

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter



### From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

**Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19**

In our journey through life, we are confronted with several problems and difficulties, which can make us lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and remain helpless. Then left to ourselves we become nothing and tend to remain with uncertainty. There are moments when we feel that all is lost and the Lord has forgotten us. In such situations, we need positive support, a sincere understanding, which can place us on the right path. In the Easter context, we see Jesus as a consoler and help to the disciples filled with fear. He comes constantly to the disciples to be with them, guide them and encourage them.

When we act out of love, when we put aside our own fears and expectations for the sake of others, when we seek to imitate the selfless compassion of the Risen One, we will discover how strong and indestructible our own "nets" are; we will realize a "catch" of good things despite the hopelessness of the night, the fear of the unknown deep, the

weight of the catch we struggle to haul to shore.

Jesus' lifting up of Peter's love and commitment, transforms Peter's utter failure into understanding and wisdom that enables Peter to take on his role in the post-Resurrection story. The Easter Christ calls Peter and his brothers and now all of us to take on His work of reconciliation: to possess, despite our doubts and disappointments, the heart of the Risen Jesus to forgive and to seek forgiveness and to enable God's mercy. Do we seek the Lord Jesus when we meet setbacks and disappointments and when our faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us a fresh hope. The Lord Jesus invites each one of us in our personal struggles, weakness and sin, to draw near to Him as our Merciful Healer and Savior.

What can hold us back from giving Him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, etc., which can hold us back from receiving His gracious forgiveness, loving kindness and faithful love.

Please consider to contribute to catholic ministries appeal to meet our parish goal. If you need an envelope, you can find one at the back of the church. Thanks.

I will be gone May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup> on a pilgrimage to Ireland. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel. Thank you.

Blessings!

#### 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeals Update

|                            | St. Finbarr | St. Patrick | St. Ignatius |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Goal                       | \$8,630.00  | \$6,950.00  | \$10,300.00  |
| Donors                     | 27          | 25          | 41           |
| Total Received YTD         | \$7,825.00  | \$6,190.00  | \$8,265.00   |
| Amount Needed To Meet Goal | \$805.00    | \$760.00    | \$2,035.00   |

## St. Finbarr Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm for The People

### Liturgy Schedule for Sat, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Tom & DeAnn Kelzer  
 Ushers: Ty Davis & Andrew Gehling  
 Servers: Logan Marx & Carson Paul  
 Lector: Becky Oehlke  
 Gifts: Glenn & Becky Oehlke  
 EM: Kathy Gehling, G/N Skifter, Kristie Skifter  
 Counters: Rich Schaufler & Clint Weiss

### Offering from April 27, 2019 – Week 43

Weekly Support: \$ 1,773.00  
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,644.00  
 YTD Support: \$60,118.00  
 YTD Expenses: \$64,086.00

- **Faith Formation Teachers Needed:** 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.
- **Bowls to Pick up:** If you provided a salad, cake or bars for a funeral, please stop in the social hall to pick up your items.
- **Recognition Dinner:** There will be a dinner after Mass on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to honor the First Communion students, Confirmation Students and Seniors. Please consider staying for dinner to celebrate the achievements of these kids, who are the future of St. Finbarr.
- **Next CCW Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the social hall.
- **St. Finbarr Church Yard Landscaping Day:** Everyone is encouraged to help clean up and beautify our church property on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Thank You:** We would like to express our sincere thank you to everyone who offered their heartfelt condolences towards us on the passing of our son, Jerry. We greatly appreciate it. Leon & Dorothy Steinkamp.

## St. Patrick Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 @ 8:30 am for Alison Reburn Family  
 Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am for JT & Louise Schmit †

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Dan & Nicki Lohuis  
 Ushers: Paul Yoch & Dan Evans  
 Servers: Anna & Kylie Welsh  
 Lectors: Andrew Lohuis & Chuck Vogelgesang  
 Gifts: Gene & Rita Miller  
 EM: Wendy Vikre, Gladys Kasel, Tony Arndorfer  
 Counters: Nicki Lohuis & Mike Harrington

### Offering from April 28, 2019 – Week 43

Weekly Support: \$ 1,195.00  
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,260.00  
 YTD Support: \$48,052.00  
 YTD Expenses: \$54,593.00

- **Next CCW Meeting:** the next meeting will be on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ **7:45 pm** in the upstairs office behind the altar, due to the construction in the basement. The committee for this month is: Kari Olson, Kathy Adams, Kelly Opseth, Jean Roe and Annette Kiefer.
- **Easter Lily's:** If you would like to take your Easter Lily home, please stop by the elevator room upstairs after Mass and take one.

## St. Ignatius Announcements

### Mass Schedule

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am for Adah Fowler †

### Liturgy Schedule for Sun, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Joan Musel  
 Ushers: R. Neis, T. & P. Walsh, J. Deatsch  
 Servers: Catie Emig & Ethan Carr  
 Lectors: Krystal Colwell & Betty Gossman  
 Gifts: Ralph & Janice Drees  
 EM: Team 1  
 Counters: Team 1

### Offering from April 28, 2019 – Week 43

Weekly Support: \$ 1,444.00  
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 2,167.00  
 YTD Support: \$ 70,692.00  
 YTD Expenses: \$108,965.00

- **Funeral List Updated:** The list of the ladies of the parish that donate food or who are willing to work for funerals has been updated. At the time you are called, please inform your caller if you are unable to work or donate food. Thank you for your participation in the past and we look forward to your working with us in the future. ~Phyllis Buresh and Angie Zeimetz
- **Spring Valley K of C Meeting:** The May monthly meeting of the Spring Valley Knights of Columbus will be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> with supper at 6 PM and the meeting to follow.
- **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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**Second Collection on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> to go towards Catholic Charities. Thank you for your generosity!**

- **Father Marreddy's Schedule:** Father Marreddy will be gone May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Grace Alice Reiter, daughter of Bradley and Andrea Reiter was baptized on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Spring Valley. Congratulations Bradley, Andrea & Grace.

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A Mass of Christian burial was held for Ethelyn Johnson on April 16, 2019 at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow. May Ethelyn's family know and be comforted by the prayers of her parish family.

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A Mass of Christian burial was held for Sheldon Churchill on April 24, 2019 at St. Finbarr Catholic Church in Grand Meadow. May Sheldon's family know and be comforted by the prayers of his parish family.

- **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



## Faith Formation Announcements

### St. Finbarr

- ⇒ Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – No Class – Have a great summer break!
- ⇒ Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 5 pm

### St. Patrick

- ⇒ Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – No Class – Have a great summer break!
- ⇒ Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 8:30 am

### St. Ignatius

- ⇒ Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Last Class for grades 5-9 @ 7 pm
- ⇒ Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – No Class for PreK-4 – Enjoy summer break!
- ⇒ Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mass @ 10:30 am

## Tri-Parish Staff Directory

### Parish Priest:

Father Marreddy: 507-346-7565 (office)  
507-951-7985 (cell)  
Email: [stignatius213@yahoo.com](mailto:stignatius213@yahoo.com)

### Tri-Parish Bookkeeper:

Elaine Mills 507-440-0674  
Email: [memills@frontiernet.net](mailto:memills@frontiernet.net)

### Tri-Parish Secretary:

Jenny Gehling 507-251-7929  
Email: [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com)

### Maintenance at St. Patrick's:

Chuck Vogelgesang 507-440-3419

### Faith Formation Coordinators:

Nichol Arndorfer – St. Ignatius 507-273-3705  
Mychelle Christian – St. Ignatius 507-272-5560  
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](http://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.*