

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, May 12, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

The Church celebrates today “the Good Shepherd Sunday and the Vocation Sunday”. God used the image of a shepherd to describe His covenant relationship and care for His chosen people who were called by His name (Psalm 80:1 and 100:3). God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel (Ezekiel 37:24). Jesus, God's anointed Messiah and King, born from the tribe of David, called Himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom His Father had entrusted to His care.

What is the significance of Jesus calling Himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That

is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd caring for His sheep. Jesus as the Shepherd shows a deep sense of commitment and responsibility towards His own. **The work of this Shepherd is:** to rescue them, to lead them home, to feed them, to search out the lost and the least ones, to guide them, defend and protect them and treat them with affection. **The knowledge of the Shepherd is:** He knows them each one by name personally and loves them. When He calls the sheep by name, they come. He is the door for them. `They are mine He says as they personally belong to Him. **The aim and dedication is:** to lay down His life for the sheep not just once but forever. He wants them always to belong to Him. The zeal of the Shepherd is to get other sheep that are not in the fold. He wants all of them. He came in search of the lost ones, Luke 19, 10.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be His good sheep, listening attentively to His voice, and follow His example of self-giving love. Let us also pray for all our shepherds, especially our religious and political leaders. May they follow the example of Jesus who was willing to serve and lay down His life for His sheep.

Blessings!

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

| | St. Finbarr | St. Patrick | St. Ignatius |
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| Goal | \$8,630.00 | \$6,950.00 | \$10,300.00 |
| Donors | 27 | 26 | 41 |
| Total Received YTD | \$7,825.00 | \$6,220.00 | \$8,265.00 |
| Amount Needed To Meet Goal | \$805.00 | \$760.00 | \$2,035.00 |

St. Finbarr Announcements

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 18th @ 5:00 pm for Jerry Steinkamp †</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule for Sat, May 18th @ 5:00 pm</u></p> <p>Greeters: Tom & Kristal Brogan Ushers: Chris Stier & Dom Stier Servers: Heidi Weiss & Holly Weiss Lector: Lynn Baldus Gifts: Clint & Jenny Weiss EM: Theresa Wolff, Becky Oehlke, Denice Gehling Counters: Lon Baldus & Eric Gehling</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from May 4, 2019 – Week 44</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,539.00 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,644.00 YTD Support: \$61,657.00 YTD Expenses: \$64,086.00</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Faith Formation Teachers Needed:</u> We are already thinking about next years' 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 Father or Becky Oehlke at 507-259-3782 if you have questions or want to teach. • <u>Bowls to Pick up:</u> If you provided a salad, cake or bars for a funeral, please stop in the social hall to pick up your items. • <u>Next CCW Meeting:</u> The next meeting will be on Monday, May 13th at 6:30 in the social hall. • <u>St. Finbarr Church Yard Landscaping Day:</u> Everyone is encouraged to help clean up and beautify our church property on Saturday May 18th from 1 pm – 3 pm. Shrubs and flowers are ordered and will be onsite for planting when you arrive. Just bring your landscaping tools such as: spades, shovels, hoes, hand forks, trowels, shearers, etc. |

St. Patrick Announcements

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 8:30 am for Chris Utz Sunday, May 19th @ 8:30 am for The People</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule for Sun., May 19th @ 8:30 am</u></p> <p>Greeter: Dave & Jodi Miller Ushers: Bruce Diemer & Tom Hovde Servers: Tyler Huff & Brendon Arndorfer Lectors: Mike Harrington & Barb Payne Gifts: Rod & Shirley Miller EM: Kathy Stern, Mike Arndorfer, Loren Rickerl Counters: Mike Arndorfer & Paul Yoch</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from May 5, 2019 – Week 44</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 838.00 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,260.00 YTD Support: \$48,890.00 YTD Expenses: \$56,658.00</p> | |

St. Ignatius Announcements

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mass Schedule</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 19th @ 10:30 am for Delores Schommer †</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgy Schedule for Sun, May 19th @ 10:30 am</u></p> <p>Greeters: Joe & Amy Mulhern Ushers: V. Comstock, J. Mulhern, B. Capelle, M. Souhrada Servers: Ellie Buchholtz & Kayla Arndorfer Lectors: Joanie Betsinger & Teri Hill Gifts: Greg & Betty Gossman EM: Team 2 Counters: Team 2</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offering from May 5, 2019 – Week 44</u></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,238.00 Weekly Expenses: \$ 2,167.00 YTD Support: \$ 71,930.00 YTD Expenses: \$108,965.00</p> | |

- **Harvest Mass:** It is St Ignatius' turn to host the Tri Parish Harvest Mass this Fall. Please prayerfully consider being this year's host family. Talk to Father if you have any questions.
- **Need help around the home?** Kiwanis volunteers will help you on projects you are unable to do, such as lawn cleanup, minor painting, window washing, etc. Call Jay @ Edina Realty at 346-1751 or Steve @ First State Bank at 346 -9836.
- **You're Invited:** Spring Valley Area Ambulance is having their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday May 19th from 8:00 to Noon at the Spring Valley Ambulance Station, east on Highway 16... menu; pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, OJ and coffee...FREE WILL OFFERING.
- **Thank you** to all who ordered Easter Lilies and Mother's Day roses from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.
- **Adult Choir** will sing next Sunday, May 19th.



Tri-Parish News

- **Father Marreddy's Schedule:** Father Marreddy will be gone May 6th – May 16th. He will be on a pilgrimage to Ireland. There will be no weekday Masses for two weeks, but adoration will still take place at all 3 parishes.
- **Jackets Left Behind at St. Finbarr:** Three jackets were left on hangers in the narthex at St. Finbarr after the Easter Sunday Mass. One is a black ladies jacket with a blue pattern. One is a black zip up sweatshirt. The last one is a children's camouflage with a hood. Please contact Kristie Skifter @ 507-259-5394 if any of these belong to you.
- **Proper Disposal of Blessed Items:** The basic rule for the disposition of votive candles, religious pictures, rosaries (which sometimes break), medals, palm branches and other miscellaneous items is to burn or to bury them. It is not a sin to throw away blessed items, but out of proper respect, one should dispose of them in this way.
- **Help Save A Life!** Dave Thouin from Spring Valley is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. His blood type is O+ with advanced pairing, you don't have to be a match to be considered. Potential kidney donors need to be in generally good health and all medical costs incurred will be covered. If you are interested or have questions please call the Mayo Clinic Transplant Center @ 866-249-1648. Help spread the word to people you know who may be willing to be tested as a potential donor.
- **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>.
- **Farm and Rural Helpline:** Catholic Rural Life is helping to spread the message about the 24/7 confidential "Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline." Our farming communities are facing hard times and this is one way to provide assistance. This helpline is offered by the Minnesota Department of Ag and all calls are answered locally by trained staff and volunteers. If you or someone you know is struggling with stress, anxiety, depression, or suicidal thoughts — call. Sometimes it's easier to talk to somebody you don't know. The number is 833-600-2670 ext. 1
- **You're Invited:** St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in St. Charles is celebrating its "Springfest '19" on Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th. On Saturday there will be a Polka Mass at 5 pm followed by a pulled pork supper, music by Chuck Thiel and Jolly

Ramblers, meat raffles, silent auction and more. On Sunday there will be a Festival Mass at 10 am. Other activities include: Dad's Belgian Waffle feed, live music by the Ravensfire Band, big ticket drawing, silent auction, bake sale, general store, children's games, bouncy house, water wars, candy chance, bottle bonanza, wine game and more!

Sacraments Celebrated

Congratulations First Holy Communicants

St. Finbarr: Sean Brogan, Dustin Fretty, Jackson Holst, Brody Meyerhofer, Quinn Schaalma, Ava Stier, Claire Stier, Calum Sween, Jashauna Young

St. Patrick: Hannah Huff, Audrina Opseth, Madisyn Stern

St. Ignatius: Lydia Ehlenfeldt



Congratulations Confirmation Students

St. Finbarr: Laney Anderson, Evan Oehlke, Gina Stier, Kieran Sween, Rece Voigt

St. Patrick: Nadiya Evans, Kelly Hanson, Nicole Hanson, Andrew Lohuis

St. Ignatius: Ellie Buchholtz, Charlie Emig, Meredith Farlinger, Hailey Hindt, Madison Hindt, Jeremiah Weiss, Zoe Westphal

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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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.