

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent



### From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

Today's Gospel tells us the touching story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth and the recognition of the baby Mary was carrying in her womb as the long awaited saviour. This visitation serves to bring together the two annunciation strands of Luke's infancy narrative. Here the two pregnant women of faith meet, even though Elizabeth is clearly subordinate to Mary. Both children in the womb will be great, but Mary's child will be the son of the Most High. With the greeting of Elizabeth, the child in her womb John leaps for joy. Elizabeth takes this opportunity to call Mary as the blessed one. What does it mean to be blessed in the context of Mary is the question we would always ask. Mary's blessedness had to do with something much deeper, in the sense she had her heart open to God. This could be recognized only by a person of

faith. Mary was blessed and happy because the promise of God was fulfilled in her. She was the one who believed that the saviour would come to the world through her and that is the happiness we celebrate at Christmas.

### Christmas, the Nativity of Jesus December 25, 2018

Today is a beautiful day as we think about God's love for us. Who would ever imagine, in his/her wildest dreams, that God who made the entire universe and holds it all together would love us so much that he would become one of us in his Son, Jesus? God's love for us is, we could say, crazy and makes no sense. We cannot properly understand or comprehend God's love doing this for us because it is out of this world. Today we are very happy to celebrate what is out of this world, God's love for us, becoming part of this world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

There is really only one gift at Christmas that has any value worth talking about; the gift God gives us in Christ. The gift at Christmas for all of us is Jesus. Jesus will not force himself into your life, it is up to you to be open and receive Jesus. There was no room for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the inn the first Christmas (Luke 2:6). Are you making room for Jesus, Mary, Joseph in the inn of your heart this Christmas? Jesus can take you by the hand and lift you up out of your world to his world. Will you open your heart more to Jesus to allow him in to lift you up to who God plans you to be? Will you make room in the inn of your heart for Jesus this Christmas and every day? I wish everyone **A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**. May the child Jesus bless all of us with his Peace, Joy and Happiness.

Blessings!

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm for Jason Wolff †  
 Friday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Kathy Wilder †  
 Saturday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm for The People

### Liturgy Schedule for Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm

Greeters: Tom & Kristal Brogan  
 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

### Offering from December 15, 2018

Weekly Support:     \$  
 Received YTD:       \$31,320.00

- ★ **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.
- ★ **Mission Circle:** Will be on the first Wednesday of the month beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm in the social hall.

### Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Brandon & Heather Voigt  
 Ushers: Fran Baudoin & Craig Schaufler  
 Servers: Adyson Brogan & Regan Schaalma  
 Lector: Denice Gehling  
 Gifts: Tom & DeAnn Kelzer  
 EM: John Baldus, Kristal Brogan, Lee Baldus  
 Counters: Tiffany Davis & Dom Stier

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm for Norbert Gerber †  
 Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Marvin Winkels

### Liturgy Schedule for Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

Greeter: Rod & Shirley Miller  
 Ushers: Loren Rickerl & Bruce Diemer  
 Servers: Anna & Kylie Welsh  
 Lectors: Gene Miller & Chuck Vogelgesang  
 Gifts: Wendy Vikre Family  
 EM: Mike & Joyce Arndorfer, Mike Harrington  
 Counters: Joyce Arndorfer

### Offering from December 16, 2018

Weekly Support:     \$ 1,566.00  
 Received YTD:       \$23,714.00

- ★ **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.
- ★ **Next CCW Meeting:** will be Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm in the church hall. The committee for this month is: Kathy Adams, Kelly Opseth, Liz Scaglione, Kari Olson, Jean Roe & Annette Kiefer
- ★ **Adoration:** will still be held on Wed. December 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – noon even though Father will not have Mass in the morning.

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Dan & Nicki Lohuis  
 Ushers: Mike Welsh & Rod Miller  
 Servers: Rachel & Mateo Anderson  
 Lectors: Jodi Miller & Nadiya Evans  
 Gifts: Kevin & Kari Anderson  
 EM: Gladys Kasel, Loren Rickerl, Rick Roe  
 Counters: Rita Miller & Rita Hiller

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm for David Simmons †  
 Tuesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am for Stephen Glady †  
 Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am for Tom Mettler

### Liturgy Schedule for Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm

Greeters: Ralph & Janice Drees  
 Ushers: B. Capelle, M. Souhrada, T & P Walsh  
 Servers: Claire, Susie & Paul Mettler  
 Lectors: Joe & Amy Mulhern  
 Gifts: Chari Kruegel Family  
 EM: Team 6  
 Counters: Team 6

### Offering from December 16, 2018

Weekly Support:     \$ 1,202.00  
 Received YTD:       \$39,337.00

- ★ **Bell Ringer Needed:** There will be a time slot open for bell ringing at Sunshine Foods on Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5 pm for children and adults who are interested. Contact Joe or Santi Drees with questions.
- ★ **Christmas Carolers Wanted:** We will be Christmas caroling on Sunday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.
- ★ **Baby Bottle Collection:** With the bad weather we've had, we will be collecting the Baby Bottles on Sunday, Dec. 30th. Thank You!

### Liturgy Schedule for Tues., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

Greeter: Pat Blahnik & Rosann Sanford  
 Ushers: J. Mulhern, C. Reineke, V. Comstock & R. Neis  
 Servers: Olivia Drees &  
 Lectors: Joan Musel & Crystal Colwell  
 Gifts: Greg & Betty Gossman  
 EM: Team 1  
 Counters: Team 1

- ★ **Adoration:** will still be held on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 9 pm even though Father will not have Mass in the morning.



# Tri-Parish News

- **Father Marreddy's Trip Home:** Father will be going home to see his family on January 14<sup>th</sup> and returning on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Weather Related Announcements:** All weather related announcements will be posted to the Home page of the tri-parish website at [www.tri-parish.net](http://www.tri-parish.net). This does not only pertain to Mass cancellations, it also includes Faith Formation, church group meetings, dinners, anything that takes place in any of the three parishes.

## Tri-Parish Advent Schedule

- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass at St. Ignatius @ 4:00 PM
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass at St. Patrick @ 5:00 PM
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass at St. Finbarr @ 6:00 PM
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Mass at St. Ignatius @ 9:00 AM
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day Mass at St. Ignatius @ 8:30 AM

## St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedule Sun., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

- Greeter: Scott & Stephanie Mulholland
- Ushers: V. Comstock, B. Capelle, J. Mulhern, R. Neis
- Servers: Olivia Drees & Kathy Jones
- Lectors: Bob Capelle & Joanie Betsinger
- Gifts: Tim & Pam Walsh
- EM: Team 1
- Counters: Team 1



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Class - Enjoy Christmas break!
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 5:00 pm

### St. Patrick

- ⇒ Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass @ 5:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Class – Enjoy Christmas break!
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 8:30 am

### St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Mass @ 4:00 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – No Class – Enjoy Christmas break!
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – No Class for 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – No Class for Pre K - 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- ⇒ Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 10:30 am

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

### Parish Priest:

Father Marreddy: 507-346-7565 (office)  
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### Tri-Parish Bookkeeper:

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### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Jenny Gehling 507-251-7929  
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### Maintenance at St. Patrick's:

Chuck Vogelgesang 507-440-3419

### Faith Formation Coordinators:

Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius 507-273-3705  
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Elaine Mills – St. Patrick 507-440-0674  
Becky Oehlke – St. Finbarr 507-259-3782  
St. Finbarr Kitchen 507-754-5190  
St. Patrick Office 507-324-5203  
St. Ignatius Office 507-346-7565  
St. Ignatius Fax 507-346-7725

Tri-Parish Website: [www.tri-parish.net](http://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.

***Please patronize these businesses!***