

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 30, 2018 Feast of the Holy Family



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Sirach 3, 2 – 6, 12 – 14; (1 Samuel 1, 20 – 28) 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; (C01 3, 12 – 21) Luke 2:41-52

On the last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast celebrates the family unit and the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. On this day we offer our own families and all the members of our community on the altar for God's blessing from the Holy Family. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. The Holy Family tells us about the Divine Son of God Jesus, his mother Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the Scriptures. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt, the finding of Jesus in the temple and their life at Nazareth. The readings of today speak of the family as a gift of God. In the first reading Sirach provides the insight and reflections on true wisdom. His purpose is to help the readers to recognize the wealth of Wisdom in Israel. Mary and Joseph experience the awakening in their child Jesus his life's direction. Already now Jesus assumes the responsibility God has placed onto him. Even though they do not fully grasp its implication they go back with him to Nazareth and we have the example of the Holy Family.

I am leaving to go home to India on January 14th and will be back on February 26th, 2019. Please keep me in your kind prayers.

Blessings!



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Friday, January 4th @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Kathy Wilder †
Saturday, January 5th @ 5:00 pm for Robert Brogan †

Offering from December 22, 2018

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

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Jan. 5th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Steve & Marie Churchill
Ushers: Lee Baldus & Rich Schaufler
Servers: Gracie Foster & Cole Weiss
Lector: Becky Oehlke
Gifts: Tom & Kristal Brogan
EM: Kristie Skifter, Kathy Gehling, G/N Skifter
Counters: Rochelle Fay & Trudy Swanson

- * **Poinsettias:** Thank you to the following people who purchased poinsettia's in memory of their loved ones: Troy and Denise Gehling: Memory of Deceased Grandparents ~Dean and Rena Pecinovsky: Memory of Grandpa & Grandma Roberts, Grandpa Bill, Grandpa Jerry ~Lois Gehling: Memory of Al Gehling ~Shirley Davis: Memory of Stan Davis ~Linda Davis: Memory of Ray Davis ~Theresa and Brad Wolff: Memory of Jason Wolff ~Lori and Al Stier: Memory of Deceased Parents ~Dorothy and Leon Steinkamp, Kitty Kerrins & Lynn and Lee Baldus: Memory of Deceased Family
- * **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, January 2nd @ 8:30 am for Cassie Evans
Sunday, January 6th @ 8:30 am for The People

Offering from December 23, 2018

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

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan 6th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Ed & Becky Bunne
Ushers: Steve Kasel & Mike Arndorfer
Servers: Laney Huff & Tanner Olson
Lectors: Cathy Yoch & Kylie Welsh
Gifts: Mike & Melanie Welsh
EM: Kathy Stern, Wendy Vikre, Mike Arndorfer
Counters: Tom Winkels & Paul Yoch

- * **Poinsettias:** Thank you to the following people who purchased poinsettia's in memory of their loved ones: ~Jerry & Pat Utz: Memory of Bill & Lorraine Steffens & Otto & Irene Utz ~Neil & Wendy Vikre: Memory of Wendy & Sandy Dohlman ~Loren & Penny Rickerl: Memory of Kelsey Rickerl & Herman & Joan Rickerl ~Denny & Patty White: Memory of Gerald, Art & Mary White ~Pat Wade: Memory of Art & Joe Wade ~Marvin Winkels: Memory of Winkels & Carey Families ~Paul & Cathy Yoch: Memory of Yoch & Kirschbaum deceased family ~Tom & Barb Hovde: Memory of Norman & Madonna Hovde & Jerry Winfield ~Rick & Jean Roe: Memory of Dan & Donald Rysavy ~Isabella Morse: Memory of Wesley Morse ~Ed & Becky Bunne: Memory of M/M Theo Bunne & M/M Tom Michaelson ~Dean & Kathy Stern: Memory of Eugene & Mildred Stern, Bill & Lorraine Brekke & Tom Brekke ~Evelyn Lentz: Memory of Lester Lentz ~Nick & Kathi Bunne: Memory of Tyler Bunne ~Jon & Rita Hiller: Memory of Jim Hiller ~Dave & Jodi Miller: Memory of M/M Elmer Miller & M/M Larry Ahern ~Kathy Payne: Memory of Verlis Payne ~Curt & Judy Fuhrman: Memory of Libby ~Clarence & Joyce Arndorfer: Memory of Schwering & Arndorfer Families
- * **Next CCW Meeting:** will be Monday, January 7th @ 7 pm in the church hall. The committee for this month is: Kathy Adams, Kelly Opseth, Liz Scaglione, Kari Olson, Jean Roe & Annette Kiefer

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 1st @ 8:30 am for Confirmation Class
Thursday, January 3rd @ 8:30 am for Bowden Family
Sunday, January 6th @ 10:30 am for Helen Koch †

Offering from December 23, 2018

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

Liturgy Schedule for Tuesday, Jan 1st @ 8:30 am

Greeters: Tim & Pam Walsh
Ushers: R. Drees II & III, C. Reineke & T. Walsh
Servers: Erin Drees & Catie Emig
Lectors: Betty Gossman & John Glady
Gifts: Rosann Sanford & Pat Blahnik
EM: Team 3
Counters: Team 3

- * **Poinsettias:** Thank you to the following people who purchased poinsettia's in memory of their loved ones: ~Bruce & Rita Hartert: Memory of family members ~Wayne & Phyllis Buresh: Memory of family members ~Mychelle Christian: Memory of Jim, Elizabeth, & Patty Hruska ~Rosann Sanford: Memory of Wally Sanford ~Roger & Angie Zeimetz: Memory of family members ~Russ & Joanie Betsinger: Memory of Betsinger & Kramer family members ~Candis Wiste: Memory of Sanford Wiste ~Drees Family: Memory of Mayer & Drees family members ~Joe & Rita Bezdicek: Memory of family members ~Joanie Musel: Memory of Gerry Chase
- * **Thank you:** A special thank you to Mychelle Christian for painting and helping organize the storage area and to Mike and Joanne Souhrada for constructing the shelves for the church decorations.

Liturgy Schedule for Sunday, Jan 6th @ 10:30 am

Greeter: Verne & Anne Comstock
Ushers: Tim & Pat Walsh, m. Souhrada, V. Comstock
Servers: Ellie Buchholtz & Caiden Reiter
Lectors: Teri Hill & Crystal Colwell
Gifts: Joe & Amy Mulhern
EM: Team 4
Counters: Team 4



Tri-Parish News

- **Knights of Columbus:** The next meeting will be Monday, January 7th at 6 pm with the meal and meeting to follow.
- **Father Marreddy's Trip Home:** Father will be going home to see his family on January 14th and returning on February 26th.
- **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. 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.
- **Estate Planning:** Please keep your parish or cemetery in mind when preparing your estate or will. Thank you.
- **Catholic Charities of Southern MN:** Have you always wanted a family? Have you been thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Call Catholic Charities to schedule an adoption information meeting to learn about different types of adoption, the process, and how to begin. Visit us at www.ccsomn.org or call Catholic Charities in Austin at 507-433-3062, in Rochester at 507-287-2047 or in Winona at 507-454-2270 for more information.
- **Prayer Chain Requests:** Please send your prayer requests to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.
- **Compliment Corner:** Please keep those compliments coming. There are a lot of good people out there, we need to let the world know about them. Send compliments to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 2nd - No Class @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, January 5th - Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 2nd - Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 6th - Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Tuesday, January 1st - Mass @ 8:30 am
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 2nd - Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 6th - Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, January 6th - Class for Pre K - 4th graders @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, January 6th - 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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