

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent



### From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Phillipines 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

**While Jesus was praying, His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared in glory and spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.** Luke 9: 28-36

In Luke's Gospel, the transfiguration takes place after Jesus' instructions to his followers on the cost of discipleship. To follow Jesus is an "exodus" through one's own desert to the Promised Land, through Jerusalem to the empty tomb, through death to life.

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call in his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well, an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God (Genesis 15:18). Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see Him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2).

The season of Lent calls us to **transfiguration**: to transform the coldness, sadness and despair around us through the compassion and love of Jesus Christ. **The transfiguration of Jesus is a turning point in the Gospel**: the beginning of a new exodus, Jesus' difficult "Passover" from crucifixion to resurrection. As His disciples, we, too, are called to experience the Passover and exodus of Jesus, an exodus from the impermanence of this world and our own sinfulness to the reign of God, a "passing over" from this life to the life of God.

That same touch of divinity that the three disciples see in Jesus exists within each one of us, as well: God is present within us, animating us to do good and holy things; guiding our steps as we try to walk justly and humbly in the ways of God; enlightening our vision with wisdom and selflessness to bring the justice and mercy of God into our world.

God places us in the world as God's fellow workers, agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice with more laughter and joy to be together in God's world.

Blessings!

#### 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,630.00	\$6,950.00	\$10,300.00
Donors	13	9	14
Total Received YTD	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$3,390.00

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for Kathy Wilder †  
 Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Natalie, Bill & Frank  
 Lammers  
 Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 pm for The People

### Offering from March 9, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,191.00  
 Received YTD: \$72,885.00  
 Church in Central Europe: \$224.82

### Liturgy Schedule for Sat., March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Steve & Marie Churchill  
 Ushers: Eric Gehling & Tony Warmka  
 Servers: Taylor Glynn & Regan Schaalma  
 Lector: Denice Gehling  
 Gifts: Crystal Paul Family  
 EM: Kristie Skifter, Kathy Gehling, G/N Skifter  
 Counters: Eric Gehling & Clint Weiss

- **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.
- **Fish Fry:** The fish fry will be on **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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:** An email was sent out to all parishioners this week explaining what is needed to get a St. Finbarr cookbook put together. You may fill out the recipe form included in the bulletin & drop it off in the box in the narthex or give it to Jenny Weiss or Jenny Gehling. You may also email them to Jenny Weiss (jennyweiss24@gmail.com). You may also take a picture of your recipes and email them to Jenny. Extra recipe forms will be on the table in the narthex if you need more. Recipes are being accepted until April 13<sup>th</sup>. The hope is that each family can submit at least one recipe, but you may submit up to 10.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Ben & Jess Adams & Baby  
 Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00 pm **Stations & Mass** for Chuck Vogelgesang  
 Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Fr. Collins

### Offering from March 10, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 351.00  
 Received YTD: \$40,950.00  
 Church in Central Europe: \$276.00

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Paul & Cathy Yoch  
 Ushers: Bruce Diemer & Steve Kasel  
 Servers: Tanner Olson & Laney Huff  
 Lectors: Brianna Tucke & Chuck Vogelgesang  
 Gifts: Jon & Rita Hiller  
 EM: Joyce & Tony Arndorfer, Dave Miller  
 Counters: Cathy Yoch & Joyce Arndorfer

- **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 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for Milton Mettler †  
 Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am for Margery Hindt †

### Offering from March 10, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,783.00  
 Received YTD: \$58,908.00  
 Church in Central Europe: \$195.52

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun., March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Youth  
 Ushers: Youth  
 Servers: Youth  
 Lectors: Youth  
 Gifts: Youth  
 EM: Team 4  
 Counters: Team 4

- **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.



# Tri-Parish News

## 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 am – noon  
St. Patrick – Wednesdays 9 am – noon  
St. Ignatius – Thursdays 9 am – 6:30pm

## Tri-Parish Reconciliation

St. Finbarr – Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30pm

- **Mulligan Stew Dinner:** will be held at St. Patrick's Church in LeRoy on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Prolife Movie Showing:** The movie *Gosnell* will be shown at the JEM theater in Harmony, MN on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm. Free will offering!
- **"Getting answers to questions you've been afraid to ask"** is a community ed class that will discuss the values of traditional funeral services, review current costs, burial options and the benefits of setting up your arrangements in advance. The class is free and will be March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30 in the Kingsland Elementary school room #W105 (Enter through HS Doors). Registration is due Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested can register with Becky Bicknese, the Kingsland Community Ed Director @ (507) 346-7276 ext. 4100.
- **Fish Fry Dinner:** St. Finbarr will be having their Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Grand Meadow. Everyone is invited!
- **KC Pancake Breakfast:** Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 1pm. All are welcome.
- **Tri-Parish Reconciliation:** will be at St. Ignatius in Spring Valley on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.
- **Family Bingo Party:** Catholic United Financial, St. Theresa #146 will have a Family Bingo Party, Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.
- **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.
- **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.



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Class for grades 1-10 @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for Gr. 2 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mass @ 5:00 pm

### St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for Gr. 2 @ 7 pm in GM
- ⇒ Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Stations & Mass @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 8:30 am

### St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Band Practice @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Class for grades 5-9 @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Youth Mass @ 10:30 am

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

### Parish Priest:

Father Marredy: 507-346-7565(office)  
507-951-7985 (cell)  
Email: [stignatius213@yahoo.com](mailto:stignatius213@yahoo.com)

### Tri-Parish Bookkeeper:

Elaine Mills 507-440-0674  
Email: [memills@frontiernet.net](mailto:memills@frontiernet.net)

### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Jenny Gehling 507-251-7929  
Email: [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com)

### Maintenance at St. Patrick's:

Chuck Vogelgesang 507-440-3419

### Faith Formation Coordinators:

Nichol Armdorfer – 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](http://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!***