

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 1st 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

August 6, 2023 **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.

It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.

Blessings!

St. Finbarr Announcements

Mass Schedule

Tues., August 8, 8:30 AM for Mary Rath †
Sun., Aug. 13, 8:30 AM for Gerald Bushman †

Offering from July 30, 2023 – Week 5

Weekly Support: \$ 583.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 6,646.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 2,185.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 13, 8:30 AM

Opener: Dawn Stier
E. M.: Therea Wolff
Lector: Susan Baldus
Servers: Logan Marx / Brody Meyerhofer
Ushers: Lon Baldus / Chris Stier
Counters: Dawn Stier / Susan Baldus

- **Save the date!** 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.

St. Patrick Announcements

Mass Schedule

Wed., August 9, 8:30 AM for Norbert Gerber †
Sat., Aug. 12, 5:00 PM for Herman Rickerl †

Offering from July 29, 2023 – Week 5

Weekly Support: \$ 1,580.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,182.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 5,823.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 2,640.00

Liturgy Schedule Sat., Aug. 12, 5:00 PM

Greeters: Loren & Penny Rickerl
E. M.: Tony Arndorfer / Mike Arndorfer
Lector: Joyce Arndorfer
Servers: Brendon Arndorfer / Tyler Huff
Ushers: Dan Evans / Bruce Diemer
Counters: Nicki Lohuis / Dave Miller

- **CCW** will meet on Monday, August 7, 7 PM. Co-chairs are Jodi Miller and Jennifer Lewis.
- **Needed:** Food for the food shelf. You may leave donations in the shopping cart at the back of church. All foods are needed. Thank You!

St. Ignatius Announcements

Mass Schedule

Thurs., August 10, 8:30 AM for John & Helen Koch †
Fri., August 11, 8:30 AM for Jerry Simon †
Sun., Aug. 13, 10:30 AM for The People of God

Offering from July 30, 2023 – Week 5

Weekly Support: \$ 2,251.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,788.00
YTD Support Received: \$ 11,970.00
YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 6,982.00

Liturgy Schedule Sun., Aug. 13, 10:30 AM

Greeters: Brad & Andrea Reiter
E. M.: Joanie Betsinger / John Gladly
Lector: Jerry Wolf
Servers: Ava Wolfram / Claire Mettler
Ushers: Joe Drees / Ralph Drees
Counters: O'Connell / Rahe / Klockeman

- **The Adult Choir** will sing today, Sunday, August 6.
- **St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus** Council 13609 will meet on August 15 in the parish hall. Supper will be at 6 PM with meeting to follow.
- **The Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley** is asking the community to nominate an outstanding person to be honored at its' annual Citizen-of-the-Year program to be held in the fall. Forms can be picked up at Spring Valley City Hall or the Spring Valley Public Library and must be returned to them or mailed to the Kiwanis Club of Spring Valley, P.O. Box 133, Spring Valley, MN 55975, by September 1, to be considered for this years' nominee.
- **Any CCW Member** interested in attending the Winona-Rochester Diocesan CCW at Queen of Angels in Austin on October 7, the St. Ignatius CCW will cover the \$30 registration fee. Registration forms are on the table in the front entrance of the church and should be turned into Kathy O'Connell by Sunday, September 17. Registration deadline for the Conference is September 30. For further information, contact Joanie Betsinger at 507-491-3533.

*"It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly
than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction."*

St. Edmund



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The three-year Eucharistic Revival has begun! *For in the warmth of his presence, our lives change. Without him, everything would truly be gray. Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: "Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward, Lord, satisfy me with your presence!"* Pope Francis June 2022.

- There is hope after trauma and **TRAUMA REBOOT**, a 12-week, faith based, peer-led course, can help you break free from the pain of the past and find renewed purpose and strength. Since 2011, REBOOT has helped thousands of people overcome the trials, tragedies, and traumas of their past. On Sundays from August 20th through November 12th (excluding Labor Day weekend), a Trauma Reboot course will be offered at the Religious Ed Center next to Holy Redeemer Church in Eyota (18 East 2nd Street, Eyota, MN - brick building next to the Church). If you are interested in learning more and/or registering, please contact Marilyn Baker at mkbak7@gmail.com. More information can also be found at www.rebootrecovery.com/trauma.
- **The Sound of Freedom** movie is about the sex trafficking of children. Angel Studios is producing it. They are the same company that is making The Chosen series about Jesus. It is very well done, and a true story. The USA is the biggest consumer of sex trafficking of children. The purpose of making this movie was to make the public aware of this terrible evil and for parents to be aware and protect their children. If a person cannot afford to pay their movie ticket, Angel Studios has arranged a Pay if Forward program so others can contribute to cover their cost of their ticket. It is in theaters across the country through **August 21st**. The more people that are aware of this the better. Tickets can be purchased online at: Pay it Forward for Sound of Freedom | Angel Studios.
- **Courier:** The August edition is on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website 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 for any bulletin announcements. Deadline is 11 AM Wednesdays.



Faith Formation Announcements

Have A Great Summer!

Prayer Chain

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

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| 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.

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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 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.