

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church
213 W. Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

December 24-25, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day

From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

We have now come to the last Sunday of Advent and we are in the immediate preparations for Christmas. Let's prepare ourselves to celebrate this season in a truly spiritual way.

Do we really want our lives to be transformed by the presence of Christ that we celebrate at this Christmas? We cannot live without Jesus Christ. Well, we cannot live a meaningful life. If our Christmas becomes a celebration of things and not a spiritual celebration of the presence of Christ, then our Christmas will just be a yearly exercise, another day of empty smiles, another day that will come and go without any impact on us.

Christmas Message, December 25, 2023 - Let Light Shine Out of Darkness

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Christmas is an occasion for rejoicing, a season of goodwill, a time of joy even for those who unfortunately do not know or realize its true meaning. For us Christians, it is the second of our greatest annual feasts (next after Easter) in which we call to mind God's infinite love for us and His infinite mercy towards us mortals.

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

May Jesus be reborn in your hearts and lives during Christmas 2023 and every day of the New Year 2024. May He radiate His presence from within you as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity.

I wish you Merry Christmas. May the baby Jesus bless you and your families.

Blessings!

St. Finbarr Announcements

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS Tues., Dec. 26, 8:30 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sun., Dec. 31 8:30 AM for Deceased Members of Father Marreddy's Family</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Dec. 31, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Opener: Dawn Stier</p> <p>E. M.: Dawn Stier / Kristal Brogan / Nicole Meyerhofer</p> <p>Lector: Emily Kelzer</p> <p>Servers: Logan Marx / Brody Meyerhofer</p> <p>Ushers: Terry Weelborg / Dom Stier</p> <p>Counters: Dom Stier / Clint Weiss</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Dec. 17, 2023 – Week 25</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 2,114.00</p> <p>Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00</p> <p>YTD Support Received: \$ 45,196.00</p> <p>YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 35,292.00</p> | |
| <p>➤ Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias for the church altar: John & Carol Warmka, Al & Lori Stier, Troy & Denise Gehling, Dom & Dawn Stier, Steve & Marie Churchill, Leo & Millie Barnes and Alice Snyder in memory of deceased family members. From Clint & Jenny Weiss in memory of Virg Weiss and Randy Emanuel, Brad & Theresa Wolf in memory of Jason Wolff and Lon & Susan Baldus in memory of Roy Baldus and Glenn & Magdalene Hunst.</p> | |

St. Patrick Announcements

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO MASS Wed., Dec. 27, 8:30 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat., Dec. 30, 5:00 PM for The People of God</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Dec. 30, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Dave & Jodi Miller</p> <p>E. M.: Vicky Nolt / Jenny Lewis</p> <p>Lector: Kathy Stern</p> <p>Servers: Natalie Bunne / Laney Huff</p> <p>Ushers: Chris Lentz / Jim Yoch</p> <p>Sacristan: Kathy</p> <p>Counters: Jodi Miller / Dan Evans</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Dec. 16, 2023 – Week 25</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 606.00</p> <p>Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,182.00</p> <p>YTD Support Received: \$ 30,896.00</p> <p>YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 33,614.00</p> | |

St. Ignatius Announcements

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thurs., Dec. 28, 8:30 AM for Ralph Drees Jr. †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fri., Dec. 29, 8:30 AM for Jerry Simon †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sun., Dec. 31, 10:30 AM Dorothy Hafner †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mon., Jan. 1, 9:00 AM for Those suffering from the war in the Middle East</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Dec. 31, 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill</p> <p>Gifts: Joe Drees Family</p> <p>E. M.: Joanie Betsinger / John Gladly</p> <p>Lector: Erin Drees</p> <p>Servers: Bailey Drees / Nathaniel Drees</p> <p>Ushers: Ralph Drees / Bob Capelle</p> <p>Counters: Arndorfer / Engesser</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from Dec. 17 2023 – Week 25</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 2,880.00</p> <p>Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,788.00</p> <p>YTD Support Received: \$ 45,532.00</p> <p>YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 52,159.00</p> | |
| <p>➤ <u>Thank You</u> to the following who donated poinsettias: Father Marreddy in memory of Ravi Pothireddy, Candice Wiste in memory of family members, Wayne and Phyllis Buresh in memory of family members, Bill and Sue Puffer in memory of O'Brien and Puffer family members, Rosann Sanford in memory of family members, Tim and Juliet Engesser in memory of family members, Russ and Joanie Betsinger in memory of Betsinger and Kramer family members, Mary Lee in memory of Vic Lee, Jan Drees family in memory Drees family members, Joe and Rita Bezdicek in memory of family members, Bob and Jan Czapiewski in memory of family members, Paul Klockeman in memory of Forrest and Alvira Klockeman, Frank Weisinger in memory of family members, Lee and Teri Hill in memory of family members, Rose VanKirk in memory of Fred and Catherine Blahnik, Pat Blahnik in memory of family members, Roger and Angie Zeimetz in memory of family members, Charlotte Baudoin in memory of family members; Butch and Judy Douglas in memory of family members.</p> <p>➤ <u>The Knights of Columbus Council 13609</u> smoked porkchop dinner in November was a success. Thanks to everyone who worked and donated in any way. Your support is greatly appreciated. The proceeds will be used for scholarships and for a donation to the Spring Valley Area food shelf.</p> <p>➤ <u>Thank You</u> to those who ordered Christmas decorations from MCCL.</p> | |

"Give something, however small, to the one in need.

For it is not small to one who has nothing.

Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could."



Tri-Parish News

The three-year Eucharistic Revival has begun! *Nothing will transform your life quite like a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. Beautiful Eucharist, 2023.*

- **Caleb Bell**, son of Cory and Jackie, died on Sat., Dec. 16. Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Dec. 21 and he was laid to rest in St. Ignatius Cemetery. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*
- **Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council Catholic Women** Quarterly Meeting is Saturday, January 13, 8 AM - 3 PM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rushford. All members are welcome to attend!
- **Check Out Our Web Site:** (www.tri-parish.net). We just uploaded the keynote addresses from the Eucharistic Congress held in Mankato in June. Click on the Eucharistic Revival tab. There are five total; two are in Spanish.
- **Courier:** The December edition is on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org then click "The Courier."
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin:** Please e-mail triparishsecretary@gmail.com with any bulletin announcements. Deadline is 11 AM Wednesdays.


*For unto us,
a Child is born....
Isaiah 9:6*



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

Class 7-8 PM 1/3

St. Patrick

Class 6:45-7:45 PM 1/3

St. Ignatius

Class 9-10:20 AM 1/7

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members in your prayers.

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| Dorothy & Leon Steinkamp – St. Finbarr | Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr |
| Keith Steinkamp – St. Finbarr | Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius |
| Ron Neis – St. Ignatius | Kathleen Mulhern – St. Ignatius |
| Julie Schwade – St. Ignatius | Bob & Margaret Cole |
| Brenda Woida | Stephen Czapiewski |
| Tom Colwell | Darin Jones |
| Dorothy Gunsallus – St. Patrick | Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick |
| Johnny Wade – St. Patrick | Tom Hovde – St. Patrick |
| Peggy Hammon – St. Patrick | Karice Stern |
| Barb Cowden | Joseph Murray |
| Hallie Koenigs | |

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.

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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 Fr. Marreddy or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.