

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 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8; Luke 3:1-6

This season of Advent heralds the coming of Emmanuel, “God with us”. It is the time we realize when our God comes to earth to take on human form and live on earth just as we live. He does it as he shares his life and love with us. When God shares his love with us he invites us to share our love with Him and with others. Advent is the time of waiting as we prepare ourselves to welcome the God who became man and who by example showed us how we too should be able to live like him for others. Advent means waiting. We wait for someone we love and we long to meet that person. In today’s Gospel Luke beautifully places the beginning of John the Baptist’s ministry within a historical context. He sets John’s ministry in historical time by telling his audience who the leaders were in the region. John’s role was to prepare the way for Jesus and to proclaim a theme of repentance for those who chose to follow Jesus. He also explains the role of John the Baptist in the context of the mission of Jesus. Like any army is busy filling shallow places and levelling mountains to make roads, so also is John’s job to make the pathway smooth for those coming to Jesus. Today’s message comes to us through the scripture readings that we should continue to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ in our world and into our lives.

Blessings!



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 11th @ 8:30 am for Rudy & Anna Calta †
 Friday, Dec. 14th @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Virginia Hoffman †
 Saturday, Dec. 15th @ 5:00 pm for Robert Johnson †

Offering from December 1, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 0
 Received YTD: \$29,681.00

Liturgy Schedule for Saturday, Dec. 15th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Tom & DeAnn Kelzer
 Ushers: Jim Davis & Eric Gehling
 Servers: Kyra Meyer & Lucie Voigt
 Lector: Susan Baldus
 Gifts: Brad & Kristie Skifter
 EM: D/L Arndorfer, Mariah Weiss, Troy Gehling
 Counters: Karen Weelborg & Denice Gehling

- ★ **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. 12th @ 8:30 am for Barbara Runde †
 Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 8:30 am for The People

Offering from December 2, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,364.00
 Received YTD: \$20,582.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Youth
 Ushers: Youth
 Servers: Youth
 Lectors: Youth
 Gifts: Youth
 EM: Mike Harrington, Dave Miller, Rick Roe
 Counters: Rita Miller & Mary Harrington

- ★ **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.
- ★ **Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you to everyone who participated in St. Patrick's Baby Bottle Campaign. We collected \$5,360.66 to send to Catholic Charities. This will go to help the Mother and Child Fund in our Diocese (an alternative to abortion) as well to purchase needed items for mothers and their babies. Thank you so much.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 13th @ 8:30 am for Joe Wolf †
 Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 10:30 am for Bob Blahnik †

Offering from December 2, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,258.00
 Received YTD: \$33,582.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Charlene Czapiewski
 Ushers: J. Deatsch, M. Souhrada, B. Capelle, J. Mulhern
 Servers: Catie Emig & Merredith Farlinger
 Lectors: Teri Hill & Magoli Moulder
 Gifts: Verne & Anne Comstock
 EM: Team 4
 Counters: Team 4

- ★ **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** We are 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.
- ★ **Bell Ringer Needed:** There will be a time slot open for bell ringing at Sunshine Foods on Sunday, Dec. 23rd from 3-5 pm for children and adults who are interested. Contact Joe or Santi Drees if you have any questions.
- ★ **Christmas Carolers Wanted:** We will be Christmas caroling on Sunday Dec. 23rd. Please meet at Spring Valley Senior Living at 6 pm if you can join us. There will be other stops as well. Anyone is welcome to join the fun and spread the Christmas spirit. Sheet music is provided. We can do home requests as well for those in town. Contact Joe and Santi Drees if you are interested.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Many Thanks** to St. Ignatius Faith Formation classes, Mychelle, and all parishioners for collecting and donating over 600 pounds of food to our SV Area Food Shelf. Our shelves are full again, thanks to you. God's blessings on all of you!



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- **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.
- **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:** 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 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.
- **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.
- **Steubenville:** Save the Date! The Steubenville-Rochester Conference "Belong" will be held from July 12-14, 2019. Early bird cost of \$340 lasts through January 16! Registration details will be sent out to Youth Leaders and added to the DOW-R website in early December.

Tri-Parish Advent Schedule

- 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

Sacraments Celebrated

Easton Lee Lewis & Carson Charles Lewis, sons of Travis and Jennifer Lewis were baptized on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in LeRoy, MN.
 Congratulations Easton, Carson, Travis & Jennifer!

A Mass of Christian burial was held for Barbara Runde on Saturday, November 30, 2018 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in LeRoy, MN. May her family know and be comforted by the prayers of her parish family.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 12th – No Class – Tri-Parish Reconciliation Here at St. Finbarr at 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 15th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 12th – No Class – Tri-Parish Reconciliation At St. Finbarr at 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 16th – Youth Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 12th – No Class – Tri-Parish Reconciliation At St. Finbarr at 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 16th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 16th – Class for Pre K - 4th graders @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 16th – Mass @ 10:30 am

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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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