

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 20, 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

At a wedding feast in Cana, Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water . . . Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” John 2: 1-11 This is the’ first great “sign” of Jesus: the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Cana evokes two important Scriptural symbols that point to the Messiahship of Jesus:

First, wine in abundance was considered a sign for Israel of the Messianic age to come (one example is Isaiah 54: 5-14, Reading 4 for the Easter Vigil). The water in the six large stone jars used for the ritual washings mandated by the first covenant law is transformed by Jesus into Messianic wine, prefiguring the new covenant to be sealed in Jesus’ blood (which we celebrate in the wine of the Eucharist).

Second, the limitless love of God for His people is described throughout Scripture in terms of marriage. Today’s first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful example of this tradition. It is the strongest (yet still far from perfect) image we have to understand the depth of God’s love for His holy people.

The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First by His presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness. In the Old Testament, wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105). That Jesus would miraculously produce the best wine shows the superabundance of the blessings which He came to offer.

This miracle signifies the “new rich wine”; of the Gospel and it points to the “wine of the new covenant” and the “bread of life” which Jesus provides for His disciples in the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when He comes again in His glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God’s love and mercy for His people. God’s kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of His love is revealed in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Do I thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings He offers to me?**



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 26th @ 5:00 pm for Helen Mullenbach †

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Jan. 26th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Eric & Jenny Gehling
 Ushers: Andrew Gehling & Al Stier
 Servers: Emily Kelzer & Heidi Weiss
 Lector: Susan Baldus
 Gifts: Todd & Crystal Crumb
 EM: Lee Baldus, John Baldus, Kristal Brogan
 Counters: Karen Weelborg & Clint Weiss

Offering from January 12, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 3,565.00
 Received YTD: \$45,202.00

- **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!
- **Adoration:** There **will be** adoration on Tuesday, January 22nd at the normal time.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

No weekday or weekend Masses at St. Patrick this week

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan 27th @ 8:30 am

Greeter:
 Ushers:
 Servers:
 Lectors: **NO MASS THIS WEEKEND**
 Gifts:
 EM:
 Counters:

Offering from January 13, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 584.00
 Received YTD: \$33,164.00

- **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 23rd at the normal time.
- **Mass Schedule:** There is **no** Mass here next weekend. Please attend in Grand Meadow on Saturday, January 26th @ 5 pm or in Spring Valley on Sunday, January 27th @ 10:30 am.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 27th @ 8:30 am for Dorothy Mulholland †

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan 27th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Youth
 Ushers: Youth
 Servers: Youth
 Lectors: Youth
 Gifts: Youth
 EM: Team 1
 Counters: Team 1

Offering from January 13, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,134.00
 Received YTD: \$53,212.00

- **Adoration:** There **will be** adoration on Thursday, January 24th at the normal time.
- **Next CCW Meeting:** will be held on Monday, January 28th at 7:00 pm in the church hall.
- **Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** You are all invited to breakfast on Sunday, January 27th from 8 am – 1 pm in the church hall at St. Ignatius. We look forward to serving you!
- **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** The Spring Valley Area Food Shelf is again celebrating the NFL Super Bowl on Feb. 3rd by sponsoring the following: We are asking parishioners to donate a can or two of soup to our 'SOUPER BOWL.' There will be a collection point near the entrance of your church. Any brand, any flavor. Thanks for your consideration and helping out again!!
- **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** The Spring Valley Area Food Shelf truly wants to accommodate those working for Federal agencies who have been laid off from work. Please pass the word to those whom you know could use help with food. Wed. 2-4, and Sat. 9-11. If some are in need outside these hours, contact Sharon Jahn at 346-2206, or Rita Hartert at 346-7407.



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- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection next weekend to go towards the church in Latin America to support their pastoral programs & for Catholic Communications to foster activities in relation to television, radio, internet and other media.
- **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.
- **Catholic United Financial** will be holding their annual Matching Grant Dinner benefitting Sacred Heart School in Adams on Sunday, Jan. 27th. A free will dinner of Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Coleslaw, bars and beverage will be served from 10:30AM – 12:30PM in the gym at Sacred Heart School.
- **Tasha Schuh, an inspirational speaker,** will be at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow on Wednesday, January 30th @ 7 pm to talk about overcoming obstacles and persevering after a life changing accident that left her paralyzed. Her presentation is geared towards people who are around 13 years old or older. You are all encouraged to attend to be inspired and to boost your confidence to overcome challenges you may be facing. Tasha is looking forward to seeing you!
- **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.
- **Mass for Christian Burial** was held for Shirley Deatsch on Friday, December 28, 2018 at St. Ignatius in Spring Valley, MN. May Shirley's family know and be comforted by the prayers of her parish family.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 23rd – Class @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, January 26th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 23rd – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 27th – NO Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 23rd – Band Practice @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 23rd – Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 27th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, January 27th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, January 27th – Youth Mass @ 10:30

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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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