

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 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

On this third Sunday of Advent the church invites us to rejoice and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Savior. The first word of the Antiphon is Gaudete, meaning rejoice and the entire texts of the Mass are filled with the expressions of joy and jubilation. Even the vestment color is changed from the original purple to rose. The entrance antiphon starts with the word: "Rejoice in the Lord always." The First Reading from the prophet Zephaniah tells the faithful to shout for joy, and to rejoice and exult with all their hearts. The Lord will renew them with his love and will be present among them. The Gospel brings the people to the awareness of the expectancy of the coming of the Savior and the need for the immediate preparation for the coming of the King who will remain among us. Here we have John the Baptist surrounded by anxious and waiting group of people. They are worried and are unsure about the future. John is there to guide them, to advise them of practical ways and baptize them. Soon Jesus will come to change everything and fill them with Joy. That is what we celebrate today.

Blessings!



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 18th @ 8:30 am for Merlyn Gunsallus †
 Saturday, Dec. 22nd @ 5:00 pm for Clarence Gehling †

Offering from December 8, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,639.00
 Received YTD: \$31,320.00
 Retired Religious: \$ 245.00

Liturgy Schedule for Saturday, Dec. 22nd @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Craig & Michelle Schaufler
 Ushers: Tom Bunne & Christopher Stier
 Servers: Kaiden Bunne & Keyawin Stier
 Lector: Rich Schaufler
 Gifts: Craig & Michelle Schaufler
 EM: Theresa Wolff, Becky Oehlke, Denice Gehling
 Counters: Lynn Baldus & Susan Baldus

- ★ **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.
- ★ **Thank you** to everyone that stayed to eat after the Christmas program last weekend. We weren't expecting such a huge turnout. We are glad you had stayed to eat and mingle with your parish family. Merry Christmas!
- ★ **Mission Circle:** Will be on the first Wednesday of the month beginning on January 2nd at 1 pm in the social hall.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 19th @ 8:30 am for Sharon Rich
 Sunday, Dec. 23rd @ 8:30 am for Children's Lives Lost †

Offering from December 9, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,566.00
 Received YTD: \$22,148.00
 Retired Religious: \$ 398.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 23rd @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Paul & Cathy Yoch
 Ushers: Tom Hovde & Leo Runde
 Servers: Benita Nolt & Kaylee Huff
 Lectors: Mike Harrington & Joyce Arndorfer
 Gifts: Loren & Penny Rickerl
 EM: Kathy Stern, Dave Miller, Wendy Vikre
 Counters: Mike Harrington & Joyce Arndorfer

- ★ **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.
- ★ **Poinsettias:** If you would like to make a \$10 donation to go towards the Christmas Poinsettias please let Becky Bunne or Joyce Arndorfer as soon as possible. Thank you.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 20th @ 8:30 am for Chuck & Jane Reineke
 Friday, Dec 21st @ 10 am at Care Center for Robert Langdon †
 Sunday, Dec. 23rd @ 10:30 am for The People

Offering from December 9, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 4,553.00
 Received YTD: \$38,135.00
 Retired Religious: \$ 618.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Dec. 23rd @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Russ & Kathy Mulholland
 Ushers: R. Neis, R. Drees II & III, C. Reineke
 Servers: Kayla Arndorfer & Erin Drees
 Lectors: Betty Gossman & Joan Musel
 Gifts: Paul & Nichol Arndorfer
 EM: Team 5
 Counters: Team 5

- ★ **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.
- ★ **Congratulations** to St. Ignatius youth for their outstanding Christmas program on Dec. 9th. Mychelle and Nichol did a fantastic job with these young people. The music was special and the congregation loved the bits of humor. Thank you!
- ★ **Thank you** to all who purchased Christmas decorations from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.
- ★ **Baby Bottle Collection:** With the bad weather we've had, we will be collecting the Baby Bottles on Sunday, Dec. 30th. Thank You!



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- **Word Among Us Books:** The advent books are available in the back of the church for you to use as we prepare for Christmas.
- **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.
- **Father's Fund:** If you would like to help support Father's Fund, please put your donation in an envelope marked Father's Fund and put in the collection basket. This fund is for Father to use throughout the year to help people who need gas, food, etc. Thank you for your generosity
- **Supporting Your Church:** Please consider giving to your parish for the year 2018: The books will close on December 31, 2018. Please be sure to have your donations in by that date. Thank you for your support and generosity.
- **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. 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
- Jan. 1st – New Years Day Mass at St. Ignatius @ 8:30 AM

A Mass of Christian burial was held for Helen Koch on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Spring Valley, MN. May Helen's family know and be comforted by the prayers of her parish family.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 19th – No Class - Enjoy Christmas break!
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 22nd – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 19th – No Class – Enjoy Christmas break!
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 23rd – Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 19th – Class @ 7 pm – Grades 5 - 9
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 23rd – No Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 23rd – No Class for Pre K - 4th graders @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 23rd – 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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