

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, June 2, 2019 Ascension of our Lord



From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by His own power in the presence of His disciples on the fortieth day after His glorious Resurrection. The Ascension of Jesus tells us that the Lord has completed His earthly work of our redemption.

Why did Jesus leave His disciples forty days after His resurrection? For those forty days after His resurrection, our Divine Savior was preparing His Apostles to bear the loss of His presence through the gain of the Comforter who was to come. Throughout the course of forty days He had been appearing to them, and telling them about the kingdom of God - Acts 1:3. Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God.

For forty days after His resurrection, Jesus appeared numerous times to His disciples to assure them that He had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which He began during His earthly ministry.

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for His disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with His beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that He would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

Christ places His Church in the care of fishermen, tax collectors and peasants. The Church Jesus leaves to His followers is rooted not in buildings or wealth or formulas of prayer or systems of theology but in faith nurtured in the human heart, a faith centered in joy and understanding that is empowering and liberating, a faith that gives us the strength and freedom to be authentic and effective witnesses of the Risen One, who is present among us always. The words of Jesus to His disciples on the mountain of the Ascension are also addressed to all of us today. We are called to teach, to witness and to heal in our own small corners of the world, to hand on to others the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and His Gospel of love and compassion.

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, June 4th @ 8:30 am for Melissa Benson †
 Friday, June 7th @ 10 am at the Assisted Living for John Haley †
 Saturday, June 8th @ 5:00 pm for Helen Mullenbach †

Liturgy Schedule for Sat, June 8th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters: Tom & Gloria Bunne
 Ushers: Troy Gehling & Al Stier
 Servers: Kaiden Bunne & Keyawin Stier
 Lector: Susan Baldus
 Gifts: Tye & Anne Marie Davis
 EM: Kristie Skifter, Kathy Gehling, G/N Skifter
 Counters: Rochelle Fay and Karen Weelborg

Offering from May 18, 2019 – Week 47

Weekly Support: \$ 1,006.00
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,644.00
 YTD Support: \$64,556.00
 YTD Expenses: \$66,743.00

- **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 Jenny Gehling if you have questions or want to teach.
- **“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.
- **St. Finbarr Potluck:** We are having a potluck here on Saturday, June 22nd after Mass. Please sign up on the sheet in the social hall after Mass. The hope is that you make one of your favorite recipes from the cookbook so that everyone can mark it down as one of their favorites as well. If you didn't submit a recipe, that's ok too, just bring something you enjoy. There will be activities after the meal. Please come to enjoy some food, fun and fellowship with your parish family. We look forward to seeing you all!

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, June 5th @ 8:30 am for Al Evans †
 Sunday, June 9th @ 8:30 am for The People

Liturgy Schedule for Sun., June 9th @ 8:30 am

Greeter: Jerry & Pat Utz
 Ushers: Paul Yoch & Dan Evans
 Servers: Aaron & Rachel Anderson
 Lectors: Joyce Arndorfer & Andrew Lohuis
 Gifts: Jon & Rita Hiller
 EM: Loren Rickerl, Tony Arndorfer, Rick Roe
 Counters: Mary Harrington & Tom Winkels

Offering from May 19, 2019 – Week 47

Weekly Support: \$ 906.00
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,260.00
 YTD Support: \$51,197.00
 YTD Expenses: \$57,757.00

- **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.

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thursday, June 6th @ 8:30 am for Pour Souls
 Sunday, June 9th @ 10:30 am for Shirley Deatsch †

Liturgy Schedule for Sun, June 9th @ 10:30 am

Greeters: Scott & Stephanie Mulholland
 Ushers: J. Deatsch, M. Souhrada, B. Capelle, R. Neis
 Servers: Jonathan Hindt & Merredith Farlinger
 Lectors: Betty Gossman & Joan Musel
 Gifts: Chari Kruegel Family
 EM: Team 6
 Counters: Team 6

Offering from May 19, 2019 – Week 47

Weekly Support: \$ 1,409.00
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 2,167.00
 YTD Support: \$ 75,235.00
 YTD Expenses: \$104,660.00

- **Harvest Mass:** We are forming a Harvest Mass planning committee if anyone from St Ignatius is interested in being a part of this. Contact Chari Kruegel if interested.
- **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.
- **Faith Formation Teachers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to teach Faith Formation classes Wednesday evenings starting this Fall. Please contact Nichol or Mychelle if you are interested.
- **Church Cleaning:** We are asking volunteers to clean St. Ignatius church the week of Mon, June 17 - Fri, June 21. A cleaning list will be posted on the tripod in the entryway at church during that week for tasks to be done. When you have completed a task, mark it as completed. Supplies will be furnished or you can bring your own. Cleaning at your convenience! An hour or two goes a long way. Every little bit will help. This is a great opportunity to earn Confirmation Hours.



Tri-Parish News

- **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.
- **Harvest Mass:** This year's Harvest Mass will be on Sunday, September 8th at 10 am at the Wayne and Phyllis Buresh Farm.
- **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!
- **Diocesan Pentecost Celebration:** Our diocesan Church will gather on Pentecost weekend to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people and ministries of our diocese. A Church on Fire, A Church on Mission ~ "...To Be Saints for God's Greater Glory," a diocesan evangelization and discipleship event, will be held on Friday - Saturday, June 7-8, in Rochester. This two-day gathering will culminate with the celebration of the diocesan Pentecost Vigil Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on that Saturday evening at 7:00 pm.
- **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@ccsomn.org and indicate you would like to be added to the newsletter mailing list. You can check out of the past editions on the Catholic Charities of Southern MN Website: <https://www.ccsomn.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

This Book is a Collection of over 535 Recipes.

Saint Finbarr Catholic Church
1878-2019

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.