

Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



St. Patrick Catholic Church
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



St. Finbarr Catholic Church
504 1st St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



St. Ignatius Catholic Church
213 W. Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go? Happy Lent!

Blessings!

2023 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,305.00	\$6,051.00	\$9,802.00
Donors			
Total Received YTD			
Amount Needed to Meet Goal			

St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Stations & Mass; Tues., Feb. 28, 6:00 PM for Teresa Nelson † Sat., Mar. 4, 5:00 PM for Jason Wolff †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Mar. 4, 5:00 PM</u></p> <p>E. M.: Troy Gehling Lector: Youth Servers: Holly Weiss / Zoe Stier Opener: Jenny Weiss Ushers: Youth Counters: Jenny Weiss / Dylan Davis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from February 18, 2023 – Week 35</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 6,409.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,540.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 75,403.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$105,834.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Fish Fry!</u> Mark your calendars for the St. Finbarr Fish Fry, Friday, March 3. We will be back to Dine-in. Dessert will be apple crisp.</p>	

St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Wednesday., Mar. 1, 8:30 AM for Ed Bunne Stations & Mass; Fri., Mar. 3, 6:00 PM for Ida Rowe † Sun., Mar 5, 8:30 AM for The People of God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Mar. 5, 8:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Mike & Melanie Welsh E. M.: Tony Arndorfer / Kathy Stern Lector: Sharon Jacobson Servers: Kaylee & Tyler Huff Ushers: Paul Yoch / Chris Lent Counters: Kathy Stern / Gladys Kasel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from February 19, 2023 – Week 35</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 823.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,322.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 51,452.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 43,954.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>LeRoy Area Foodshelf:</u> The 12th Annual LAMA Luau will be held Saturday, March 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign will be February 27 to April 9.</p>	

St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p>Stations & Mass; Thurs., Mar. 2, 6:00 PM for Bezdicek/Stern families Sun., Mar. 5, 10:30 AM for Priscilla Graff †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Mar. 5, 10:30 AM</u></p> <p>Greeters: Bill & Sue Puffer E. M.: Bob Capelle / Jeff Erding Lector: Don Mulhern Servers: 2 Mettlers Ushers: William Arndorfer / Noah House Counters: Arndorfer / Mulhern</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from February 19, 2023 – Week 39</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,312.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 2,013.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 74,177.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 106,861.00</p>	
<p>➤ <u>Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life</u> will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass Feb 26 -- March 26. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Contact Eleanore Jones 507-937-3460.</p> <p>➤ <u>2023 Saint Ignatius Graduates:</u> Scholarship applications are in the vestibule. Return by March 31.</p> <p>➤ <u>Fillmore County Public Hearing</u> on the sale of cannabis THC products will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, 10 AM. The local sale of cannabis THC products will significantly affect our families and communities. Please come to the Fillmore County Commissioners Room at the courthouse to signify that your community has a vested interest in this issue.</p> <p>➤ <u>The Adult Choir</u> will sing next Sunday March 5.</p>	

Tri-Parish Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 PM

St. Patrick, LeRoy

“The most deadly poison of our times is indifference.

And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits.

Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers.”

St. Maximillian Kolbe

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- **Rice Bowl:** Pick up your Rice Bowl and fill it during Lent. The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl provides funding for food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 25% stays in the Diocese for antipoverty programs.
- **World Day of Prayer,** Friday, March 3, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spring Valley, 10 AM. All are invited to attend.
- **Register Now!:** All Catholics are invited to *This is My Body*, our diocesan Eucharistic Congress, to be held June 10 at the Mankato Civic Center. Learn more and join us by registering here: www.eucharist.dowr.org. Register before March 31 for an early registration discount.
- **The Carmelite Brothers invite you for a Lenten Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3.** Fr. Jeffery Dobbs will present a spiritual themed conference beginning at 9:00 AM through lunch. Free will offerings accepted. To register, please contact Annunciation Hermitage in Austin, 507-437-4015.
- **Assisi Heights is Hiring:** Looking for RNs, LPNs, Trained Medical Assistants and Nursing Assistants. Visit their website: rochesterfranciscan.org/employment-2 for more information.
- **United for Life:** Join pro-lifers from across Minnesota on February 28 for this pro-life day at the Capitol. There will be great speakers and a 10 AM rally in the Capitol rotunda before you meet with your legislators to advocate for bills that support women, children, and families. The day will also include the chance to connect with pro-life organizations, a dedicated room to pray for our legislators, and a diaper drive (bring opened or unopened packs of disposable diapers for parents in need). Register today at unitedforlifemn.org.
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is coming to St. Mary's School in Owatonna on March 25 and 26. To enroll or for more information visit WWME.org or call 507-227-8229.
- **Courier:** The February edition is on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org then click "The Courier."



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Patrick

Class 6:45 PM 3/1, 8, 15

St. Finbarr

Class 7:00 PM 3/1, 8, 15
Youth Mass 5:00 PM 3/4
Grades 10 & 2

St. Ignatius

Class 9:00 AM 2/26, 3/5
Youth Mass 10:30 AM 2/26

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members in your prayers.

Joyce & Ronnie Miland – St. Ignatius	Ron Neis – St. Ignatius
Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius	Hallie Koenigs
Caleb Bell – St. Ignatius	Tom Colwell
Barb Cowden	Karice Stern
Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr	Keith Steinkamp – St. Finbarr
Dorothy & Leon Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Bill Eggert – St. Patrick
Ann Soltau – St. Patrick	Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick
Peggy Hammon – St. Patrick	Ed Bunne – St. Patrick
Rhonda Lunning – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Ben Speiser	Nick Neeser

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to triparishsecretary@gmail.com.

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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 Fr. Marreddy or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Finbarr:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Patrick:

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius:

Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.