

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 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

When we encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do we respond? Do we respond with fear or faith or with passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach His disciples He gave them a “way of happiness” that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began His sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found.

The word “*beatitude*” literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus’ way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within, a conversion of heart and mind, which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God’s Word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin, leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and oppression.

Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: “Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another’s, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbor. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness.”

“Lord Jesus, increase my hunger for you and show me the way that leads to everlasting happiness and peace. May I desire you above all else and find perfect joy in doing your will.”

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 23rd @ 5:00 pm for Mary Ann Lammers

Offering from February 9, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 497.00

Received YTD: \$49,423.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., Feb. 23rd @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Gerald & Jane Brogan

Ushers: Lon Baldus & Fran Baudoin

Servers: Jacob Kerrins & Logan Marx

Lector: Becky Oehlke

Gifts: Jeremi & Lisa Glynn

EM: Kristal Brogan, Lee Baldus, John Baldus

Counters: Tiffany Davis & Jenny Gehling

- **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're Invited:** The Grand Meadow Lutheran Church is serving breakfast on Sunday, February 17th from 10 – 11:30 am. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, French toast, pancakes, coffee & juice. Free will donation.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

NO MASSES THIS WEEK

Offering from February 10, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 813.00

Received YTD: \$37,766.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 24th @ 8:30 am

Greeter:

Ushers:

Servers:

Lectors: **NO MASS THIS WEEKEND**

Gifts:

EM:

Counters:

- **Mulligan Stew Dinner:** If you would like to donate monetarily toward the purchase of Beef for the Mulligan Stew dinner, please contact Kathy Stern 507-421-2541 or Elaine Mills 507-440-0674, we are grateful for all contributions, thank you!
- **Sign- up sheets** are in the back of the church to donate for the Mulligan Stew dinner, please sign up to donate 2 items and a time to work at the dinner, thank you so much!
- **Next CCW Meeting:** will be on Monday, March 4th @ 7 pm in the church hall. The committee for this month is: Kathy Stern, Ann Soltau, Theresa Jacobson, Denise Rannels, Shannon Drees, Rhea Steinkamp, Brenda Arndorfer, and Rhonda Lunning.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 24th @ 10:30 am for The People

Offering from February 3, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,616.00

Received YTD: \$56,149.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., Feb. 24th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Youth

Ushers: Youth

Servers: Youth

Lectors: Youth

Gifts: Youth

EM: Team 5

Counters: Team 5

- **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.
- **Next Knights of Columbus Meeting:** will be on March 4th at 6 PM with supper at 6 and meeting to follow.
- **Keep in mind** that your Spring Valley Area Food Shelf is available to anyone who could use a little extra help with putting food on the table. Open Wed. from 2:00 - 4:00 and Sat. from 9:00 - 11:00. Share this message.



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- **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.
- **Mulligan Stew Dinner:** will be held at St. Patrick's Church in LeRoy on Sunday March 17th from 11:00 to 1:00. It will be served family style. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Everyone is invited.
- **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 20th – Class at 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, February 23rd – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 20th – Class at 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 24th – No Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 20th – Band Practice at 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, February 20th – Class for grades 5-9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, February 24th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, February 24th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, February 24th – Youth Mass @ 10:30

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

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| Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius | 507-273-3705 |
| Mychelle Christian – St. Ignatius | 507-272-5560 |
| Elaine Mills – St. Patrick | 507-440-0674 |
| Becky Oehlke – St. Finbarr | 507-259-3782 |
| St. Finbarr Kitchen | 507-754-5190 |
| 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



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.

Please patronize these businesses!