



Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

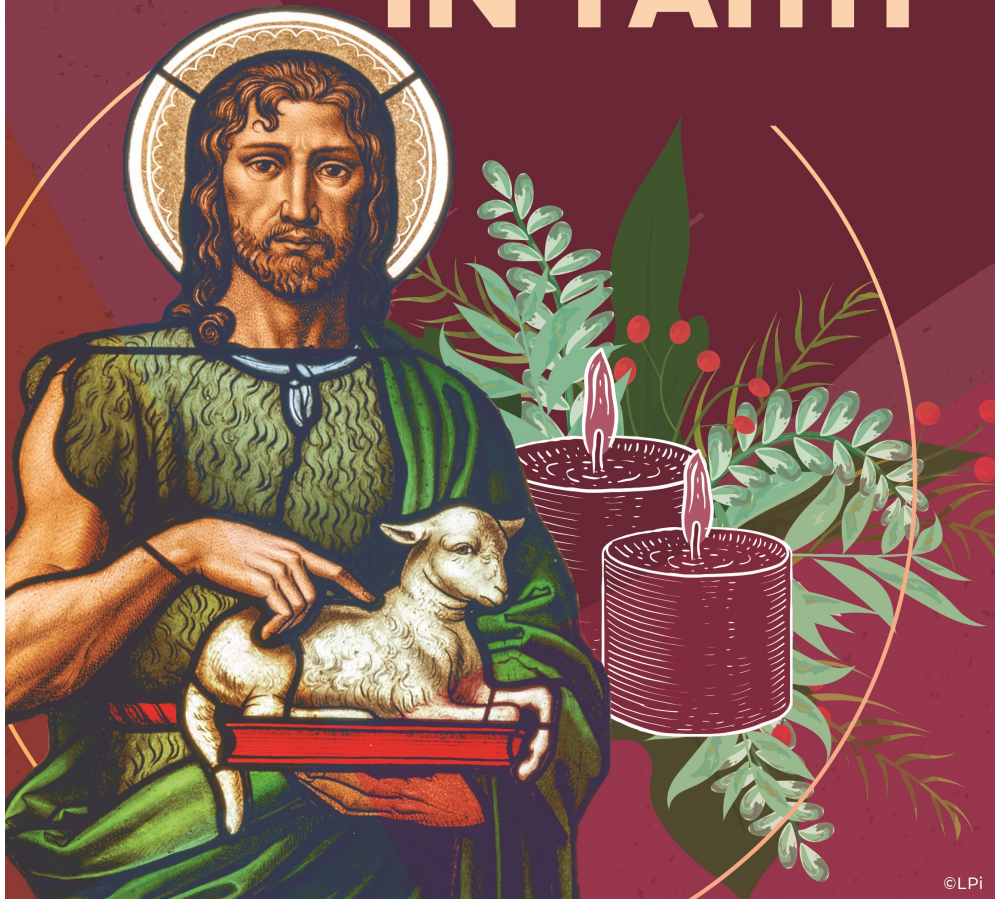
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DECEMBER 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**HOLD ON
IN FAITH**



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Secretary.....Katherine Chevalier

Coordinator (SJN)Amber Green

Youth Ministry Coordinator.....

Scott Crumb

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.

PREPARING THE WAY

John the Baptist cried out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth."

John's words remind us of road construction. We have watched as big trucks and earth movers have carved out mountain sides and hills to build highways and byways throughout time.

These past two years I have watched as large mounds of earth have been moved and tons of concrete poured near Highway 10 as it passes through Anoka. I wonder at moments if this is the best use of materials and the unnecessary destruction of nature with development. Are there better ways to make roads and move traffic? I am always saddened when I see the landscape changed so abruptly.

Anyone who has visited Israel can picture the winding roads throughout Israel's desert areas. It is beautiful landscape, yet challenging to navigate.

John the Baptist challenges us to set aside our wants and desires and align ourselves with what God wants for us. God is not promising us material gains. The Lord is promising us spiritual gains. He seeks to bring permanent peace, grace and mercy.

Today, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Usually when a Holy day falls on a weekend it is excused. The Vatican has decided to move the obligation to this Monday. With pastoral consideration I am excusing you from this change in protocol.

There will be Mass available this Monday, December 9, at 8:30am at Sacred Heart to honor this feast day.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

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



Deaths
Leona Kramer
(11/15/2024)

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

Share the Christmas Spirit every day!



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.



No one has volunteered to put their name on the ballot for the Parish Life Council at any of the churches! And voting takes place next weekend! 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 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.

Start looking for 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. We will share in the good news that Jesus has been born!



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 chapter in the Bible is considered the “Hall of Faith”?
2. What five books did John write?
3. According to the book of James, faith without what is dead?

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

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 (11/24/24)\$4,621.98
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions..... 66

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (11/24/24) \$1,427.30
Adult Envelope Holders..... 64
Number of Adult Contributions..... 12

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (11/24/2024)Not available at time of printing
Adult Envelope Holders..... 71
Number of Adult Contributions.....

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



Catholic Question and Answer

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

Answer: “Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell. ©LPi

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.



JOURNEY OF Faith Do you enjoy the “Living Faith” quarterly devotions books? Prison chaplains report inmates are eager for these, as they have time to read, and are in need of spiritual wisdom and advice. If you would like to foster this program, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Living Faith Foundation. A gift of \$45 allows 150 copies of the publication to be sent to inmates. Checks or money orders can be made payable to Living Faith Foundation, 1564 Fencorp Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

Trivia Answers:
1. Hebrews II
2. Gospel of John, I John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation
3. Works (James 2:17)

Mass Intentions

Mon. 12/9 8:30am (G) † Richard Carlson
Tues. 12/10 11:00am (V) † Donald Weller
 5:00pm (LR) †
Weds. 12/11 8:30am (G) † Don Kuntz
Thurs. 12/12 10:00am (MLH) † Jerome Soenneker
Fri. 12/13 8:30am (G) † Mary Ann Stommes
Sat. 12/14 4:00pm (V) † Marlin Ness
 5:30pm (G) - For the Parish
Sun. 12/15 8:30am (LR) †
 10:30am (G) † Shirley Fangman

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024



Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13
 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8 and 10
 Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
 15-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6
 Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Event Calendar

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

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:

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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.

