

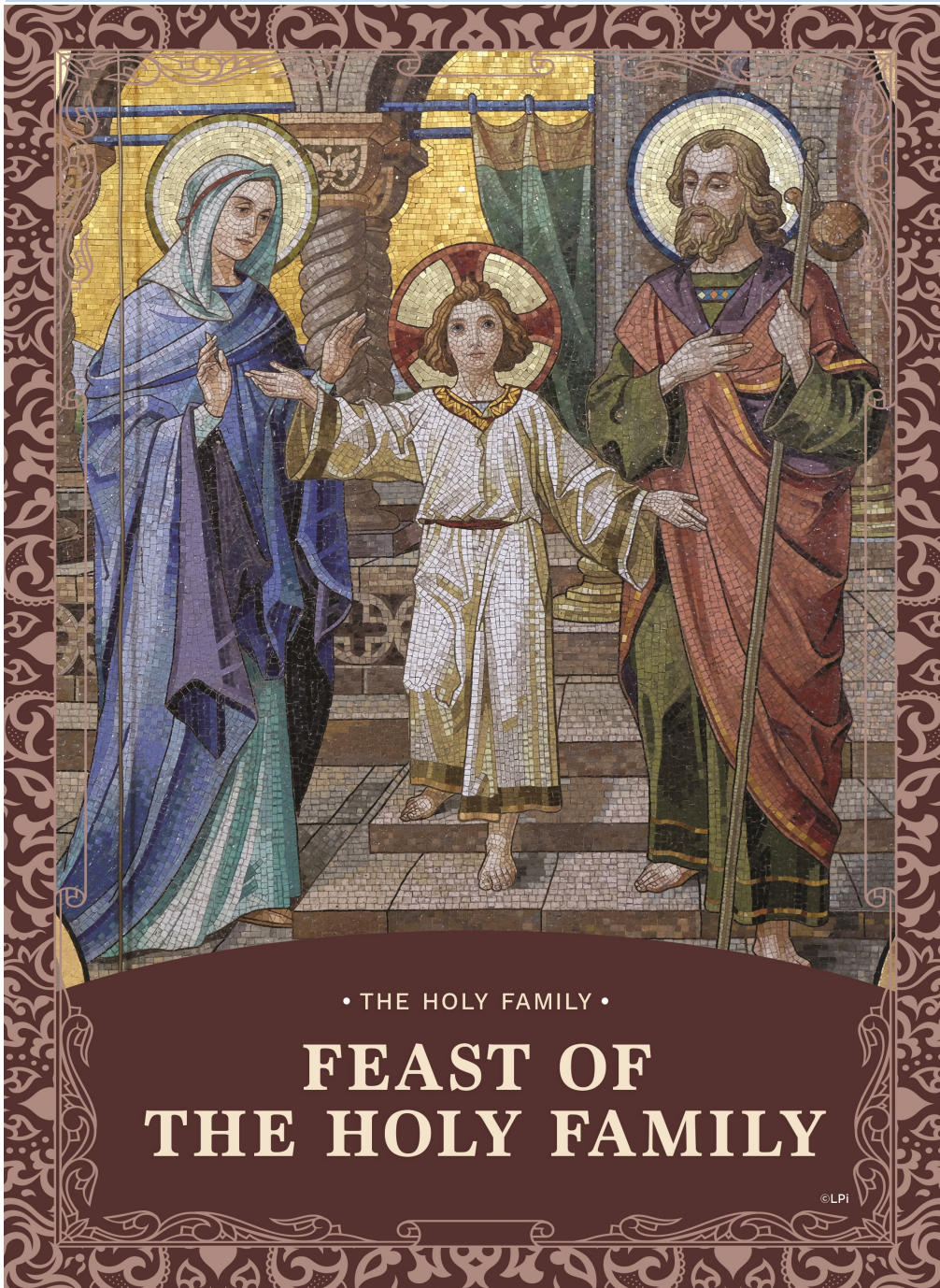


Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

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• THE HOLY FAMILY •

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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DECEMBER 29, 2024

The Holy Family

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart – Glenwood/Starbuck

WeekendSaturday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays as scheduled

Saint Bartholomew – Villard

Weekend (Jan.—Mar.)Sunday 8:30am

St. John Nepomuk – Lowry/Lake Reno

Weekend (Jan.—Mar.)Saturday 4:00ap

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. BartholomewSunday 8:00am

St. John NepomukSaturday 3:15pm

Sacred Heart.....by appointment

Other times by appointment.

HAPPENINGS AT SJN

Many thanks for the Christmas cards and gifts. I truly appreciate your kindness.

The St. John Nepomuk Parish Life Committee met on Tuesday, December 10. We continue to discuss how to make our church more accessible. We are looking into a few alternatives; how to improve our restrooms and make the downstairs accessible. It is a slow process because we are consulting with contractors.

All three parishes are in good financial condition and have reserves in savings. People sometimes ask, if we have money available, why don't we spend it? It's necessary to have savings in the event we would have a major expense in the futures, such as a new roof or septic system. Also, whether a parish is open or closed, we need to provide for perpetual care of the properties.

Thanks for your continued support and good attendance at Mass. Both the 4:00pm and 8:30am Masses have an average of 80-90 attendees.

In January, there will be a change in the daily Mass schedule, partly because of the cold weather and lower numbers at weekday Masses. The Tuesday Masses at St. John Nepomuk and St. Bartholomew will move to 10:00am and alternate weeks. St. John Nepomuk will have Masses on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and St. Bartholomew will have Masses on the 2nd and 4th weeks. As winter goes on we will re-evaluate this schedule.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

Welcome to our Newest Member
Levi John Dorseth
—son of Clayton & Jessica



Deaths
Elaine Koubsky
(12/8/2024)



Deaths
Arlis Fettig
(12/14/2024)

Please keep Elaine, Arlis
their family & friends in your prayers.

Solemnity of Mary Masses

Tuesday, December 31

4:00pm at St. John Nepomuk

Wednesday, January 1

8:30am at Sacred Heart



Check out the delicious Fair Trade Coffee for sale in the main entry at Sacred Heart.

January 1 is right around the corner! If you are someone who gives at the end of the year... please get your gift in by Monday, December 30. The office at Sacred Heart will be open from 8-11am on that day.



It's a new year! If getting more involved in your church is on your list—there are lots of choices! The Knights of Columbus, Christian Mothers, Quilting and Sewing groups, Ushers, Sacristans (before and after Mass items), Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers (distributing communion), Befrienders (visiting our homebound and nursing home parishioners), singing in choir, and many more. Contact the church office if you are willing to share your time. Even volunteering a few times throughout the year is greatly appreciated!

For the Love of Family

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, and it reminds us to cherish our family, but also remember each family is uniquely different and yet share many of the same challenges. We can take this opportunity to reflect on the mystery of family life. Luke describes every family and community sharing the same perplexing, frustrating, and demanding challenges. Mary and Joseph faced the difficult discovery Jesus was not going along with them every step of the way. It is a real story of family conflict and is symbolic of many relationships.



Parents know what it is like when family members do not go along with them on the journey. When young Jesus strayed in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph searched to find him. They did not check out the markets and recreation spots which would interest a budding adolescent, but rather went to the Temple. They knew their son and had a good idea where he might be. They understood him; they were his first teachers. As they taught him what every child needs to learn, they had seen his fascination with the things of God—which for him included everything. Finding him in the Temple, they confronted the fact he would have to discover his own path in life. No matter what they might have hoped for him, he did not belong to them. That day in the Temple, it was Mary's turn to say, "Your time has not yet come." But even as she said that, she had to know his time would come soon. Like John the Baptist, she and Joseph would have to accept their roles would decrease as Jesus' captivity by the things of God increased.

This day invites us to celebrate our relationships with those we love most deeply. It reminds us the greatest gift we can give others is to respect and nurture their freedom to become all God has created them to be.

Religious Education Notes



Enjoy the break! Religious Education classes and Drop Inn will begin again on Wednesday, January 8.

First Reconciliation Retreat for students and their parent(s) is Sunday, January 5, from 2:30-4:30pm at Sacred Heart.



Bible Trivia



1. What is the only book of the Bible that says you will be blessed by reading it?
2. What number does John repeat throughout the book of Revelation?
3. According to Revelation, how long will Jesus reign on Earth after His second coming?

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

Mass Schedule (January—March)

Saturdays—4:00pm at St. John Nepomuk (Lake Reno)
5:30pm at Sacred Heart (Glenwood)
Sundays— 8:30am at St. Bartholomew (Villard)
10:30am at Sacred Heart (Glenwood)

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 (12/15/24)\$6,099.25
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions.....74

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (12/8/24)..... \$ 646.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....64
Number of Adult Contributions.....6

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (12/8/2024).....\$1,104.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....71
Number of Adult Contributions.....27

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



Catholic Question and Answer

Question: July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer: Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human! ©LPi

Make MN Pro-Life The Annual March for Life will take place on January 22, from 12noon-1pm at the Minnesota State Capitol. Join thousands of pro-life Minnesotans for an unforgettable remembrance of lives lost and a compelling call to rebuild a Minnesota where every human life is valued and loved. The march will take place from 12-12:30pm followed by a program on the Capitol steps with speakers and music. Visit mcl.org/march to learn more.



The Festival of Families will take place on Sunday, February 2, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell, from 11am-4pm. Come and enjoy the day with

families from around the Diocese. Not only is there Mass, but there will be break out sessions for parents/caregivers, teens, and children. Register at <https://www.stcdio.org/Festival-of-Families>.

Trivia Answers:
1. Revelation (Revelation 1:3)
2. (Revelation 1:4, 5:6, 10:3, etc.)
3. 1000 years (Revelation 20:4)

Mass Intentions

Mon. 12/30
Tues. 12/31 4:00pm (LR) † Michele Chermak
Weds. 1/1 8:30am (G) † Phyllis Nagel
Thurs. 1/2 10:00am at Villa † Marian Winter
Fri. 1/3 8:30am (G) † Donald Weller
Sat. 1/4 4:00pm (LR) † Emily Trousil
 5:30pm (G) † James White
Sun. 1/5 8:30am (V) † Leona Kramer
 10:30am (G) - For the Parish



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.

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



Readings for the week of December 29, 2024



Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-10
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
 Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-8/Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-6
 Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Jn 1:35-42
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Event Calendar

Thursday, January 2: Rosary and Adoration at 4:30pm at St. Bartholomew.
Sunday, January 5: First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat from 2:30-4:30pm at Sacred Heart.
Sunday, January 12: Grade 1 Parent/Child Session at 9am at Sacred Heart.
Monday, January 13: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm at Sacred Heart.

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.

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



Baptism Classes— Baptism class is required before a first Baptism. Parents expecting their first child should attend. For questions contact the church office. The next class will be January 22.



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.stcldio.org/natural-family-planning/nfp-class-locations-and-instructors/>

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:

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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

