

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, January 27, 2019 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians; 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke, the author of this year's cycle of Gospel readings, is a "second generation" Christian. Greek by birth and physician by profession, he was a traveling companion of Paul, through whom he met Mark and perhaps Peter himself. He writes his Gospel mainly for Gentiles like himself: for Luke, this Jesus fulfills not only Jewish dreams but every people's hopes for wholeness and holiness.

Luke's Gospel reflects a scientist's precision in locating dates, places and people; but Luke's Gospel also exhibits an interest in people rather than ideas. His account celebrates the compassion of Jesus for the outcasts and "second class citizens" of Jewish society including and especially women.

The story of Jesus who comes to "proclaim glad tidings to the poor . . . to announce a year of favor from the Lord" should make a profound difference in the lives of all who hear it. In His humanity, Jesus reveals a God who is approachable and present to us in all that is good and right and loving around us. While Israel longed for a Messiah who would lead them to victory and vindication, Jesus the Messiah comes with a much different message of humility, reconciliation, compassion and forgiveness. The "good news" of the Gospel calls to become rather than to shun, to lift up rather than condemn, to seek the humble way of servanthood rather than the satisfaction of self-righteousness.

In the Father's Son, Isaiah's vision of a world transformed and reconciled in God's peace and justice is fulfilled; in God's Christ, God re-creates us and our world in the light of grace and the spirit of compassion. In baptism, we take on the work of "fulfilling" Isaiah's vision of healing, justice and reconciliation in our own "civilizations."

We make Isaiah's vision a reality in our own Nazareth's in every act of hope we make happen, in every kindness prompted by God's grace. As witnesses of Christ's resurrection, as baptized disciples of His Church, we inherit the Spirit's call to "bring glad tidings" and "proclaim the Lord's favor" to the poor, the imprisoned, the blind, the oppressed and the helpless.

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word."

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 2nd @ 5:00 pm for The People

Offering from January 19, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 335.00
Received YTD: \$46,827.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Feb. 2nd @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Kitty Kerrins
Ushers: Tom Bunne & Eric Gehling
Servers: Rylee Schaufler & Lucie Voigt
Lector: Rich Schaufler
Gifts: Tom & Gloria Bunne
EM: G/N Skifter, Kristie Skifter, Kathy Gehling
Counters: Lon Baldus & Eric Gehling

- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for people/families to invite the substitute priests to supper after the Saturday evening Masses on February 2nd and February 9th while Fr. Marreddy is back home. If you would like to do this, please let Jenny Gehling know so that she can coordinate it with the priests ahead of time. Thank you!
- **Adoration:** There will be adoration on Tuesdays at the normal time.
- **Mission Circle:** will take place on Wednesday, February 6th @ 1 pm in the social hall.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 30th @ 8:30 am for Al Evans †
Sunday, February 3rd @ 8:30 am for Donna Gnidevic

Offering from January 20, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 862.00
Received YTD: \$35,027.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 3rd @ 8:30 am

Greeter: David & Gladys Kasel
Ushers: Paul Yoch & Steve Kasel
Servers: Andrew Lohuis & Brendon Arndorfer
Lectors: Sharon Jacobson & Chuck Vogelgesang
Gifts: Dan & Joyce Evans
EM: Kathy Stern, Gladys Kasel, Loren Rickerl
Counters: Wendy Vikre & Annette Kiefer

- **Important Notice:** anyone using the back door (north) make sure it is closed and locked when they leave.
- **Mass and Adoration:** Fr. Collins has offered to say Wednesday morning Masses at 8:30 am while Fr. Marreddy is at home. There will be adoration on Wednesdays at the normal time.
- **Next CCW Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday, February 4th @ 7 pm in the church hall. The committee for this month is: Julie Kasel, Jodi Miller, Gladys Kasel, Kathi Bunne, Nicki Lohuis, MaryKay Kelly, Wendy Vikre.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

NO MASS THIS WEEK

Offering from January 20, 2019

Weekly Support: \$
Received YTD: \$53,212.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 3rd @ 10:30 am

Greeters:
Ushers:
Servers: **NO MASS THIS WEEKEND**
Lectors:
Gifts:
EM: Team
Counters: Team

- **Adoration:** There will be adoration on Thursdays at the normal time.
- **Next CCW Meeting:** will be held on Monday, January 28th at 7:00 pm in the church hall.
- **Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** You are all invited to breakfast on Sunday, January 27th from 8 am – 1 pm in the church hall at St. Ignatius. We look forward to serving you!
- **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** The Spring Valley Area Food Shelf is again celebrating the NFL Super Bowl on Feb. 3rd by sponsoring the following: We are asking parishioners to donate a can or two of soup to our 'SOUPER BOWL.' There will be a collection point near the entrance of your church. Any brand, any flavor. Thanks for your consideration and helping out again!!
- **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** The Spring Valley Area Food Shelf truly wants to accommodate those working for Federal agencies who have been laid off from work. Please pass the word to those whom you know could use help with food. Wed. 2-4, and Sat. 9-11. If some are in need outside these hours, contact Sharon Jahn at 346-2206, or Rita Hartert at 346-7407.



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- **Catholic United Financial** will be holding their annual Matching Grant Dinner benefiting Sacred Heart School in Adams on Sunday, Jan. 27th. A free will dinner of Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Coleslaw, bars and beverage will be served from 10:30AM – 12:30PM in the gym at Sacred Heart School.
- **Next Knights of Columbus Meeting:** Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will have their February meeting in the church hall on February 4th. Supper will be at 6 PM with the meeting to follow.
- **Tasha Schuh, an inspirational speaker**, will be at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow on Wednesday, January 30th @ 7 pm to talk about overcoming obstacles and persevering after a life changing accident that left her paralyzed. Her presentation is geared towards people who are around 13 years old or older. You are all encouraged to attend to be inspired and to boost your confidence to overcome challenges you may be facing. Tasha is looking forward to seeing you! Adults and kids from our Tri-Parish are invited to attend this event.
- **2019 Catholic Men's Retreat:** will be held February 22nd – 24th at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch by Stewartville. It starts at 8:30 am on Friday and runs until 11 am on Sunday. The theme this year is "Now is the Time, Prepare for Spiritual Battle". You can register online @ <http://www.ecclesiadomestica.net/registration>.
- **You're Invited to Bible Study:** St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians may be short, but it packs a powerful punch! **All are invited to come and discover scripture in a deeper way. Join us for 6 weeks as we explore St. Paul's circumstances as he writes under house arrest in Rome.** Paul reveals how he is able to joyfully share the Gospel despite his imprisonment. Throughout his difficult circumstance, he paints a beautiful picture of what this means—a life lived out in humble obedience while emptying oneself for others. For through our daily offerings, **we are all called to strive after holiness by imitating Christ**—specifically in Christ's sacrificial gift of self. Come and be empowered by St. Paul's words which call on all of us to pour ourselves out as an offering to God, just as Jesus did on the Cross. Group discussion will start Sat. March 2 at 7pm and continue weekly till April 6th. Books cost only \$9; make checks to St. Ignatius. Contact Amy Mulhern at 507-421-1929 to register by February 15th.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 30th – No Class – Speaker here for grades 6-10 and all adults.
- ⇒ Saturday, February 2nd – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 30th – Class @ 6:45 pm – Kids in grades 6-10 will go to speaker in Grand Meadow at 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 3rd – Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 30th – Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm – Kids in grades 6-10 will go to speaker in Grand Meadow at 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 3rd – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, February 3rd – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, February 3rd – No Mass @ 10:30

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

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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 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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