

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, April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2: 6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Today, we, the Church, celebrate the Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the Cross. The word 'passion' means "to suffer," and we meditatively go with the sufferings of Jesus. Here we have the rejoicing with the coming of Jesus and at the same time a reminder of His suffering that is to come in a short time. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem portrays the coming of a Messiah of peace. The kings of antiquity rode horses when they came in war but entering Jerusalem on an ass indicates the "kingship" of peace and service that Jesus has come to exercise. The crowds who welcome Jesus into the city greet Him and place their single most valuable piece of clothing, their cloaks, on the ground to honor Jesus. The holy poor place all that they have at the disposal of their Messiah-king. Jesus has preached the joy of humble servanthood. In His final hours, Jesus exhibits that same great generosity, forgiving spirit and abandonment for the sake of others. Palm Sunday

reminds the faithful of the glorious and triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The leader becomes a servant; shame turns to honor; mockery becomes praise; fear turns to trust; abandonment becomes love; despair turns into hope; and above all, death blossoms into new life.

Here is a King who wants to rule by means of love alone; a king who wants not to dominate but to serve; a King whose greatest interest is in humility and lowliness rather than honor and power. Here is a King who gives His life for His people. The Church observes this Holy Week celebrating Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as usual. However, on **Maundy Thursday**, we celebrate the Solemn Liturgy of the **Lord's Supper** in the evening after which the Altar is stripped and the Blessed Sacrament removed to the Altar of Repose. There is no Mass celebrated on **Good Friday** but instead, we have the Liturgy of **the Passion** in the afternoon during which we commemorate Christ's death on the Cross in a most solemn way. On **Holy Saturday**, there is one single liturgy of **the Easter Vigil** when we light the Easter Fire and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **It is essential that we make this more a spiritual week, a week of renewed prayer, a week of devotion and observe a day of fast on Good Friday.** In our remembering the events of the Holy Week, Jesus will turn our world and its value system upside down. True authority is found in dedicated service and generosity to others; greatness is centered in humility; the just and loving will be exalted by God in God's time.

I want to express my sincere and honest thanks for everyone who joined me to thank God on my 25 years as priest. I am so humbled and honored to see you all in thanking God with me. Please keep me in your prayers. ~Blessings!

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,630.00	\$6,950.00	\$10,300.00
Donors	23	20	34
Total Received YTD	\$6,300.00	\$5,290.00	\$7,090.00

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Good Friday Service, April 19th @ 6:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 21st @ 10:30 am for The People

Offering from April 6, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,375.00
Received YTD: \$56,484.00

- **Garage Sale:** Please sign up in the narthex to help at the garage sale which is April 25th – 27th.
- **Next Parish Council Meeting:** will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church hall.
- **Scholarship Applications:** St. Finbarr's Education Endowment Fund Scholarship applications are available in the Narthex and are being accepted until May 4, 2019. High school seniors who meet the criteria are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The scholarships are made possible because of donations by generous parishioners, as well as money raised at events for the St. Finbarr's Education Endowment Fund.

Liturgy Schedule for Sun, April 21st @ 10:30 am

Greeters: John & Carol Warmka
Ushers: Gerald Brogan & Al Stier
Servers: Jacob Kerrins & Travis Weiss
Lector: Julia Baldus
Gifts: Todd & Crystal Crumb
EM: Becky Oehlke, Denice Gehling, Theresa Wolff
Counters: Rochelle Fay & Dom Stier

Liturgy Schedule for Fri, April 19th @ 6:00 pm

Greeters: Kitty Kerrins
Ushers: Fran Baudoin & Rich Schaufler
Servers: Kyra Meyer & Rylee Schaufler
Lector: Masie Voigt & Lynn Baldus
Gifts:
EM: Kristie Skifter
Counters: Jenny Gehling & Dawn Stier

- **Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate flowers for the altars, please contact Kitty Kerrins @ 507-440-6616. Thank you.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, April 17th @ 8:30 am for Marilyn Chicos
Good Friday Service, April 19th @ Noon
Easter Sunday, April 21st @ 8:30 am for Elmer & Alverna Miller †

Offering from April 7, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,197.00
Received YTD: \$44,066.00

- **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.
- **Easter Lily's:** If you would like to donate a Lily for Easter please let Joyce Arndorfer or Becky Bunne know. Please write who you would like to have the flowers in memory on a piece of paper with your name. If you have given me money for a flower already please let me know who you would like it in memory of. The cost is \$10. Thank you.

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., April 21st @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Rod & Shirley Miller
Ushers: Bruce Diemer & Tom Hovde
Servers: Nadiya Evans & Kelly Hanson
Lectors: Sharon Jacobson & Joyce Arndorfer
Gifts: Jon & Rita Hiller
EM: Loren R., Mike A., Kathy S.
Counters: Jodi Miller & Wendy Vikre

Liturgy Schedule for Fri., April 19th @ 7:30 pm

Greeter:
Ushers: Paul Yoch & Dan Evans
Servers: Nick Kasel & Brendon Arndorfer
Lectors: Gene Miller & Cathy Yoch
Gifts:
EM: Becky Bunne
Counters: Paul Yoch & Mike Arndorfer

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 18th @ 7:30 pm for The People
Good Friday Service, April 19th @ Noon
Holy Saturday, April 20th @ 7:30 pm for Dale & Sigrid Chambers

Offering from April 7, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,856.00
Received YTD: \$67,067.00

- **Mother's Day Roses:** Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Long Stemmed Roses for Mother's Day from April 7th through April 28th. Suggested donations are: Single \$1.50; Half a Dozen \$7.50; A Dozen \$15.00. Eleanore Jones 507-937-3460

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., April 20th @ 7:30 pm

Greeters: Ralph & Janice Drees
Ushers: R. Drees II & III, R. Neis, V. Comstock
Servers: Erin & Bailey Drees
Lectors: Amy & Jo Mulhern, Teri Hill, Joan Musel
Gifts: Tim & Pam Walsh
EM: Team 4
Counters: Team 4

Liturgy Schedule for Fri., April 19th @ Noon

Greeters:
Ushers: J. Mulhern, C. Reineke, T. & P. Walsh
Servers: Audrey & Merredith Farlinger
Lectors: John Glady & Joanie Betsinger
Gifts:
EM: Team 3
Counters: Team 3



Tri-Parish News

Second Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land

- **Thank You!** Thank you to the tri-parish councils and parish members for helping decorate, prepare, serve and cleanup for Father's 25th ordination anniversary dinner. We served 213 people. We do great things when working together!
- **K of C Breakfast:** The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday April 14th from 8 am until 1 pm in the church hall.
- **Austin Area CCW Meeting:** Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Meeting Tuesday, April 23rd at St. Patrick Catholic Church in LeRoy. Business Meeting @ 9:30 am Speakers from 10:30 - 11:30 am with Shawn Vogt Sween & Caryl Jermier presenting information for all. Mass @ 11:30 am followed by lunch.
- **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.
- **2019 Men's Conference:** All men of our tri-parish family are encouraged to attend this conference on Saturday, April 27th at Loyola Catholic School in Mankato from 9 am – 4 pm. Come see what you can do to grow in faith and love and see how you can become the man God created you to be! Cost is \$25. If you want to read more details or register online go to: www.dowr.org/event-details/547
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month:** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to celebrate the great efforts our communities have made to promote safe environments for children and vulnerable adults. It is also a time to reflect on the work that remains and how every person has a role to play in healthy child development.
- **Camp Summit:** Middle school youth, along with high school leaders, chaperones, and youth ministers, from across the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, are invited to experience the prayer, fellowship, and high-energy atmosphere of Camp Summit! For more information, details, promotional material, and applications, please see the Camp Summit website: <https://www.campsummitwinona.org>.
- **National Catholic Youth Conference:** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester has launched registration for NCYC! Please see the diocesan website for details and registration forms. The 2019 conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN, on November 20-24, 2019. When registering through the diocese, the diocese provides 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.

Adoration

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

Holy Thursday

St. Ignatius – Thurs., 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 @ noon

Holy Saturday

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

Easter Sunday

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

Liturgy Schedule for Thurs., April 19th @ Noon

Greeters: Verne & Anne Comstock
 Ushers: R. Drees II & III, B. Capelle, V. Comstock
 Servers: Erin & Bailey Drees
 Lectors: Joanie Betsinger & Krystal Colwell
 Gifts: Rosann Sanford & Mary Lee
 EM: Team 2
 Counters: Team 2



Faith Formation Announcements

St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 17th – No Class – Easter Break
- ⇒ Friday, April 19th – Good Friday Service @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 21st – Easter Sunday Mass @ 10:30 am

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 17th – No Class – Easter Break
- ⇒ Friday, April 19th – Good Friday Service @ noon
- ⇒ Sunday, April 19th – Easter Sunday Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 17th – No Class – Easter Break
- ⇒ Thursday, April 18th – Holy Thursday Mass @ 7:30 pm
- ⇒ Friday, April 19th – Good Friday Service @ noon
- ⇒ Saturday, April 20th – Holy Saturday Mass @ 7:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 21st – No Faith Formation Classes – Easter Break

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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Chuck Vogelgesang 507-440-3419

Faith Formation Coordinators:

Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius 507-273-3705
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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

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.