

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 6, 2019 Epiphany of the Lord



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord. From the early days of the Church, this feast has been considered as an important feast receiving at times more attention than the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Celebrated on the 6th of January and in some areas on the first Sunday in the month of January, this feast recalls the arrival of the magi or the three kings to Bethlehem in search of the King of the Jews. Originally this feast contained the commemoration of the Nativity of Jesus, the visit of the Magi, all of Jesus' childhood events, up to and including his Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist; and the miracle at the Wedding of Cana in Galilee. It is also called

Theophany, meaning the Manifestation, especially by Eastern Church. At present on the feast of Epiphany only the coming of the Magi is celebrated. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek word epiphania, meaning a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. Epiphany celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Savior of the world.

I would like to thank those who gave so generously to "Father's Fund". Your contributions will go towards the needs of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than us. I appreciate you very much.

Blessings!



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St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, January 8th @ 8:30 am for Thanksgiving
Saturday, January 12th @ 5:00 pm for Albert Gehling †

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Jan. 12th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Tom & Gloria Bunne
Ushers: Gerald Brogan & Troy Gehling
Servers: Carson Paul & Kelsea Gehling
Lector: Masie Voigt
Gifts: Clint & Jenny Weiss
EM: Denice Gehling, Theresa Wolff, Becky Oehlke
Counters: Tim Fay & Jenny Weiss

Offering from December 29, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,114.00
Received YTD: \$38,641.00

- **Next CCW Meeting:** will be on Monday, January 21st @ 6:30 pm in the church hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.
- **Mass Schedule:** From Saturday, January 19th – Sunday, February 24th, St. Finbarr will still have the 5 pm Mass every Saturday. The Sunday morning Masses at St. Patrick and St. Ignatius will alternate every other weekend at their normally scheduled time. Therefore, there will only be one Mass on Sunday mornings. The bulletin and website will be updated weekly with the schedule. The schedule will also be on the bulletin boards and doors at all three parishes.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for people/families to invite the priests to supper after the Saturday evening Masses 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!

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, January 9th @ 8:30 am for Thanksgiving
Sunday, January 13th @ 8:30 am for Loren Krueger †

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan 13th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Youth
Ushers: Youth
Servers: Youth
Lectors: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EM: Loren Rickerl, Gladys Kasel, Rick Roe
Counters: Gene Miller & Mike Arndorfer

Offering from December 30, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 1,995.00
Received YTD: \$31,818.00

- **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.
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St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, January 10th @ 8:30 am for Mike Hansen
Friday, January 11th @ 10 am at Care Center for Pour Souls
Sunday, January 13th @ 10:30 am for The People

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Jan 13th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Joe & Amy Mulhern
Ushers: V. Comstock, J. Mulhern, R. Neis, B. Capelle
Servers: Nathan O'Connell & Charlie Emig
Lectors: Tim Walsh & Tim Engesser
Gifts: Ralph & Janice Drees
EM: Team 5
Counters: Team 5

Offering from December 30, 2018

Weekly Support: \$ 4,306.00
Received YTD: \$50,064.00

- **Thank You:** St. Ignatius parishioners appreciate the Advent and Christmas decorations provided by the following: Rita and Joe Bezdicek, Tim and Juliette Engesser and Wayne and Phyllis Buresh. We understand you do this all year long and give you many thanks.
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- **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. The Mass schedule will change a little due to the lack of priests while Father is home. Watch the bulletin for the schedule.
- **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.
- **DivorceCare:** If you or someone you know is hurting from the effects of a marital separation or divorce, we are now accepting registrations for a DivorceCare program. The first of thirteen sessions begins Thursday January 24th and meets weekly from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Rochester. Cost of the program workbook is \$15. You may register with Dick Frost by email at: finehire2@gmail.com. For an overview of the program, visit www.divorcecare.org
- **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.
- **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.
- **Estate Planning:** Please keep your parish or cemetery in mind when preparing your estate or will. Thank you.
- **Prayer Chain Requests:** Please send your prayer requests to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 9th - Class @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, January 12th - Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 9th - Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 13th - Youth Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, January 9th - Band Practice @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, January 9th - Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, January 13th - Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, January 13th - Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, January 13th - Mass @ 10:30 am

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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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

- **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.



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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