

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, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Today we begin the season of Advent and with this we begin the new liturgical year. On this day the church invites us to be ready and prepared to receive the Lord. Advent means waiting and we wait eagerly for someone we love, we care and we are ready to invest our time on him. In the liturgical calendar, the season of Advent means a joyful waiting, a waiting for someone with love. Here we wait for Jesus and there is the eagerness within us to receive him as we look forward to this great event of God becoming man. During this season we anticipate and await the coming of our Jesus. There are three aspects of Jesus' coming into the world. We look at the past as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus in History that took place 2000 years ago.

Secondly, we look to the present as we prepare ourselves to receive him in our daily lives. We accept him in the Word and in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Finally we look into the future and await his coming at the end of times in majesty and glory to judge the world. Therefore the focus of Advent is by no means limited to just Christ's first coming. An equal, if not more important theme found in the Advent Liturgy is the Second Coming of Christ when he comes again to judge and reunite the world. This is a time of great anticipation as we wait for someone special. We wait for Jesus as his coming contains promise, love, preparation, alertness, reflectiveness, prayer, new beginnings and fulfillment. The name Advent comes from the Latin words, ad venire meaning to come to and adventus meaning an arrival of a person of importance, a king or a prince or a warrior leader, and in this context it refers to Christ's coming into this world.

Blessed Advent!



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 4th @ 8:30 am for Tom Warmka (good health)
Saturday, Dec. 8th @ 5:00 pm for The People

Offering from November 24, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 567.00
Received YTD: \$29,681.00
Human Dev. Campaign: \$256.00

Liturgy Schedule for Saturday, Dec. 8th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Gerald & Jane Brogan
Ushers: Robert Steinkamp & Al Stier
Servers: Jay Baldus & Logan Marx
Lector: Julia Baldus
Gifts: Brandon & Heather Voigt
EM: Kathy Gehling, Nolan Skifter, Kristie Skifter
Counters: Lon Baldus & Clint Weiss

- **Santa Breakfast:** The Grand Meadow Lions will be having their Santa Breakfast on Sunday, December 2nd from 8:30 am – noon in the school cafeteria. Santa will be there from 9:30 – 11:30 so bring your kids and your camera!
- **Christmas Program:** The Christmas Program will be held during Mass next Saturday, December 8th for grades 1-6. Everyone is invited to join us after Mass for supper in the social hall.
- **Poinsettias:** If you would like to contribute for Christmas poinsettias/flowers for the altars please let Kitty know at church or 507-440-6616. Thank you.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 5th @ 8:30 am for Lester Lentz †
Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 8:30 am for Fr. Charlie Collins

Offering from November 25, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 670.00
Received YTD: \$19,218.00
Human Dev. Campaign: \$353.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Ed & Becky Bunne
Ushers: Leo Runde & Rod Miller
Servers: Kyle Kasel & Brianna Tucke
Lectors: Mike Harrington & Barb Payne
Gifts: Loren & Penny Rickerl
EM: Chuck Vogelgesang, Tony & Joyce Arndorfer
Counters: Jon Hiller & Wendy Vikre

- **Needed:** A chairperson to be in charge of the Fall Dinner for 2019. Please let Barb Payne or Deb Reburn know if you would be willing to do this.
- **New Facebook Page:** You can now follow “St. Patrick’s Church” on Facebook. Go ahead and “Like” our page to keep up on current news and information.
- **St. Patrick's Christmas Program** will be on Sunday, December 9th during the 8:30 am Mass. Coffee and rolls will be served in the church hall following Mass. Everyone welcome.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 6th @ 8:30 am for McKenna Czapiewski
Friday, Dec. 7 @ 10 am at Care Center for Lucille Rathbun †
Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 10:30 am for Margery Hindt †

Offering from November 25, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 709.00
Received YTD: \$32,324.00
Human Dev. Campaign: \$352.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 9th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Verne & Anne Comstock
Ushers: R. Drees II & III, V. Comstock, Pat Walsh
Servers: Tyler Evans & Lauren Buchholtz
Lectors: Tim Walsh & John Deatsch
Gifts: Ralph & Janice Drees
EM: Team 3
Counters: Team 3

- **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** To those who are considering donating to the Spring Valley Area Food Shelf, we are always in need of cream soups, chicken noodle soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit. Channel One foods have not been supplying these items. We are also accepting children's snow pants, jackets, caps, boots and mittens, if you have some your children are no longer using. (We are not positioned to accept all clothing, but winter outdoor wear for children would be appreciated.) Thank you for your consideration.
- **Volunteers needed:** Spring Valley Kiwanis is looking for volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle at Sunshine Foods. You can also sign up at www.kiwanisofspringvalley.org For more information call Steve at 507-346-9836 or Jay at 507-346-1751.
- **Poinsettias:** If you would like to donate a poinsettia for Christmas, please put \$10 in an envelope with the name of the individuals. Label it “Poinsettia” and please put it in the collection box or give to Rita Bezdicek by Dec 16th.



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- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection next weekend to go towards the Retirement Fund for Religious. The money will fund retired religious priests and sisters in the USA. Please be generous to support our religious brothers and sisters. Thanks for your support.
- **2019 Support Envelopes:** are available in the back of church in all three parishes. Please pick yours up soon.
- **Word Among Us Books:** The advent books are available in the back of the church for you to use as we prepare for Christmas.
- **Catholic United Financial-St. Theresa #146** will be holding their annual Family Christmas Party at St. John's Hall in Johnsburg, MN on Sunday, December 2, 2018. A full meal will be provided at noon. Bingo and prizes to follow.
- **The Next Knights of Columbus Meeting** will be held on Monday, December 3rd with supper at 6 pm & the meeting to follow.
- **Tri-Parish Reconciliation:** will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow @ 6:30 pm.
- **The Annual Spring Valley Community Christmas Dinner** will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 617 Maple Lane in Spring Valley on Tuesday December 25th at noon. The dinner is for those who may be alone, have special circumstances, or would simply like to be with others for a meal on Christmas Day. Area churches work together by donating food and workers. Please sign-up in the church entry if you are able to help. There are also sign-up sheets if you will need a ride to the dinner or if you need a meal delivered to your home. There is no cost for the meal, but a free will offering basket will be available for those who would like to contribute. All proceeds go to the Spring Valley Area Ministerial Association and help those in our community.

Sacraments Celebrated

Declan Wells Fay, son of Tim and Rochelle Fay was baptized on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow, MN.
 Congratulations Declan, Tim & Rochelle!

Tyson Owen Meyerhofer, son of Andrew and Nicole Meyerhofer was baptized on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow, MN.
 Congratulations Tyson, Andrew & Nicole!

Tri-Parish Advent Schedule

- Dec. 8th – Christmas Program at St. Finbarr @ 5:00 PM
- Dec. 9th – Christmas Program at St. Patrick @ 8:30 AM
- Dec. 9th – Christmas Program at St. Ignatius @ 10:30 AM
- Dec. 12th – Tri-Parish Reconciliation at St. Finbarr @ 6:30 PM
- Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at St. Ignatius @ 4:00 PM
- Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at St. Patrick @ 5:00 PM
- Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at St. Finbarr @ 6:00 PM
- Dec. 25th – Christmas Day Mass at St. Ignatius @ 9:00 AM



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 5th – Class @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 8th – Kids in grades 7-10 will be making and delivering fruit baskets in the morning. Watch for an email.
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 8th – Mass @ 5:00 pm – Christmas Program

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 5th – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 9th – Mass @ 8:30 am – Christmas Program

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 5th – Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 9th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 9th – Class for Pre K - 4th graders @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 9th – Mass @ 10:30 am – Christmas Program

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 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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