ 5:00 pm for
George, Lillian & Donald Gehling†

Offering from January 5, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 2,996.00
Received YTD: \$41,637.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Jan. 19th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Brad & Kristie Skifter
Ushers: Jim Davis & Robert Steinkamp
Servers: Zac Gehling & Taylor Glynn
Lector: Julia Baldus
Gifts: Pat & Diana Weiss
EM: Jordyn Glynn, Lisa Glynn, Troy Gehling
Counters: Rich Schaufler & Lori Stier

- **Next CCW Meeting:** will be on Monday, January 21st @ 6:30 pm in the church hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for people/families to invite the substitute priests to supper after the Saturday evening Masses while Fr. Marreddy is back home. If you would like to do this, please let Jenny Gehling know so that she can coordinate it with the priests ahead of time. Thank you!
- **Thank you** to those for their generous monetary donation, food donation, and to the helpers with the Grand Meadow Area Christmas dinner. Those attending were "very grateful for the event and enjoyed the company". Brad and Theresa
- **Poinsettia's:** If you would like to have a poinsettia, please take one from the kitchen before Tuesday, January 15th @ noon. Thank you.
- **Adoration:** There **will be** adoration on Tuesday, January 15th at the normal time.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 20th @ 8:30 am for Geraldine Boehmer †

Offering from January 6, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 762.00
Received YTD: \$32,580.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan 20th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Rick & Denise Rannells
Ushers: Rod Miller & Bruce Diemer
Servers: Kelly Hanson & Nadiya Evans
Lectors: Paul Yoch & Andrew Lohuis
Gifts: Isaiah & Kelly Opseth
EM: Mike Arndorfer, Dave Miller, Becky Bunne
Counters: Dave Miller & Jon Hiller

- **Important Notice:** anyone using the back door (north) to check and make sure it is closed and locked when they leave.
- **Adoration:** There **will be** adoration on Wednesday, January 16th at the normal time.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

No weekday or weekend Masses at St. Ignatius this week

Offering from January 6, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 2,015.00
Received YTD: \$52,079.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan @ 10:30 am

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

- **A big Thank You to all who donated food or worked our Community Christmas Dinner!** Because of you, Christmas was a little more special for many in our community!
- **Adoration:** There **will be** adoration on Thursday, January 17th at the normal time.
- **Mass Schedule:** There is no Mass here next weekend. Please attend in Grand Meadow on Saturday, January 19th @ 5 pm or in LeRoy on Sunday, January 20th @ 8:30 am.
- **Church Cleaning** - Saturday morning from 9 a.m. - Noon, January 19th, please come help for as short or long of time as you can. There will be a list of specific areas to work on. Supplies are provided. All ages welcome!



Tri-Parish News

- **Mass Schedule:** When Fr. Marreddy goes home from January 14th – February 26th the Mass schedule is going to change a little. St. Finbarr will still have the 5 pm Mass every Saturday, but the Sunday morning Masses at St. Patrick and St. Ignatius will alternate every other weekend at their normally scheduled time. Therefore, there will only be one Mass on Sunday mornings. The bulletin and website will be updated weekly with the schedule. The schedule will also be posted on the bulletin boards and doors at all three parishes. Adoration will still be held at all three parishes at their normal times.
- **Austin Area Council of Catholic Women** will meet Wednesday, January 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 405 4th Street NW, Austin MN. Sharon Pechacek will be giving a presentation on “Mary’s Mantel of Mercy Ministry”. Mass will be offered at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and dismissal.
- **DivorceCare:** If you or someone you know is hurting from the effects of a marital separation or divorce, we are now accepting registrations for a DivorceCare program. The first of thirteen sessions begins Thursday January 24th and meets weekly from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Rochester. Cost of the program workbook is \$15. You may register with Dick Frost by email at: finehire2@gmail.com. For an overview of the program, visit www.divorcecare.org
- **Mass for Consecrated Life:** The annual celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life, initiated by the Holy See, occurs on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2. However, in order to facilitate travel across the diocese for those attending, the 2019 celebration will be held Wednesday, May 22. Bishop Quinn will celebrate Mass for the consecrated men and women serving the Diocese of Winona-Rochester at 12:10 pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, and a luncheon will follow. The Mass and luncheon will be hosted by the consecrated virgins of the diocese. Priests are welcome to concelebrate and Deacons are welcome to vest, and all consecrated men and women are welcome. Invitations will be forthcoming in the spring.
- **2019 Catholic Men’s Retreat:** will be held February 22nd – 24th at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch by Stewartville. It starts at 8:30 am on Friday and runs until 11 am on Sunday. The theme this year is “Now is the Time, Prepare for Spiritual Battle”. You can register online @ <http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration>.
- **You’re Invited to Bible Study:** St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians may be short, but it packs a powerful punch! **All are invited to come and discover scripture in a deeper way. Join us for 6 weeks as we explore St. Paul’s circumstances as he writes under house arrest in Rome.** Paul reveals how he is able to joyfully share the Gospel despite his imprisonment. Throughout his difficult circumstance, he paints a beautiful picture of what this means—a life lived out in humble obedience while emptying oneself for others. For through our daily offerings, **we are all called to strive after holiness by imitating Christ**—specifically in Christ’s sacrificial gift of self. Come and be empowered by St. Paul’s words which call on all of us to pour ourselves out as an offering to God, just as Jesus did on the Cross. Group discussion will start Sat. March 2 at 7pm and continue weekly till April 6th. Books cost only \$9; make checks to St. Ignatius. Contact Amy Mulhern at 507-421-1929 to register by February 15th.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 16th – Class @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, January 19th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 16th – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 20th – Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 16th – Band Practice @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 16th – Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 20th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, January 20th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15

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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. Marreddy.

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 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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