

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, March 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. Lent is a journey of "fasting from sin and from vice; forsaking sin and sinful ways". It is a season "for penance, which means sorrow for sin and conversion to God". This tradition teaches that fasting and employing self-discipline during Lent will give a worshipper the "control over oneself that he/she needs to purify his/her heart and renew his/her life."

The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope and love, and embrace His will more fully in our lives. What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, He was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on His own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give Him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and to be our guide and strength in times of testing (1 Corinthians 10:13). The Lord gives grace to those who humbly acknowledge their dependence on Him (James 4:6) and He helps us to stand firm against the attacks of Satan who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-10; Ephesians 6:10-18). God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12) with the strength and help which come from the Holy Spirit. Do we seek God's wisdom and guidance for overcoming sin and avoiding the near occasions of sin?

"Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it."

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,630.00	\$6,950.00	\$10,300.00
Donors	11	6	7
Total Received YTD	\$1,400.00	\$1,475.00	\$2,165.00

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 12th @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for Special Intention
Saturday, March 16th @ 5:00 pm for Virginia Hoffman †

Offering from March 2, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,554.00
Received YTD: \$71,694.00

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

Greeters: Brandon & Heather Voigt
Ushers: Tom Bunne & Andrew Gehling
Servers: Adyson Brogan & Heidi Weiss
Lector: Richard Schaufler
Gifts: Craig & Michelle Schaufler
EM: John Baldus, Kristal Brogan, Lee Baldus
Counters: Karen Weelborg & Rich Schaufler

- **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.
- **The next CCW Meeting** will be Monday, March 11th @ 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.
- **Cookbook:** We are in the beginning stages of making a St. Finbarr cookbook and we need your help.....your recipes. Please start compiling your favorite meals, bars, salads, appetizers, snacks, drinks, etc. We are hoping that each family can contribute at least one of their favorite recipes. Watch the bulletin for more specifics.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 13th @ 8:30 am for Herman Rickerl †
Friday, March 15th @ 6:00 pm **Stations & Mass** for Becky Bunne
Sunday, March 17th @ 8:30 am for William Brekke †

Offering from March 3, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,048.00
Received YTD: \$40,323.00

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

Greeter: Youth
Ushers: Youth
Servers: Youth
Lectors: Youth
Gifts: Youth
EM: Becky Bunne, Mike Arndorfer, Wendy Vikre
Counters: Tom Winkels & Wendy Vikre

- **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!
- **8th Annual LAMA Luau:** The annual fundraiser LAMA LUAU for the LeRoy Area Foodshelf will be Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 11:30-1:30 at the LeRoy Community Center. There will be a chili, soup, and dessert cook-off with judging at 11:30. Please bring your entries and a recipe card for each entry by 11:15. The community is invited to sample these delicious entries for a free will offering. There will be bucket raffle items, a quilt raffle, door prizes, and games for the children. Please come and support the LeRoy Food Shelf.
- **Grant Applications:** Grant Applications for graduating Seniors of St. Patrick's Church are available at the back of church. Please take one, fill it out and return to Joyce Arndorfer by May 1st.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, March 14th @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for
Steve Mulholland †
Friday, March 15th @ 10 am at Care Center for Joe Ptacek †
Sunday, March 17th @ 10:30 am for The People

Offering from March 3, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 2,759.00
Received YTD: \$58,908.00

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

Greeters: Tim & Pam Walsh
Ushers: R. Neis, V. Comstock, M. Souhrada, T. Walsh
Servers: Ellie Buchholtz & Catie Emig
Lectors: Magoli Moulder & Joan Musel
Gifts: Greg & Betty Gossman
EM: Team 3
Counters: Team 3

- **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.
- **Spring Valley Food Shelf:** Our SV Area Food Shelf joins other area and state organizations to join the annual March campaign in working to end hunger and food insecurity. Please consider food or monetary donations. The campaign runs Feb. 28-April 7th.
- **Easter Lilly Orders:** Fillmore County Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Easter Lilies from March 10th through March 31st. Suggested donation is \$13.00 a plant. Contact Eleanore Jones with questions @ 507-937-3460.



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- **Fish Fry Dinner:** St. Finbarr will be having their Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, March 22nd in Grand Meadow. Everyone is invited!
- **Family Bingo Party:** Catholic United Financial, St. Theresa #146 will have a Family Bingo Party, Sunday, March 24th. A lunch will be served at St. John's Hall in Johnsburg, MN at noon followed by Bingo. Prizes of various kinds of meat will be given away. Please bring the family and join us for a fun afternoon!
- **The Light is On For You:** Has it been a long time since you received the sacrament of reconciliation? Do you know someone who hasn't gone to confession in a while? Many people let their discomfort and fear prevent them from going to confession and receiving God's healing mercy. Receive some encouragement and remember the great graces of this sacrament by browsing www.TheLightisOnSouthernMN.org. And dare to share the good news that God's mercy is waiting for you! #DaretoShare that The Light is On for You, and forward the website to a friend, relative, or your social media network.
- **Mulligan Stew Dinner:** will be held at St. Patrick's Church in LeRoy on Sunday, March 17th from 11 am to 1 pm. It will be served family style. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Everyone is invited.
- **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.
- **National Catholic Youth Conference:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester has launched registration for NCYC! Please see our website for details and registration forms at www.dowr.org. The 2019 conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN, on November 20-24, 2019. When registering through the diocese, the diocese does provide transportation and lodging at a hotel. The cost is \$650 with a deposit of \$250 due April 15, and final payment due on September 20. Please send all completed registration forms to the Pastoral Center in Winona.
- **Minnesota FoodShare Campaign** returns in March. As an official participant, Semcac's food shelves will receive a percentage of March FoodShare funds based on donations raised during the campaign and the number of people served in a year.

Stations & Adoration Schedule

Stations and Mass

St. Finbarr - Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm
 St. Ignatius - Thursdays @ 6:30 pm
 St. Patrick - Fridays @ 6:00 pm

Adoration

St. Finbarr - Tuesdays 9 – noon
 St. Patrick – Wednesdays 9-noon
 St. Ignatius – Thursdays 9am – 6:30pm



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Tuesday, March 12th – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 13th – Class for grades 1-10 @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, March 16th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 13th – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Friday, March 15th – Stations & Mass @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 17th – Youth Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 13th – Band Practice @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 13th – Class for grades 5-9 @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Thursday, March 14th – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 17th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, March 17th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, March 17th – Mass @ 10:30 am

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

Parish Priest:

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Faith Formation Coordinators:

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. 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.

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