

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 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

To us, who profess to follow Jesus on this planet, Jesus gives a “new” commandment, a new standard for all human relationships: *as I have loved you, so must your love be for one another*. It is that concept of unconditional, sacrificial love that distinguishes us as men and women of faith, as true disciples of the Risen One.

As the people of God, we come together at the “command” of Christ to accompany one another through our lives’ journeys to the reign of God, to support one another in life’s joys and sorrows, to “be Christ” to one another in love and compassion.

Jesus leaves His Church a “new” standard of love, a standard that transcends legalisms and measurements, a standard that renews and re-creates all human relationships, a standard that transforms the most Godless and secular world

view into the compassion and justice of God. Love is the union of minds and hearts and wills. Love is compassion, support, healing and service. It is a new relationship with God and a new relationship with each other.

The greatest proof of our faith is found in the way we treat each other and the way that we reach out to all others. The vast majority of the people, who come into the faith, have done so because they want to be part of this Community of Love. The Eucharist is certainly a great draw for them because they want to share this special presence of God with the Catholic community, but the sacramental presence only makes sense to them when they experience the sacrificial love of the Lord in the way that Christians treat each other.

Before Jesus gave them the Eucharist, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and then told them to do the same thing. People experience others being kind, loving and good and say, “I want to be part of that.” This type of love is not the way of the world. It is the Way of Jesus Christ, the Way of the One who has made all things new.

Our faith is ever ancient and ever new. It began 2,000 years ago when the Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son, empowered the disciples on Pentecost Sunday to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the whole world. It is renewed every time each of us renews our relationship with God and lives this relationship in the way we treat others.

Blessings!

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

	St. Finbarr	St. Patrick	St. Ignatius
Goal	\$8,630.00	\$6,950.00	\$10,300.00
Donors	27	26	42
Total Received YTD	\$7,825.00	\$6,220.00	\$8,965.00
Amount Needed To Meet Goal	\$805.00	\$760.00	\$2,035.00

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 21st @ 8:30 am for Joyce Brogan †
 Friday, May 24th @ 10 am at Assisted Living for Mary Ann Lammers
 Saturday, May 25th @ 5:00 pm for Francis Stier

Liturgy Schedule for Sat, May 25th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Brandon & Heather Voigt
 Ushers: Lee Baldus & Lon Baldus
 Servers: Adyson Brogan & Taylor Glynn
 Lector: Dawn Stier
 Gifts: Eric & Jenny Gehling
 EM: Lisa Glynn, Troy Gehling, Jordyn Glynn
 Counters: Susan Baldus & Dylan Davis

Offering from May 11, 2019 – Week 45

Weekly Support: \$ 1,171.00
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,644.00
 YTD Support: \$62,828.00
 YTD Expenses: \$65,823.00
 Catholic Charities: \$ 307.00

- **Faith Formation Teachers Needed:** We are already thinking about next years' Faith Formation program – we are going to need 3 new 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.
- **Missing 3-hole Punch:** If you have seen or know where the 3-hole punch is from the office, please let Kristie Skifter know.
- **“Tried and True” Update:** A whopping 538 recipes were collected from 99 members at Saint Finbarr. The initial goal was 200 recipes. Thank you for the amazing support from parishioners and our Parish Councils on this project! Currently, the publisher is working on the cookbook. The projected delivery date is June 15th. A presale will be starting today after Mass in the social hall. Also, feel free to contact Jenny Gehling (507-251-7929) or Jenny Weiss (507-951-3083) to make sure you get a copy. The cost for the cookbook is \$20, due to the increased size of the book. Proceeds will be used to pay for the new altar tops at St. Finbarr's, which were installed last year. Any remaining funds will be deposited in the general account.
- **Memorial Day Dinner:** The 67th Annual Memorial Day Dinner at the Bear Creek Lutheran Church will be on Monday, May 27th. Serving will be from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The menu includes: scalloped potatoes & ham, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 6-12 YO, \$1.50 preschool. The address of the church is: 74727 265th St Grand Meadow, MN 55936

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 22nd @ 8:30 am for Anna & Kerry Christianson
 Sunday, May 26th @ 8:30 am for Tyler Bunne †

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., May 26th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Wendy Vikre
 Ushers: Mike Welch & Rod Miller
 Servers: Kyle Kasel & Tanner Olson
 Lectors: Gene Miller & Marvin Winkels
 Gifts: Wendy Vikre Family
 EM: Dave Miller, Becky Bunne, Rick Roe
 Counters: Gene Miller & Joe Kelly

Offering from May 12, 2019 – Week 45

Weekly Support: \$ 798.00
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,260.00
 YTD Support: \$49,688.00
 YTD Expenses: \$57,553.00
 Catholic Charities: \$ 231.00

- **Yard Person/Custodian Needed:** St Patrick's is looking for someone to mow lawn in the summer and shovel sidewalks in the winter and/or custodian. Contact Father Marreddy if you are interested or have questions.
- **Save the Dates:** July 29th-31st 6-8 pm. Come ROAR with us at Vacation Bible School (VBS) and learn how when life gets wild, God is Good! This is for students who will be entering K-5th grades. Come and share your faith, filled with fun. Questions contact Julie Kasel 438-3160 or jakasel4@gmail.com.
- **Thank you!** Thanks to all the St. Pat's parishioners for their prayers and caring while I was sick. Chuck Vogelgesang

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, May 23rd @ 8:30 am for Thanksgiving
 Sunday, May 26th @ 10:30 am for The People

Liturgy Schedule for Sun, May 26th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Pat Blahnik
 Ushers: R. Drees II & III, C. Reineke, J. Deatsch
 Servers: Cole Kruegel & Bailey Drees
 Lectors: Tim Walsh & John Glady
 Gifts: Joe & Amy Mulhern
 EM: Team 3
 Counters: Team 3

Offering from May 12, 2019 – Week 45

Weekly Support: \$
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 2,167.00
 YTD Support: \$ 71,930.00
 YTD Expenses: \$106,354.00
 Catholic Charities: \$

- **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.



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- **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!
- **Your're Invited:** Memorial Day Smoked Pork Chop Meal Sponsored By American Legion Post 68 and Ladies Auxiliary. At the Spring Valley Community Center on Monday, May 27, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Smoked Pork Meal** Costs: For ages 12 and up \$10.00, for kids age 11 and under \$7.00. Meal includes Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Beans, Dinner Roll, Bar, Lemonade and Coffee. **Kids Hot Dog Meal** Costs: \$4.00, Kids 6 and under.....FREE. Kids Meal includes Chips, Beans, Bar and Lemonade. Carry Outs Available.

Congratulations To the Tri-Parish Graduates

St. Finbarr:

Drew Copley, son of Dan & Sadie Copley
 Andrew Gehling, son of Eric & Jenny Gehling
 Jordyn Glynn, daughter of Jeremi & Lisa Glynn
 Kaitlyn Hilton, daughter of Bill & Carla Hilton
 Taiden Olson, son of Carrie Hughes
 Masie Voigt, daughter of Brandon & Heather Voigt

St. Patrick:

Kolton Arndorfer, son of Pat & Brenda Arndorfer
 Nick Kasel, son of David & Gladys Kasel
 Abby Kiefer, daughter of Dan & Annette Kiefer
 Matt Scaglione, son of Scot & Liz Scaglione
 Grant Vikre, son of Neil & Wendy Vikre

St. Ignatius:

Lauren Buchholtz, daughter of Rick & Jodi Buchholtz
 Rachel Hansen, daughter of Chris Hansen & Kelly Hansen
 Dakota Jones, son of Joe & Rebecca Aarsvold
 Izabella Jones, daughter of Adam & Melissa Jones
 Reid Kruegel, son of Todd & Chari Kruegel
 Hailey Westphal, daughter of Jon & Debby Westphal
 Reese Wolf, son of Jerry & Kris Wolf

Best wishes to all these young men and women as they start the next chapter of their lives. May God Bless them abundantly during all their adventures along the way.

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- **Next Spring Valley K of C Meeting:** The Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on June 3rd. Supper will be at 6 PM with meeting to follow.

Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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 St. Finbarr Kitchen 507-754-5190
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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.