

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 10, 2019 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Our human existence is a gift of God to us. Its origin and end belong to God. God constantly comes into our lives and invites us to participate in His Life and Mission. Christian Faith is the recognition of God's definitive affirmation of humanity in Jesus Christ.

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? A great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear His word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach His disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: At your word I will let down the nets.

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for His glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in His works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

When we meet disappointment and failure, do we press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear His Word and to receive His Command?

When God's word is spoken, His kingdom is revealed and His power is released. When people respond to God's Word with faith and obedience, they are changed and made "a new creation" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). God chooses ordinary people like us as His ambassadors and He uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into His kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel.

Do we witness to those around us the joy of the Gospel and do we pray for our neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of His love and truth?

"Lord Jesus, fill my heart with love and compassion for those who do not know you or follow you. May I be a good witness of your truth and salvation to my family, friends, and co-workers."

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 16th @ 5:00 pm for John Haley †

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Feb. 16th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Lee and Lynn Baldus
 Ushers: Lee Baldus & Craig Schaufler
 Servers: Kyra Meyer & Hanna Stier
 Lector: Denice Gehling
 Gifts: Eric & Jenny Gehling
 EM: Troy Gehling, Jordyn Glynn, Lisa Glynn
 Counters: Lynn Baldus & Dylan Davis

Offering from February 2, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,201.00
 Received YTD: \$48,926.00

- **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.
- **You are Invited to Spaghetti Dinner:** After Mass on Saturday, February 16th, the Parish Council, Trustees, and Finance Council invite you to stay for dinner. The menu will be spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and beverage. Take-outs will be available. Free will donation.
- **Speaker Rescheduled:** Tasha Schuh is going to try to be in Grand Meadow on Wednesday, February 13th @ 7 pm to speak about overcoming obstacles and how to keep a positive outlook on life with God’s help. Say an extra prayer or two that the weather will finally cooperate.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 17th @ 8:30 am for The People

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 17th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Youth
 Ushers: Youth
 Servers: Youth
 Lectors: Youth
 Gifts: Youth
 EM: Wendy Vikre, Loren Rickerl, Kathy Stern
 Counters: Paul Yoch & Joe Kelly

Offering from February 3, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,159.00
 Received YTD: \$36,953.00

- **Coffee and Rolls:** will be served after Mass on Sunday, February 17th.
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St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

NO MASSES THIS WEEK

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 17th @ 10:30 am

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

Offering from February 3, 2019

Weekly Support: \$
 Received YTD: \$54,533.00

- **Scholarship applications** are on the bulletin board. They are due March 15, 2019.
- **Clothing Drive:** The Kingsland National Honor Society is putting on its annual clothing drive at the Spring Valley Community Center from 8 to 12 in the morning on March 23rd. Everything is free, and donations are welcome up until March 22nd and can be dropped off in the church entryway.
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- **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.
- **Fish Fry Dinners:** Mark your calendars - the Fish Fry Dinners have been scheduled for March 8th in Spring Valley and March 15th in Grand Meadow. Watch the bulletin for more information on these two events.
- **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 2nd at 7 pm 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.
- **Safe Environment Re-Certification Training:** In February and March, the diocesan Safe Environment Office will launch **Keeping Our Promise Alive 3.0**, a VIRTUS® online re-certification training for anyone who completed the "VIRTUS live training" in 2014 or earlier. Employees and volunteers of DOW-R parishes or schools that are due for re-certification will receive an email from VIRTUS Online with credentials to login and complete the training, which takes 30-40 minutes and can be done at any time of the day. All teachers and substitutes need to complete this re-certification training if you haven't already done so.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 13th – No Class for grades 1-5 Speaker will be here at 7 pm.
- ⇒ Saturday, February 16th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 13th – No Class - Kids in grades 6-10 will be going to Grand Meadow for speaker.
- ⇒ Sunday, February 17th – Youth Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 13th – No Class - Kids in grades 6-10 will be going to Grand Meadow for speaker.
- ⇒ Sunday, February 17th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, February 17th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, February 17th – No Mass @ 10:30

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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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