

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 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

“Let the one among you who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8: 1-11.

The Gospel accounts frequently describe how Jesus had to face unjust accusations made by the Pharisees, the ruling elders of Israel. They were upset with Jesus' teaching and they wanted to discredit Him in any way they could. They wanted to not only silence Him, but to get rid of Him because of His claim to speak with God's authority. When a moral dilemma or difficult legal question arose, it was typical for the Jews to take the matter to a rabbi for a decision. *The scribes and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery to "test" Jesus on the issue of retribution so "they might have some charge to bring against him" (John 8:6).*

Jesus' response to their hypocrisy challenges the Jews' understanding of judgment and authority: God reserves the role of judging others to Himself; to us belongs the work of forgiveness and reconciliation. God's commandments are addressed to each one of us as individuals to keep. We are called to judge our own actions and pass sentence on our own lives.

While the scribes and Pharisees view authority as a license to criticize, ensure and condemn this woman, Jesus sees authority as a gift for transforming her life and reconciling her with God. Jesus calls us not simply to follow the "Law" but to embrace the **spirit** of the Law: not to demand rigid adherence and conformity but seeking instead mutual understanding, forgiveness and reconciliation; not to be satisfied with condemning the sinful and fallen but to bring forth resurrection from the ashes of their sin through understanding and reconciliation. Confronting the demons of the world must begin with confronting the demons in our own hearts: We cannot lift the fallen until we realize that we, too, are fallen; we cannot raise others to health and hope until we seek our own healing; we cannot pass sentence on others until we judge our own lives. Are we ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds His grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). ~Blessings!

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,630.00	\$6,950.00	\$10,300.00
Donors	22	18	32
Total Received YTD	\$5,550.00	\$5,140.00	\$6,855.00

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 9th @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for George & Lillian Gehling †
 Saturday, April 13th @ 5:00 pm for Robert Johnson †

Offering from March 30, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 716.00
 Received YTD: \$55,112.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$ 230.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat., April 13th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Eric & Jenny Gehling
 Ushers: Lon Baldus & Troy Gehling
 Servers: Keyawin Stier & Travis Weiss
 Lector: Dawn Stier
 Gifts: Clint & Jenny Weiss
 EM: Lee Baldus, John Baldus, Kristal Brogan
 Counters: Lynn Baldus & Tiffany Davis

- **Cookbook Update:** Thanks for all the recipes! We will be available in the social hall after Mass next weekend 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 at 507-259-3782 if you have questions or want to teach.
- **Thank you** to everyone that helped make this fish fry the best one yet! We served 381 people – tons of compliments and no complaints were heard! Thank you to those that set up tables and decorations, donated pies and money, prepared and served the food, set up the tent and fried the fish. Thank you to all of you that stayed and cleaned up and put everything away for next year. We couldn't have done it without the help of you all!
- **Next Parish Council Meeting:** will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm in the church hall.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, April 10th @ 8:30 am for Everett Paul Rohrer
 Friday, April 12th @ 6:00 pm **Stations & Mass** for Loren Rickerl
 Sunday, April 14th @ 8:30 am for Gene & Lois Clark †

Offering from March 31, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 838.00
 Received YTD: \$42,879.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., April 14th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Mike & Melanie Welsh
 Ushers: Mike Arndorfer & Mike Welsh
 Servers: Kyle Kasel & Benita Nolt
 Lectors: Barb Payne & Kylie Welsh
 Gifts: Rick & Denise Rannells
 EM: Mike Harrington, Dave Miller, Rick Roe
 Counters: Rita Miller & Mary Harrington

- **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.
- **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. 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.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, April 11th @ 6:30 pm **Stations & Mass** for McKenna Czapiewski
 Friday, April 12th @ 10 am at Care Center for Pat Mettler
 Sunday, April 14th @ 10:30 am for The People

Offering from March 31, 2019

Weekly Support: \$ 1,440.00
 Received YTD: \$65,214.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$ 20.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., April 14th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Charlene Czapiewski
 Ushers: R. Neis, C. Reineke, J. Mulhern, J. Deatsch
 Servers: Claire Mettler & Kayla Arndorfer
 Lectors: Bob Capelle & Joanie Betsinger
 Gifts: Paul & Nicole Arndorfer
 EM: Team 1
 Counters: Team 1

- **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
- **Thank You:** Many thanks to St. Ignatius parishioners who have donated close to 300 pounds of food for the Minnesota March Food Share drive. Your donations are truly appreciated and may God bless you and your families!



Tri-Parish News

REMINDER:

Tri-Parish Reconciliation will be @ St. Ignatius on
Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30pm

- **Winona-Rochester Diocese Council of Catholic Women Meeting:** will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and meeting from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 116 4th Ave SE, Stewartville MN.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Baptisms Celebrated:** **Remi Quinn Bodi**, daughter of Jacy and Tia Bodi, was baptized on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow. Congratulations Jacy, Tia and Quinn! ~ **Olivia Rose Marx**, daughter of Andrew and Peggy Marx, was baptized on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Finbarr in Grand Meadow. Congratulations Andy, Peggy and Olivia! ~ **Jackson Jeffery O'Connell**, son of Zachary and Nicole O'Connell, was baptized on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at St. Ignatius in Spring Valley. Congratulations Zachary, Nicole and Jackson!

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 9th – Stations and Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 10th – No Class – Attendance is mandatory for Tri-Parish Reconciliation in Spring Valley at 6:30 pm for grades 3-10. Bus leaves church at 6 pm and returns *around* 8 pm.
- ⇒ Saturday, April 13th – Mass @ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 10th – Class @ 6:45 pm
- ⇒ Friday, April 12th – Stations & Mass @ 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 14th – Mass @ 8:30 am

St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, April 10th – No Class for grades 5-9 @ 7:00 pm - Attendance is mandatory for Tri-Parish Reconciliation here at 6:30 pm for grades 3-10
- ⇒ Thursday, April 11th – Stations & Mass @ 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, April 14th – Class for 10th graders @ 9:00 am
- ⇒ Sunday, April 14th – Class for Pre K - 4th grade @ 9:15
- ⇒ Sunday, April 14th – Mass @ 10:30 am

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

Parish Priest:

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Tri-Parish Bookkeeper:

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Tri-Parish Secretary:

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Maintenance at St. Patrick's:

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.