



Saints by the Lake Community

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

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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Bartholomew.....Sunday 8:00am

St. John Nepomuk.....Saturday 3:15pm

Sacred Heart.....by appointment

Other times by appointment.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

IT STARTS AT HOME

When the parents of Jesus took him to the Temple to be presented to God, they met two special people, Simeon the priest and Anna a devout widow. As they made the customary sacrifice these individuals prophesied as to the divine origin of the child Jesus.

Anna described Jesus as “The fall and rise of many in Israel”. Many hearts would be crushed by Jesus’ life and death, including Mary his mother.

The priest Simeon recognized that in this child the hope of Israel had been fulfilled. God had completed His promise. Simeon’s words have remained in the church’s night prayer:

Now Master you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

The completion of the Christmas season draws us into the life and ministry of Jesus. As his followers, we are urged to study his Word and follow in his footsteps. Every one is called to live the gospel in some way. It may be as simple as becoming a person of prayer like Anna, or a person of action like Simeon, who was a member of the clergy.

The world faces many ongoing problems like homelessness, drug addiction, gambling and other addictions, and broken families. The solution starts in how we address one another in our homes, and how we contribute to local community efforts.

Often it is as simple as being generous with our donations and our time.

God’s peace!

Fr. Joe



Are you feeling lucky? The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for their annual raffle. The cost is \$40/ticket and the prizes are all cold, hard cash! Look for them before and after Masses to purchase your ticket(s).

Mark your calendars—There will be Bingo and BBQ’s at St. John Nepomuk following the 4pm Mass on Saturday, February 22. Everyone is invited to attend!



There will be a Pizza Party after Mass on Saturday, February 22, at Sacred Heart. This is hosted by the February Activity Group. See you there!



There are A LOT of dishes in need of a home!

Many thanks to everyone who donates cakes, bars and other things at Sacred Heart. However, there is an over abundance of dishes who are now homeless. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to see if anything belongs to you.

Hats off to all of our youth who serve as readers...they are doing an awesome job! But...we are in need of some adults too! Even if you can only read 4-6 times a year, it is greatly appreciated. The readings are available for you to review before you are scheduled to read. Contact Fr. Joe or the church office if you are willing to share your time.



Wanted—a few more sacristans Sunday mornings at Sacred Heart. This person is responsible for turning on the lights, opening the doors, and setting out the items for the Eucharist before Mass, and then putting the items away, locking the doors and turning off the lights after Mass. Not to worry—there is a check list! It is a great “behind the scenes” way of being involved. If you are interested or have questions, contact Katherine.

Presentation of the Lord



Question: Luke’s Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke’s account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon’s prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles.” This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day.

2 This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi

Religious Education Notes

Religious Education Classes and Drop Inn will take place as scheduled this week.



February 2 is Candlemas Day! When Jesus was just a baby, Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple because it was a religious custom of the time for newborn babies and new mothers to be presented to God and receive special blessings. Today that custom is remembered, and in many churches the priest blesses candles—and that is why it is called Candlemas Day! Did you ever hear someone say, “It’s better to light one candle than to curse the darkness”? That means instead of always complaining about something you don’t like, you should try to “lighten up” and find a way to make it better. Think about that this week!

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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Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge? Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend our values. For over 100 years, the Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Becoming a member is easy! Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the benefits. Contact Al Bryce (320-808-1878) or Kevin Marthaler (320-491-1554) with questions

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 (1/19/25).....\$
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions.....

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (1/19/25)..... \$
Adult Envelope Holders..... 63
Number of Adult Contributions.....

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (1/19/2025).....\$1,385.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 71
Number of Adult Contributions..... 18

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



Everyday Stewardship

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God’s, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn’t mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety which comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God’s hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

The Catholic Men’s Conference will take place on February 22 at St. John’s University. The keynote speaker will be Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest with the Diocese of Sioux Falls. There are various workshops to attend and is open to any male 15 and older. The cost is \$40 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. The day begins at 8:30am and concludes with Mass at 4:00pm with Bishop Neary. For more info, visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholoic-mems-conference>. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>

Who is a Befriender? A befriender visits our home-bound parishioners and brings them the Eucharist on a regular basis. It is a wonderful way to share your time... and make a few friends along the way. Join us the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the Parish Center at Sacred Heart.

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. 2/3

Tues. 2/4 9:00am (LR) † Lorraine Mrnak
11:00am (V) † Richard Carlson

Weds. 2/5 8:30am (G) † Doreen Wade

Thurs. 2/6 10:00am at Villa † Walter Winter

Fri. 2/7 8:30am (G) † Donald Weller

Sat. 2/8 4:00pm (LR) †
5:30pm (G) Special Intentions
for Children with Type 1 diabetes

Sun. 2/9 8:30am (V) - For the Parish
10:30am (G) † Yvo & Trudy Jenniges



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 Kramber can be reached at 320-634-4788.



Readings for the week of February 2, 2025



Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18
Ps 24:7-10/Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-4, 9-11
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-6
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Event Calendar

Thursday, February 5: Rosary and Adoration at 4:30pm at St. Bartholomew.

Weekend of February 8-9: Holy Land Art Sale at Sacred Heart.

Monday, February 10: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm 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:

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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



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 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/>

