



Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of
Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

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DECEMBER 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**IN JOY,
 WE WAIT**



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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.

WE ALL NEED A DAY OF REST

Pope Francis has called for a Holy Year in 2025. In the Bible the guidelines for a Holy Year are found in Leviticus 25. These instructions the Lord gave to the Israelites as they prepared to enter into the promised land.

The Lord said that the “land itself must observe a Sabbath”. They were to plant and harvest for six years and in the seventh year allow the land to rest. This mimics God’s creation of the world in six days, and on the seventh day God rested.

A Holy Year is fundamentally about how we follow the Lord, rather than the notion we are doing good deeds to earn the Lord’s favor.

According to Leviticus, our responsibilities in a Holy Year include caring properly for the land, observing fair sales and purchases, protecting and caring for the poor, and freeing slaves or debtors.

The Vatican’s title “Pilgrims of Hope” suggests we should look for positive events to occur in the New Year. These events can be brought about when we cooperate with God as good stewards of His creation and of human life.

The Holy Year and Advent is an opportunity too once again intensify our prayer and worship of the Lord who has forgiven and freed us from sin by his cross.

Leviticus 25: *The Lord said to Moses at Mount Sinai, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a Sabbath to the Lord. In the seventh year the land is to have a Sabbath rest. Whatever the land yields during the Sabbath year will be food for you, for yourself, your servants and hired worker and temporary residents who live among you, as well as your livestock and the animals in your land.”*

Make up your own list of how you might share God’s goodness with others.

God’s peace!

Fr. Joe

Deaths

Harlan Rajdl
(11/29/2024)
Mark Olson
(11/30/2024)



Please keep Harlan, Mark, their family & friends in your prayers.



Did you find your bells? Everyone is invited to bring a bell of some sort to church on Christmas Eve at Sacred Heart to ring during the Gloria song.—celebrating Jesus’ birth!



It’s Gaudete Sunday—the “half way” of Advent.

How to pronounce: “Gow-day-tay”

Definition: “Rejoice” in Latin. We are rejoicing the birth of Christ in near.

Liturgical Color: Rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday’s counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday.



Many thanks to all of our youth who contributed to the Food Shelf during the month of November. The grocery cart was full of their favorite foods! Working together, they donated 104 lbs of food.

Please pray for our newest member Theodore, who will be celebrating his Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the 5:30pm Mass next Saturday, Dec. 14.



Thank you for all of the baby supplies donated to us from your Spiritually Adopted Baby Shower. Our moms in needs will be so blessed by all of the diapers, wipes, blankets, clothes, and toys. We truly appreciate your continued thoughtful support! *Options for Women in Morris*



Why Bethlehem?

Shortly after the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, an angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds who were guarding their sheep at night and announced the birth of Christ. Of all the possible signs which could have been given, why did the Lord chose a baby lying in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes? And why was this significant?

These were no ordinary shepherds. They were Levitical shepherds, trained and tasked with the responsibility of tending and guarding the flocks used for sacrifices in the temple of Jerusalem. When it was time for one of their flock to give birth, the shepherds would bring the sheep into one of the caves surrounding Bethlehem, specifically for this purpose. These birthing caves were kept in a state of ritual purity since these lambs were destined to be used as sacrifices in the temple. In fact, male lambs born around Bethlehem would be used for the Passover.

Since there was no room at the local inn, Mary and Joseph used one of these caves around Bethlehem. Jesus was born in one of these caves, because he Himself would be the ultimate sacrificial Lamb. Not only would location be significant to these shepherds, but also the fact Jesus was wrapped in swaddling cloths.

Excerpts from “the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi: My Journey into the Heart of Spiritual Faith and the Land Where It All Began.”

Religious Education Notes



Listen to the voices—NEXT 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 is the purpose of spiritual gifts?
2. What was the last book Paul wrote before his death?
3. How long will the Kingdom of God last?

Reminder: After this week, there will be NO Rel. Ed classes until Wednesday, January 8!

The Directors of Religious Education

Paula Johnson and Sue Heidelberger, can be reached at 634-4828 or by e-mail. Sue: sacredh711@gmail.com
Paula: glenwoodsacredheartrel.ed@gmail.com



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.

1. To serve one another and bring glory to Jesus (1 Peter 4:10-11)
2. Second Timothy
3. Forever (2 Peter 1:11)

Trivia Answers:

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 (12/1/24).....\$5874.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions..... 74

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (12/1/24)..... \$ 916.75
Adult Envelope Holders..... 64
Number of Adult Contributions..... 18

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (12/1/2024).....\$1,326.80
Adult Envelope Holders..... 71
Number of Adult Contributions..... 22

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



Catholic Question and Answer

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or en-throne the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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Christmas Wish List

- Sacristans**
—Rotating schedule approximately once a month
- Lectors**
—Rotating Schedule approximately once every 6 weeks
- Ushers**
—1 month a year
- Song Leaders**
—As needed, once every 4-6 weeks.
- Catechists and Classroom Assistants**
—Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30pm
- Singers**
—In Adult Choir, practices on Wednesdays from 5-6pm

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 12/16**
Tues. 12/17 9:00am (LR) † Leona Kraemer
 11:00am (V) † Geraldine Rasmussen
Weds. 12/18 8:30am (G) † Steven Lysen
Thurs. 12/19 10:00am (GRV) † Betty Lou Freske
Fri. 12/20 8:30am (G) † Morty Collier
Sat. 12/21 4:00pm (V) † Kocher/Chaska families
 5:30pm (G) † James White
Sun. 12/22 8:30am (LR) † Steve & Dorothy Horvat
 10:30am (G) - For the Parish

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6
 Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9
 Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
 Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
 Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,
 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19
 Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



Event Calendar

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

Saturday, December 21: Advent Retreat from 8:30-11:15 am at Sacred Heart. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 22: Children's Christmas Songs after 10:30am Mass at Sacred heart.

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.

