

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, February 3, 2019 **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

This weekend liturgy invites us to focus on the prophetic call from God given to each individual personally. Through this call, God communicates His message of love to all, a love that is sacrificial and caring. It is love that enables us to be compassionate, understanding, patient, forgiving and accepting others. Love sustains us with courage, with power to endure and carries us confidently through every challenge.

Do we believe that God wants to act with power in our lives today? Power to set us free from sin and hurtful desires, fear and oppression. Throughout the Scriptures we see God performing mighty acts to save His people from death and destruction.

Jesus praised individuals who put their faith in God as they remembered the great and wonderful deeds He had performed time and again. Jesus even praised outsiders - non-Jews and pagans from other lands who had heard about the mighty deeds of the God of Israel. One example Jesus mentioned was Naaman the pagan army commander from Syria who was afflicted with leprosy - a debilitating skin disease that slowly ate away the flesh (2 Kings 5:1-15).

When Naaman went to the land of Israel to seek a cure for his leprosy, the prophet Elisha instructed him to bathe seven times in the Jordan river. Naaman was indignant at first, but then repented and followed the prophet's instructions. In doing so he was immediately restored in body and spirit.

What is the significance of Naaman's healing for us? Naaman's miraculous healing at the River Jordan, prefigures the mystery of the healing which is freely granted to all nations of the earth by our Lord Jesus through the regenerating waters of baptism and renewal in the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

"Therefore Naaman was sent to the Jordan as to the remedy capable to heal a human being. Indeed, sin is the leprosy of the soul and human nature must be delivered from this disease by Christ's power which is hidden in baptism."

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus wants to renew in each one of us the gift of faith and the regenerating power of baptism and the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5) which cleanses us of the leprosy of sin and makes us "newborn" sons and daughters of God.

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 9th @ 5:00 pm for Adeline Snyder †

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Feb. 9th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: John & Carol Warmka
 Ushers: Christopher Stier & Tony Warmka
 Servers: Weston Schaufler & Travis Weiss
 Lector: Lynn Baldus
 Gifts: Dean & Rena Pecinovsky
 EM: Becky Oehlke, Denice Gehling, Theresa Wolff
 Counters: Susan Baldus & Kitty Kerrins

Offering from January 26, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 898.00
 Received YTD: \$47,725.00
 Latin America: \$ 178.00

- **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.
- **Greeting Cards Needed:** St. Finbarr will be collecting “greeting cards for St. Jude’s Ranch for Children.” They will take “Christmas, Birthday and Blank cards.” They do not accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards and prefer 5 x 7 inch or smaller. “Box for cards will be in the narthex until March 15th.” They sell repurposed cards in their gift shop and online.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 6th @ 8:30 am

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 10th @ 8:30 am

Greeter:
 Ushers:
 Servers:
 Lectors:
 Gifts:
 EM:
 Counters:

Offering from January 27, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 767.00
 Received YTD: \$35,794.00
 Latin America: \$ 203.00

- **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

Sunday, February 10th @ 10:30 am for Shirley Deatsch †

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

Greeters: Joan Musel
 Ushers: V. Comstock, M. Souhrada, R. Neis, J. Mulhern
 Servers: William Arndorfer and Nathan O’Connell
 Lectors: Joanie Betsinger and Amy Mulhern
 Gifts: Chari Kruegel Family
 EM: Team 3
 Counters: Team 3

Offering from January 27, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,071.00
 Received YTD: \$54,533.00
 Latin America: \$ 311.00

- **Adoration:** There will be adoration on Thursdays at the normal time.
- **Next K of C Meeting:** Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will have their February meeting in the church hall on Monday, February 4th. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **Scholarship applications** are on the bulletin board. They are due March 15, 2019.



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- **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, February 6th @ 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.
- **You're Invited to a Pork Chop Dinner:** The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will host a pork chop dinner in the church hall on Sunday, February 10th. The meal will be served from 11 AM until 1PM.
- **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, February 6th – No Class – Speaker here for grades 6-10 and all adults.
- ⇒ Saturday, February 9th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

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

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 6th – Class for grades 5 - 9 @ 7 pm – Kids in grades 6-10 will go to speaker in Grand Meadow at 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 10th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, February 10th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, February 10th – Mass @ 10:30

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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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