

# *Tri-Parish Catholic Community News*



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951  
**Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM**



**St. Finbarr Catholic Church**  
504 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936  
**Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM**



**St. Ignatius Catholic Church**  
213 W. Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975  
**Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM**

## **July 23, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy**

**Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43**

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything so it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have we ever considered tracking how we spend our time? We may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God's, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can we imagine God delighting in us? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

***Blessings!***

## St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>No daily masses during Father's absence Sun., July 30, 8:30 AM for The People of God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., July 30, 8:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Opener: Dawn Stier E. M.: Dawn Stier Lector: Adyson Brogan Servers: Sean Brogan / Avery Paul Ushers: Chris Stier / Jim Davis Counters: Lori Stier / Susan Baldus</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from July 16, 2023 – Week 3</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,665.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 5,899.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ .00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>Save the date!</u></b> Sunday, September 10. St. Finbarr's is hosting a day of fun for the whole family. Food, games and vendors. Contact Dawn Stier if you would like to be a vendor.</p>	

## St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>No daily masses during Father's absence Sat., July 29, 5:00 PM for Kane Whalen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., July 29, 5:00 PM</u></b></p> <p>Greeters: Mike &amp; Melanie Welsh E. M.: Kathy Stern / Jessica Yoch Lector: Cathy Yoch Servers: Benita Almaraz-Nolt / Hannah Huff Ushers: Greg Arndorfer / Tony Arndorfer Counters: Jodi Miller / Rita Miller</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from July 15, 2023 – Week 3</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,157.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,182.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 3,454.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 104 .00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>Needed:</u></b> Food for the food shelf. You may leave donations in the shopping cart at the back of church. All foods are needed. Thank You!</p>	

## St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>No daily masses during Father's absence Sun., July 30, 10:30 AM for Velda Schulte †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., July 30, 10:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Greeters: Lois Boelter / Maryann Meyers E. M.: Bill Mettler / Teri Hill Lector: Claire Mettler Servers: Harper Holmen / Aleigha Drees Ushers: Bob Capelle / Joe Mulhern Counters: Charlene Czapiewski / Roseanne Sanford</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from July 16, 2023 – Week 3</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 818.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,788.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 7,823.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 359.00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>CCW</u></b> will meet 9:00 AM, Saturday, July 29, in the Church Social Hall. We will be discussing upcoming CCW events. "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." - Helen Keller</p>	

*"All who ask receive, those who seek find, and to those who knock it shall be opened.*

*Therefore, let us knock at the beautiful garden of Scripture. It is fragrant, sweet, and blooming with various sounds of spiritual and divinely inspired birds.*

*They sing all around our ears, capture our hearts, comfort the mourners, pacify the angry, and fill us with everlasting joy."*

St. John of Damascus

## **Tri-Parish News**



- **Thank You, Father Greg Leif**, for celebrating Masses with us during Father Marreddy's absence.
- **Father Thomas with the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers**, will be joining us next weekend (July 29 & 30) for our annual Missions Appeal. As a member of this International Missionary Religious Order, he works with lay people to spread faith to those who are poor and underprivileged in the Nagpur Province (India). The missionaries of this Province are engaged in the missions of North East India, the areas bordering China and Zambia (Africa). It is a very new and fast-growing mission needing support for: new Christian communities being formed, new places of worship, educational institutions, and medical clinics. Boarding schools and self-employment projects are a necessity. There are dozens of missionary priests along with religious sisters engaged in missionary activities. Please give generously.
- **Father Kevin Connelly, St. Bernard, Stewartville** is available in case of emergency. Call the office at St. Bernard, 507-533-8257.
- **Austin Area Council of Catholic Women** Quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25 at Sacred Heart Church in Adams, MN. The meeting will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM followed by a light supper. Dr. Mark Engessor, DVM will speak on becoming a Deacon with a meeting to follow. The Boxes of Joy will be available for pick up. Come share in fellowship.
- **The 51st annual LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL** at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Litomysl, rural Owatonna, will be Sunday, July 30 beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:15 AM by the Litomyslaneous Polka Band. Food, refreshments, games and live entertainment until 4 PM. Join us! Check our website at [www.litomysl.webs.com](http://www.litomysl.webs.com).
- **Courier:** The July edition is on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) then click "The Courier."
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give all mass stipends to Father Marreddy or place them in the collection basket along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is to be offered. Mass intentions are said during the week, as well as on weekends. Please make checks payable to St. Ignatius. Stipend requests are \$5 per Mass.
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin:** Please e-mail [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com) for any bulletin announcements. Deadline is 11 AM Wednesdays.



### **Prayer Chain**

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members in your prayers.

Dorothy & Leon Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Keith Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Caleb Bell – St. Ignatius
Johnny Wade – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Ann Soltau – St. Patrick	Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick
Peggy Hammon – St. Patrick	Ben Speiser
Hallie Koenigs	Karice Stern
Barb Cowden	

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com).*



### **Faith Formation Announcements**

Have A Great Summer!

### **Tri-Parish Staff Directory**

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**St. Ignatius Maintenance:**  
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**Faith Formation Coordinators:**  
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Jenny Gehling – St. Finbarr 507-251-7929

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 Fr. Marreddy or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

### **St. Finbarr:**

*Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Patrick:**

*Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Ignatius:**

*Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.*