

# 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 3, 2019

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Are we clear-sighted, especially in our perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: Without vision the people perish! (Proverbs 29:18) What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye (the log in the eye)? A bad eye left untreated and a blind guide can cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery and disaster for us! We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance.

Do we know what we're doing for Lent in making this Lenten season more fruitful and meaningful? What is it that we want to give up as we contemplate and meditate the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Is it a meal, a chocolate, meat, wine, etc., a day in a week or daily during Lent? Do we want to add daily Mass, Prayer and Stations of the Cross during Lent for our spiritual nourishment? Think about it seriously and make an effort to know God's plan for us.

Whining, complaining or even bragging about the changes we're making isn't what Lent is about. This is a time for us to reassess our lives so that we may become closer to Christ while contemplating the great sacrifice of His Passion.

### Ash Wednesday-March 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most popular and important Holy Days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. **It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday through which we attain redemption.**

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Ashes in this case also symbolize grief, a grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words:

***"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return", or "Repent and believe in the Gospel".***

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Helen Botzetinho  
 Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm for Anthony & Eleanor Brogan †  
 Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Mary Ann Lammers  
 Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm for Jason Wolff †

### Liturgy Schedule for Sat., March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Tom & Kristal Brogan  
 Ushers: Robert Steinkamp & Al Stier  
 Servers: Gracie Foster & Cole Weiss  
 Lector: Susan Baldus  
 Gifts: Brad & Kristie Skifter  
 EM: Lisa Glynn, Troy Gehling, Jordyn Glynn  
 Counters: Lori Stier & Jenny Weiss

### Offering from February 23, 2019

Weekly Support:       \$  
 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 Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm.
- **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.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ (TBD) for Al Evans †  
 Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm **Stations & Mass** for Lorraine Brekke †  
 Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for The People

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun., March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Dan & Nicki Lohuis  
 Ushers: Loren Rickerl & Dan Evans  
 Servers: Kylie Welsh & Brianna Tucke  
 Lectors: Anna Welsh & Barb Payne  
 Gifts: Mike & Melanie Welsh  
 EM: Rick Roe, Kathy Stern, Gladys Kasel  
 Counters: Rita Miller & Annette Kiefer

### Offering from February 24, 2019

Weekly Support:       \$  
 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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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

Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm for Jerry Simon †  
 Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for Chuck & Jane Reineke  
 Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am for Mary Lou Langdon †

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

Greeters: Joe & Amy Mulhern  
 Ushers: R. Drees II & III, T. & P. Walsh  
 Servers: Claire Mettler & Kayla Arndorfer  
 Lectors: Bob Capelle & Candis Wiste  
 Gifts: Rosann Sanford & R. Neis  
 EM: Team 2  
 Counters: Team 2

### Offering from February 24, 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.
- **Adult Choir** will sing next Sunday.



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- **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection on Wednesday, March 6, 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.
- **Stations & Mass Schedule Starting March 12th:** St. Finbarr on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, St. Ignatius on Thursdays @ 6:30 pm, St. Patrick on Fridays at 6 pm.
- **Fish Fry Dinners:** Mark your calendars - the Fish Fry Dinners have been scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> in Spring Valley and **March 22<sup>nd</sup> (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 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.
- **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](http://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.

## Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedules

### St. Finbarr - March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm

Greeters: Craig & Michelle Schaufler  
 Ushers: Gerald Brogan & Jim Davis  
 Servers: Carson Paul & Keyawin Stier  
 Lector: Julia Baldus  
 Gifts: Brandon & Heather Voigt  
 EM: T. Wolff, B. Oehlke, D. Kalenda  
 Counters: Tim Fay & Trudy Swanson

### St. Patrick - March 6<sup>th</sup> @ (TBD)

Greeters: Rod & Shirley Miller  
 Ushers: Leo Runde & Rod Miller  
 Servers: Kaylee Huff & Brendon Arndorfer  
 Lector: Andrew Lohuis & Paul Yoch  
 Gifts: Kevin & Kari Anderson  
 EM: B. Bunne, D. Miller, L. Rickerl  
 Counters: Jon Hiller & Mary Kelly

### St. Ignatius - March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

Greeters: Ralph & Janice Drees  
 Ushers: R. Neis, J. Mulhern, B. Capelle, C. Reineke  
 Servers: Susie & Paul Mettler  
 Lector: Teri Hill & Betty Gossman  
 Gifts: Verne & Ann Comstock  
 EM: Team 1  
 Counters: Team 1



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service @ 6 pm
- ⇒ Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Centers @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 5:00 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm

### St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service @ (TBD)
- ⇒ Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Stations & Mass @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 8:30 am

### St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 10:30 am
- ⇒ Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

### Parish Priest:

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### Tri-Parish Secretary:

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### Maintenance at St. Patrick's:

Chuck Vogelgesang 507-440-3419

### Faith Formation Coordinators:

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 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!***