

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 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

“Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend them expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you.....Luke 6:27-38

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so.

Continuing His Sermon on the Plain, Jesus again turns upside down another accepted standard of Jewish morality. The principle of “do to no one what you yourself dislike” (as articulated in Tobit 4:15) was not enough for those who seek to be God’s holy people. Jesus demands that His disciples “love your enemies.”

The Greek word for love used in this text is *agape*, a sense of benevolence, kindness and charity towards others. In other words, no matter what a person does to us we will never allow ourselves to seek anything but the highest good for him or her. The completeness and limitlessness of God’s own love and mercy for us should be the measure of our love and mercy for one another.

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. ***He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs.***

Seeing beyond hatreds and differences, borders and boundaries, flags and uniforms, languages and cultures, suspicions and unsettled scores is the cutting edge of the Gospel. The relationship we seek with God, we must first seek with one another. In every relationship, in every set of circumstances, the faithful disciple of Jesus seeks to break the cycle of hatred and distrust by taking the first step to love, to seek reconciliation above all else.

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

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

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

Greeters: Tom & DeAnn Kelzer
 Ushers: Troy Gehling & Rich Schaufler
 Servers: Kaiden Bunne & Carter Glynn
 Lector: Masie Voigt
 Gifts: Glenn & Becky Oehlke
 EM: Kathy Gehling, G/N Skifter, Kristie Skifter
 Counters: Rochelle Fay and Kitty Kerrins

Offering from February 16, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 734.00
 Received YTD: \$50,157.00

- **Greeting Cards Needed:** St. Finbarr is collecting greeting cards for St. Jude's Ranch for children. They sell repurposed cards in their gift shop and online. 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. A box for cards is on the table in the narthex.
- **Thank You!** Thank you to everyone that attended the spaghetti dinner last weekend after Mass. A HUGE thank you to Jenny Weiss and Joyce Emanuel for preparing the entire meal. The meal was delicious and the fellowship was a wonderful distraction from this long, snowy winter. We are certainly blessed with a caring parish family!
- **The next CCW Meeting** will be here next Monday, February 25th @ 6:30 pm.
- **Fish Fry:** The fish fry will be on Friday, March 22nd, and we will need your help to make it another success. Kids in grades 5-12 will be in charge of beverages, clearing tables, washing dishes and setting up. We don't turn away any help. Please mark your calendars and spread the word. We are asking our parish families to donate a pie. The pies can be homemade, store bought or you may donate \$15. We will need at least 30 pies. Sign up sheets will be in the social hall after Mass.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 3rd @ 8:30 am for Barb Runde †

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

Greeter: Wendy Vikre
 Ushers: Paul Yoch and Steve Kasel
 Servers: Mateo Anderson and Jordon Runde
 Lectors: Nadiya Evans and Cathy Yoch
 Gifts: Dan and Joyce Evans
 EM: Tony & Mike Arndorfer, Wendy Vikre
 Counters: Dave Miller and Mike Arndorfer

Offering from February 17, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 568.00
 Received YTD: \$38,334.00

- **Mulligan Stew Dinner:** If you would like to donate money 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 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, March 3rd @ 10:30 am for John Koch †

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

Greeters: Russ & Kathy Mulholland
 Ushers: Tim & Pat Walsh, V. Comstock, M. Souhrada
 Servers: Bailey & Erin Drees
 Lectors: Joe & Amy Mulhern
 Gifts: Ralph & Janice Drees
 EM: Team 6
 Counters: Team 6

Offering from February 17, 2019

Weekly Support: \$
 Received YTD: \$56,149.00

- **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.
- **Next Knights of Columbus Meeting:** will be Monday, 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.
- **St. Ignatius Fish Fry:** will be on March 8, 2019 from 5:00 - 7:30. Please sign up for a shift. This is a church activity that raises money for the church. It's great to see everyone come together! The sign up board is in the entry way. Cost is \$10 for adults and children under age 5 is \$5.00.



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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 22nd (CORRECT DATE)** 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.
- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection on Wednesday, March 5, 2019 to go towards the Church in Central and Eastern Europe for the needs of rebuilding the church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation and evangelization through Catholic media.
- **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.
- **Steubenville:** The registration deadline for the Steubenville Youth Conference with the regular fee (\$355) is May 3; after that date the fee will be \$385. The diocese provides both transportation and lodging for groups that attend. For more information, please visit www.dowr.org. Registration forms will soon be available on the DOW-R website, and will be sent out to youth leaders early next week.



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 27th – Class at 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, March 2nd – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 27th – Class at 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 3rd – Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, February 27th – Class for grades 5-9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 3rd – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, March 3rd – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, March 3rd – Mass @ 10:30 am

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.

Please patronize these businesses!