

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 26, 2019 Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29



“Put me like a seal on your heart, like a seal on your arm,” says the Bride in the Song of Songs - 8:6. Do we know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself? Jesus, in His last supper discourse speaks of the love He has for His disciples and of His Father's love. He prepares His disciples for His imminent departure to return to His Father by exhorting them to prove their love for Him through their loyalty and obedience to His word. Jesus leaves His fledgling Church His gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit.

To say that the Bridegroom wears the bride as a seal is to say that the Bride stamps her name on him. Of course there is mutual ownership: I am my beloved's, my beloved is mine. But the seal image highlights the Bride's ownership of her Husband: Thus also the Israel's ownership of Yahweh. Yahweh has so committed Himself to His

bride that His identity and hers are bound up together. He is so fully devoted to her that she owns Him. He has freely decided, freely chosen and elected, that He will not be God without His Bride, that He will not be God except by being the Divine Bridegroom of Israel.

Heart and arm are sealed. Heart because the Bridegroom's heart is captivated by the bride (cf. Song 7:5), arm because the arm symbolizes strength – the strength of Yahweh's arm stretched out against Egypt (Exodus 6:6; 15:16; Deuteronomy 4:34; 5:15; 26:8), the strength of the everlasting arms that defend Israel (Deuteronomy 33:17), the strength of the hosts of Yahweh (cf. Daniel 11:15, 22). The Bridegroom's arm, like his heart, belongs to the Bride. So, too, Yahweh's heart and arm belong to His bride. Yahweh has Israel on His heart; she is at the center of His purposes, His desires, His plans. Yahweh has Israel on His arm, a promise that He will devote all His strength, all the power of His love, on behalf of His bride.

Love is as strong as the grave, Solomon adds, comparing love to a fire that not even water can quench. Though this also says something about the power of human love and passion, it is finally about the love of Yahweh.

"Lord Jesus, in love you created me and you drew me to yourself. May I never lose sight of you nor forget your steadfast love and faithfulness. And may I daily dwell upon your word and give you praise in the sanctuary of my heart, You who are my All."

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	43
Total Received YTD	\$7,825.00	\$6,220.00	\$9,165.00
Amount Needed To Meet Goal	\$805.00	\$760.00	\$1,135.00

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 28th @ 8:30 am for Ethelyn Johnson †
Saturday, June 1st @ 5:00 pm for The People

Offering from May 18, 2019 – Week 46

Weekly Support:	\$ 722.00
Weekly Expenses:	\$ 1,644.00
YTD Support:	\$63,550.00
YTD Expenses:	\$65,903.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sat, June 1st @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Steve & Marie Churchill
Ushers: Fran Baudoin & Rich Schaufler
Servers: Weston Schaufler & Travis Weiss
Lector: Masie Voigt
Gifts: Jeremi & Lisa Glynn
EM: John Baldus, Kristal Brogan, Lee Baldus
Counters: Lynn Baldus & Tiffany Davis

- **Fran Stier Turns 90!** You are all invited to his surprise party on Sunday, May 26 from 1-4 at St. Finbarr's Catholic Church. Please join him for cake and ice cream. No gifts please.
- **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:** The publisher is now printing the cookbooks. The projected delivery date is June 15th. A presale started last week in the social hall and will continue through June 15th. 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 only \$20. They make excellent Christmas gifts. Everyone that purchases cookbooks will be entered into a drawing to get some homemade goodies after Mass each weekend. You will be entered into the drawing many times, based on the number of cookbooks you purchased.
- **Memorial Day Dinner:** The 67th Annual Memorial Day Dinner at the Bear Creek Lutheran Church will be on Monday, May 27th, 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 (2 miles N & 1 mile E of Grand Meadow)

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 29th @ 8:30 am for Bernard Wendel †
Sunday, June 2nd @ 8:30 am for Norbert Gerber †

Offering from May 19, 2019 – Week 46

Weekly Support:	\$ 603.00
Weekly Expenses:	\$ 1,260.00
YTD Support:	\$50,291.00
YTD Expenses:	\$57,736.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., June 2nd @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Paul & Kathy Yoch
Ushers: Loren Rickerl & Leo Runde
Servers: Nathan Kiefer & Jordan Runde
Lectors: Paul & Cathy Yoch
Gifts: Dan & Annette Kiefer
EM: Gladys Kasel, Wendy Vikre, Kathy Stern
Counters: Jean Roe & Annette Kiefer

- **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.
- **St. Patrick Grant Recipients:** Congratulations to these St. Patrick's graduating students who received a \$500 Grant at Senior recognition Sunday. Kolton Arndorfer, Nick Kasel, Abby Kiefer, Matt Scaglione, Grant Vikre. These grants are made possible because of the Loren Krueger inheritance funds and fundraisers by the parish.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 27th @ 8:30 am – Memorial Day
Thursday, May 30th @ 8:30 am for Chuck & Jane Reineke
Friday, May 31st @ 10 am at the Care Center for John Koch †
Sunday, June 2nd @ 10:30 am for Cecil Simmons †

Offering from May 19, 2019 – Week 46

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,456.00
Weekly Expenses:	\$ 2,167.00
YTD Support:	\$ 73,826.00
YTD Expenses:	\$105,661.00

Liturgy Schedule for Sun, June 2nd @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Lois Boelter
Ushers: V. Comstock, J. Mulhern, R. Drees II & III
Servers: Charlie Emig & Erin Drees
Lectors: John Deatsch & Amy Mulhern
Gifts: Rosann Sanford & Mary Lee
EM: Team 5
Counters: Team 5

- **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.



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- **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.
- **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.
- **St. Finbarr "Tried and True" Cookbook Sales:** St. Finbarr parishioners have contributed over 535 "Tried and True" recipes to a brand new cookbook and you have the opportunity to own it! If you would like to purchase a cookbook for \$20 apiece please contact Jenny Gehling at 507-251-7929 or Jenny Weiss at 507-951-3083 to reserve your copy today. The hope is to have the books on or around June 15th. This cookbook not only has recipes, it has helpful hints, inspirational quotes and an extensive overview of the history of St. Finbarr Catholic Church dating back to 1878. A lot of time and energy has gone into this book and you will not be disappointed!
- **Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota:** Did you know that our Diocesan Social Concerns Committee has a monthly e-newsletter? It is full of Action Alerts, Upcoming events throughout the Diocese as well as useful Resources on Catholic Social Teaching that can be utilized for you personally, for your parish and community! To sign up for the newsletter, simply send your email address to nhenrichs@ccsommn.org and indicate you would like to added to the newsletter mailing list. You can check out of the past editions on the Catholic Charities of Southern MN Website: <https://www.ccsommn.org/programs/parish-social-ministry/social-issues/social-justice-newsletters/>
- **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.
- **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

Cookbooks for Sale

Tried & True

Saint Finbarr Catholic Church
1878-2019

This Book is a Collection of over 535 Recipes.

TO ORDER, CONTACT:
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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.