

Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

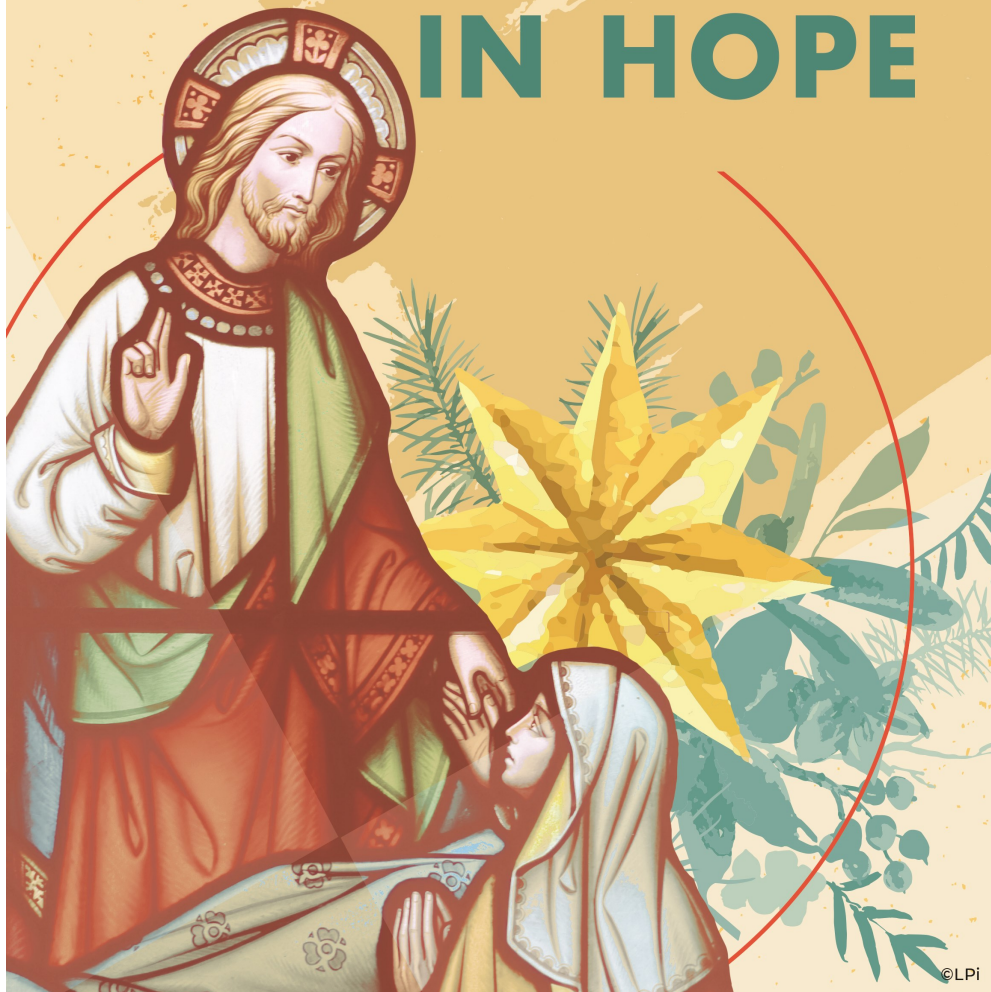
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DECEMBER 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WAIT
IN HOPE



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Youth Ministry Coordinator.....

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart – Glenwood/Starbuck

WeekendSaturday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays as scheduled

Saint Bartholomew – Villard

Weekend (Oct.—Dec.)...Saturday 4:00pm

St. John Nepomuk – Lowry/Lake Reno

Weekend (Oct.—Dec.).....Sunday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Bartholomew.....Saturday 3:15pm

St. John Nepomuk.....Sunday 8:00am

Sacred Heart.....by appointment

Other times by appointment.

BE WATCHFUL

On the First Sunday of Advent we are reminded to “Be watchful! Be alert!” or Stay Awake. We often heard this advise from our parents who reminded us to be careful when we were playing with friends or walking to school or other destinations.

It is always good advice to keep our wits about us and to be aware of our surroundings. We do not want to stray into danger or get lost.

Advent is a light penitential season as compared to Lent which is a heavy penitential season. We are preparing to receive the Christ child into our hearts and homes on Christmas day. As we sweep our houses clean, dust and wax, and decorate we also want to prepare ourselves.

This is a good season to make a Confession if you have not done so for a long time. Also, brush up on our prayers and devotional reading.

As the weather changes to cold and snow, we have plenty of opportunities to stay home and spend the winter nights reading, playing games with children, or watching a G-rated movie. To make the most of this time, we make an effort to surround ourselves with peace and quiet, and pray for peace in the world.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe



Welcome to our Newest Member
Ivy June Gruber
—daughter of Matt and Emma

Deaths

Beverly Anderson
(11/12/2024)
Leona Kramer
(11/15/2024)



Please keep Beverly, Leona
her family & friends in your prayers.

ADVENT



There will be an Advent Retreat on Saturday morning, December 21, at Sacred Heart. The morning will begin at 8:30am and conclude at 11:15am. There will be time for Advent reflections, Confession and Adoration. This free event will also include a mid-morning snack. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hosted by the Christian Mothers.

This Friday is the first Friday of the month—the Rosary Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed BEFORE the 8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart.



The tree has arrived! The Armful of Tree is in the Narthex at Sacred Heart and the Parish Center. Please take a moment to stop and select a bulb (or two) and purchase the item for a child. It's easy! No need to wrap, just return the item with the bulb taped to it and place it under the tree. Items need to be under the tree by Monday, December 9.



We are in need of four “grab and go” meals for the Armful of Love volunteers the week of December 9. (Think crock pot meals.) There needs to be enough to serve 10-12 people. The volunteers are so appreciative of the meals as they scurry to assemble all of the bags of gifts and do last minute shopping for missing items. The meal can be delivered to Sacred Heart anytime between 1-5pm. Contact the church office if you are willing to help.

BeFriends—our December meeting will be at the Nutcracker Café in Starbuck, beginning at 11:30am on Thursday, December 5. There will be no monthly meeting in January or February.



Oh no.....no one has volunteered to put their name on the ballot for the Parish Life Council at any of the churches! Please prayerfully consider sharing your time with your church. Contact the church office or Fr. Joe if you are willing to put your name on the ballot. (There are no debates or speeches scheduled....!)



Many thanks to everyone who purchased a hand made item or participated in the Silent Auction hosted by the Mission Group. All proceeds to given locally to a variety of groups.

Once again the WIN Academy in Starbuck, part of the Minnewaska School District, is putting together holiday baskets (all the fixings for a complete turkey or ham dinner). They are asking for monetary donations to make this possible; they will do the shopping. Checks should be written to “MAS” with “WIN Dinners” in the memo line. Donations can be placed in the offering baskets or mailed to: WIN Academy 500 John Street Starbuck, MN 56385.



Many thanks to everyone who shares their time and talent throughout the year, making our church run smoothly. We can always use more hands to lighten the load—especially ushers and sacristans. If you can help us out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated! Talk with Fr. Joe or call the church office .

Religious Education Notes



Look for the Fair Trade Chocolate Sale coming in December. All proceeds go to make “Birthday Pans” for the Food Shelf. Each Birthday Pan consists of a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, cake plates, and a few party favors.

Listen to the voices—On Sunday, December 22, after Mass the afternoon Religious Education classes will be singing Christmas songs. Everyone is invited to stay and listen. The December Activity group will host a light lunch in the lower level following.



Bible Trivia

1. What role does Paul play in the life of Timothy?
2. What is the only letter of recommendation in the Bible?
3. The Word of God is sharper than what?

The Directors of Religious Education

Paula Johnson and Sue Heidelberger, can be reached at 634-4828 or by e-mail. Sue: sacredh711@gmail.com
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Are you thinking about doing something for yourself to enrich your faith journey? Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults 20 and older. This Catholic Retreat program is sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese. For more info, visit centralmnkoinonia.org

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your continued sharing of your treasure with our churches!

Sacred Heart Parish – Glenwood

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$5,820.00
Collected (11/17/24)\$2,839.51
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions..... 48

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (11/17/24) \$1,406.01
Adult Envelope Holders..... 64
Number of Adult Contributions..... 29

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (11/17/2024).....\$1,419.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 71
Number of Adult Contributions..... 34

Please remember your parish with your investments, insurance policies and in your will.



Catholic Question and Answer

Question: What’s the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn’t falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God’s love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who “shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we’re roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ’s coming at Christmas. ©LPi

This Friday is December 6—St. Nicholas Day! Besides getting candies in your shoes, what is the history anyway? St. Nicholas, bishop of Myrna, which is now Turkey is famous for his generosity of the poor. It is said he rescued three innocent men, falsely accused of robbery and ready to be executed. He also saved a ship which lost its way in a storm and was about to sink.

The most famous legend is that of a widowed merchant whose business went bankrupt. He and his three daughters survived by pawning their valuables. When there was nothing left to sell, and no hope anyone would ask them to marry, the father feared they would be forced to become prostitutes. Hearing of this, St. Nicholas walked to their home one dark evening and tossed a bag of gold coins (today’s candies) through an open window. He did the same thing the next night. On the third night, the family flung the door open when the third bag of coins was thrown, thanking their benefactor. Read more about this saint at:



simplycatholic.com/the-real-st-nicholas/

3. Any double edged sword (Hebrews 4:12)
2. The book of Philemon
1. His spiritual father (1 Timothy 1:2)

Trivia Answers:

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 12/2**
Tues. 12/3 9:00am (LR) † Charlotte Seemann
 11:00am (V) † Kocher & Chaska families
Weds. 12/4 8:30am (G) † Mark Soenneker
Thurs. 12/5 10:00am (Villa) † Gerladine Rasmussen
Fri. 12/6 8:30am (G) † Alex & Katherine Terhaar
Sat. 12/7 4:00pm (V) - For the Parish
 5:30pm (G) † Lily Cayo
Sun. 12/8 8:30am (LR) † Lorraine Mrnak
 10:30am (G) † Alvin & Elnora Larson

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6
 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Event Calendar

Wednesdays during Advent: Reconciliation at Sacred Heart at 6:15pm.

Friday, December 6: Divine Mercy prayed before the 8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart.

Tuesday, December 10: Parish Life Committee meeting at 6pm at St. John Nepomuk.

Welcome!

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office at:

122 NW 1st St. • Glenwood, MN 56334

Sacred Heart • St. Bartholomew • St. John Nepomuk

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

- New Parishioner • New Address/Phone
 Summer Resident
 Moving, please remove from mailing list.



Prayer Chain Requests—To start a request, please contact to Barb. Or if you would like to become part of the prayer chain, Barb Kramber can be reached at 320-634-4788.



Eucharist for the homebound—If you are homebound and wish to receive Communion at home, call the church office at 634-3813.

Hospital Visits—If you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital, and would like a visit from a priest, please call the church office directly and leave the patient's name, room number, and name of hospital. Due to privacy laws, hospitals are not allowed to give out patient's names, making it challenging to know who would like a visit.



Anointing of the Sick is available on request. If you or a family member wish to be anointed before surgery, when in the hospital, or for any sickness, please contact Fr. Joe. He can be reached by calling the parish office at 634-3813, and if necessary, by leaving a message on Extension 20.

The Anointing of the Sick is offered at regular intervals in the parish and at area nursing homes.

Baptism Classes— Baptism class is required before a first Baptism. Parents expecting their first child should attend. For questions contact the church office.



The Wedding Policy of the Diocese of St. Cloud requires that you contact the parish at least 6 months prior to your wedding. This is necessary so that all the required steps can be completed in a timely manner. For second marriages, more time may be required. To begin your marriage preparation or for questions about the marriage preparation policy, contact Father Joe (634-3813).

The First Instruction class in the Billings Ovulation Method is the most effective, modern method of Natural Family Planning. To locate an instructor, visit: <http://omf.stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/nfp-class-locations-and-instructors/>
 *Note: Most insurances now cover the cost.

