

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 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent

From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Joshua 5:9, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

“My son, we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.” Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

What's worse than being separated from our homes, loved ones, and friends? The pain of separation can only be surpassed by the joy of the homecoming and reunion. When God commanded His people to celebrate the Passover annually, He wanted them to never forget what He did for them when He freed them from oppression and slavery in the land of Egypt and brought them back to their promised homeland which He gave as a sign of His immense love and favor. At the end of their wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua, the successor to Moses, led the people in celebrating the Passover meal after they had safely passed over the River Jordan to their promised homeland. (Joshua 5:9-12)



Jesus calls us not to condemn or belittle the prodigals among us but to enable their return, to keep picking them up no matter how many times they fall, to open our arms and welcome them back again and again.

Forgiveness demands that we walk the parts of the Parable of the prodigal son: to be the prodigal son, facing up to our own culpability and selfishness that causes division and hurt; to be the forgiving father, being openhearted enough to make the first step to welcome back into our lives those who have hurt us.

Lent calls us to embrace God's grace: grace that enables us to lift ourselves out of the mud of our sins to reconnect again with family and friends, grace that empowers us to jettison our selfishness and deceptions and re-create our broken lives in the healing peace of the Risen Christ. The heart of forgiveness is **“letting go”**. Letting go of our desperate grasp of the past, helps us turn toward the future with hope. Jesus calls us to embrace the example of the prodigal's father: to let go of our anger and embrace, is for our own peace to the possibilities of reconciliation with our “prodigal” sons and daughters.

“I would like to personally invite everyone in our parish community to join with me to thank God as a gratitude on my Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination on Saturday, April 6th at St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow at 5 pm.”

Blessings!

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,630.00	\$6,950.00	\$10,300.00
Donors	20	14	26
Total Received YTD	\$3,650.00	\$4,950.00	\$6,155.00

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 2nd @ 6:30 pm **Stations Only**
 Friday, April 5th @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Mary Ann Lammers Family
 Saturday, April 6th @ 5:00 pm for Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Offering from March 23, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 749.00
 Received YTD: \$74,378.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., April 6th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Brad & Kristie Skifter
 Ushers: Lee Baldus & Dom Stier
 Servers: Emily Kelzer & Weston Schaufler
 Lector: Becky Oehlke
 Gifts: Tom & Kristal Brogan
 EM: Jordyn Glynn, Lisa Glynn, Troy Gehling
 Counters: Susan Baldus & Dylan Davis

- **Cookbook Update:** We have received a bunch of recipes, but we could use a lot more! We will be available in the social hall after Mass the next two weekends to take a quick photo or a copy of your recipe and give it back to you. You won't need to re-write your recipe down on the form then. You may fill out a recipe form and drop it off in the box in the narthex or give it to Jenny Weiss or Jenny Gehling. You may also email a copy or photo of the recipe to Jenny Weiss @ jennyweiss24@gmail.com or Jenny Gehling @ jennygehling@gmail.com. Extra recipe forms are on table in the narthex. Recipes are being accepted until April 13th.
- **Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate flowers for the altars, please contact Kitty Kerrins @ 507-440-6616. Thank you.
- **Save the Date:** The annual St. Finbarr Garage Sale will be on April 25th – 27th so start gathering your items at home. Nothing can be accepted at church until the week of the sale. Watch the bulletin for more details to follow.
- **Faith Formation Teachers Needed:** We are already thinking about next year's Faith Formation program – we are going to be in desperate need of teachers. Please consider becoming a faith formation teacher, especially if you have children attending Faith Formation. Contact Becky Oehlke if you have questions or want to teach.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Friday, April 5th @ 6:00 pm **Stations & Mass** for Joe & Kelly Bunne & Baby
 Sunday, April 7th @ 8:30 am for Jeanette Krueger †

Offering from March 24, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,054.00
 Received YTD: \$42,881.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., April 7th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Ed & Becky Bunne
 Ushers: Loren Rickerl & Leo Runde
 Servers: Rachel & Aaron Anderson
 Lectors: Joyce Arndorfer & Mike Harrington
 Gifts: Rod & Shirley Miller
 EM: Mike Arndorfer, Becky Bunne, Kathy Stern
 Counters: Mike Harrington & Tom Winkels

- **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.
- **Next CCW Meeting:** The April CCW meeting will be on Monday, April 1st at 7 pm in the church hall. The committee for this month is: Sharon Jacobson, Kate Rohrer, Barb Payne, Pat Hovde, Eileen Evans, Kathy Mason, Shirley Miller, Kris Tucke, Becky Bunne, & Wendy Brincks.
- **Open House Bridal Shower:** You are invited to an Open House Bridal Shower honoring Brianna Rannells, bride to be of Jesse Sathre, on Saturday, April 13th from 10 am – noon at St. Patrick's Church. They are registered at Target & Amazon.
- **Easter Lily's:** If you would like to donate a Lily for Easter please let Joyce Arndorfer or Becky Bunne know. Cost is \$10.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, April 4th @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for Joe Wolf †
 Sunday, April 7th @ 10:30 am for Bob Blahnik †

Offering from March 24, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,080.00
 Received YTD: \$63,416.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., April 7th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Scott & Stephanie Mulholland
 Ushers: C. Reineke, R. Drees II & III, T. Walsh
 Servers: Susie Mettler & Cole Kruegel
 Lectors: Bob Capelle & Crystal Colwell
 Gifts: Greg & Betty Gossman
 EM: Team 6
 Counters: Team 6

- **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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- **Next K of C Meeting:** The April Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Monday, April 1st with supper at 6 pm and meeting to follow.
- **Fr. Marreddy's 25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration:** will be at St. Finbarr's in Grand Meadow on Saturday, April 6th with Mass at 5:00 pm and a meal to follow. Please come celebrate this special occasion with Father. Everyone is invited.
- **Seder Meal:** Our Annual Seder Meal is Thursday, April 18th at 5:45 pm at St Ignatius Catholic Church. It includes the Christian Passover Meal and Program. Please sign up at the back of your church. Please include: number coming, if you would like to bake a Seder Cake, or read one of the readings. For questions please feel free to call Russ Betsinger at 507-346-7888.
- **A Morning reflection on the "Life and Dignity of the Human Person"** is being held at St. Joseph's Church in Owatonna on Saturday, April 6th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tom Parlin, Director of Parish Social Ministry of Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota will be the presenter. Topics covered will include abortion, immigration, racism, peacemaking, faithful citizenship, and much more. A continental breakfast will be provided. There is no charge for the day. If you plan to attend, please contact Tom at tparlin@ccsomm.org, call him at 507-454-2270 ext 246 or contact the St. Joseph parish office at 507-451-4845.
- **Opportunities to Promote ProLife:** You may have heard about the movie Unplanned. This movie tells Abby Johnson's story....from being the youngest Planned Parenthood director as well as their Employee of the year to being an outspoken prolife activist. It premieres this Friday and will be showing in Rochester at the Marcus Wehrenberg theater on South Broadway (near Lowes). Their website (www.marcustheatres.com) shows that it actually will begin showing there this Thursday and will continue to show until next Wednesday. It is rated R due to "violent and disturbing content " (ironic how the proabortion side doesn't see the twist in that). Please consider going to this film and helping to spread the word. Secondly, we are planning a candlelight prayer vigil in front of planned parenthood in Rochester on Saturday April 13 from 8pm to 9pm. I will have the candles. Please join us in sharing the light of Christ to those in the darkness and despair of abortion. The clinic won't be open but our prayers will be a blessing regardless. For more info, please see www.protestpp.com.
- **The Light is on Southern Minnesota:** The Light is On is an effort by Catholics who have received the grace of God in reconciliation to encourage other Catholics to not be afraid and go. Videos, real life stories, common questions and answers, and "how to" guidelines for going to confession can be found at www.TheLightIsOnSouthernMN.org.

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. Ignatius – Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30pm

Holy Thursday

St. Ignatius – Thursday, April 18th @ 7:30 pm

Good Friday Services

St. Ignatius – Friday, April 19th @ noon
 St. Finbarr – Friday, April 19th @ 6:00 pm
 St. Patrick – Friday, April 19th @ 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday

St. Ignatius – Saturday, April 20th @ 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

St. Patrick – Sunday, April 21st @ 8:30 am
 St. Finbarr – Sunday, April 21st @ 10:30 am



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Tuesday, April 2nd – Stations @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 3rd – Class for grades 1-10 @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, April 6th – 1st Communion Centers @ 9 am
- ⇒ Saturday, April 6th – Mass @ 5:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Confirmation 2nd Rite, Practice & Retreat in Spring Valley at 10:15 am

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 3rd – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Friday, April 5th – Stations & Mass @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Mass @ 8:30 am
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Confirmation 2nd Rite, Practice & Retreat in Spring Valley at 10:15 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 3rd – Band Practice @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 3rd – Class for grades 5-9 @ 7:00 pm
- ⇒ Thursday, April 4th – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Mass @ 10:30 am
- ⇒ Sunday, April 7th – Confirmation 2nd Rite, Practice & Retreat Starts at 10:30

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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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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