

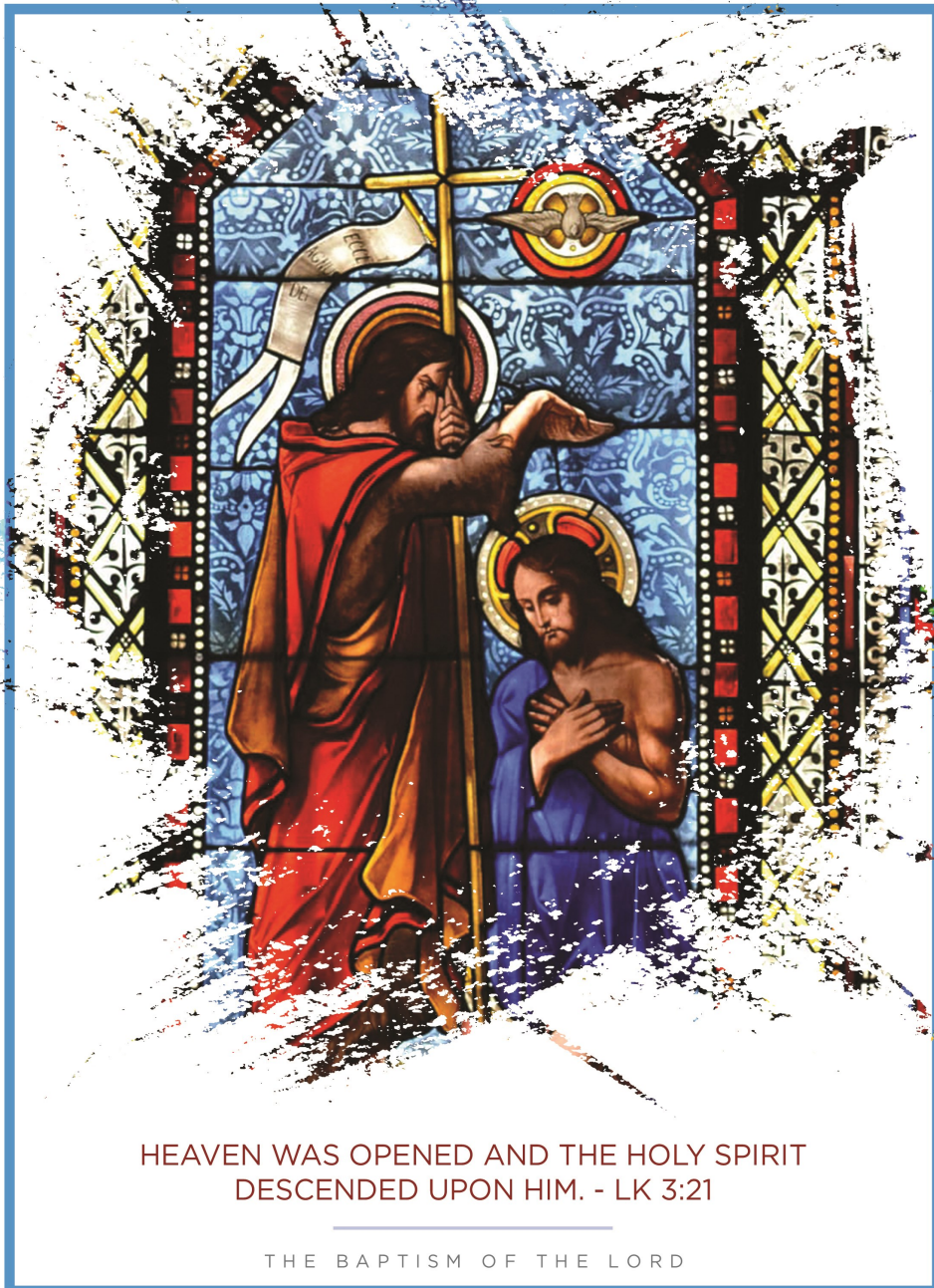


Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

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HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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.

LIVING OUR FAITH

The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John draws the Christmas season to a close and moves us into Ordinary time.

The focus shifts from Jesus' childhood to his adult ministry. The Wedding at Cana is his first of several public miracles.

The essential message of Jesus is a return of the people of Israel to God the Father. Jesus forgives sins and heals the sick.

These are essential practices of the church and should be highlighted during the Holy Year of 2025. In what ways is our diocese and parishes able to imitate Jesus' call to reform and restore faith in the Lord?

This is a question to pursue during 2025.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe



Welcome to our Newest Member
Iona Lisa Anderson
—daughter of Jamie

Congratulations to these new Parish Council Members!

Sacred Heart

Steve Klick and Marlena Marthaler

St. Bartholomew

Scott Jones and Jayne Schwalbach

If you are expecting your first child within the next 6 months, there will be a baptism class on Wednesday, January 22, beginning at 7pm in the Parish Center at Sacred Heart. This short class will discuss the baptism of your child. Please contact the church office to register.



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).

Check out the delicious Fair Trade Coffee for sale in the main entry at Sacred Heart. It is a win-win deal for all involved. You get great coffee and the farmers get paid a fair price for their crop. There are a few varieties to choose from. The price is \$12/bag.



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!



Jesus's Baptism...but why?

Jesus did not need to be baptized. The baptism by John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance, and the sacrament of baptism removes original sin. Since Jesus had neither original sin nor actual sin, he did not need to undergo baptism. However, Jesus also had no need to be born, to suffer or to die as a man. He did so out of love for humanity.

John the Baptist appears to recognize the strangeness of Jesus asking to be baptized yet obeys Jesus' request.

The baptism of Jesus began his public ministry and gave the first example that we are to follow. For if Jesus, who had no need to repentance or cleansing, humbles himself, then we all the more need to humble ourselves.

Jesus not only gave the example for us to follow, but many Fathers of the Church commented that in the baptism of Jesus the sacrament of baptism was born. It was a symbolic action that, through the grace of Christ, was changed into an ontological (relating to or based upon being or existence) action. When we receive a sacrament, the grace flows to us from the sacrament, but in the baptism of Jesus the grace of Christ flowed into the sacrament.

In salvation history, the Jordan River was very important. It was through the Jordan River that Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Jesus chose this spot to be baptized so through his immersion and emergence from the Jordan River all humanity could be led to heaven.

Ultimately, the reason Jesus chose to be baptized in the Jordan River by John was not for him but for us.

Excerpts from catholic.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

Religious Education Notes

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



Upcoming Celebrations:

February 23—Confirmation at Sacred Heart

April 26/27—First Communion weekend

Did you know that if somebody asks you to “put your John Hancock on this paper,”



they want you to sign your name? Today is John’s Hancock’s birthday! Born in 1737, he was the first one to

sign his name to America’s Declaration of Independence. Others signed it too, but Hancock signed with such big, bold handwriting that his name stands out more than any of the others! How do YOU sign your name? Practice writing it carefully, because when you sign your name you tell the world who you are. And when you make the sign of a cross, you tell the world you are a Christian!

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



Easiest fundraiser ever... donate your Tom’s receipts. The container is located in the main entrance of Sacred Heart, or you can include them in the offering baskets. The proceeds go to Pope County Families in Need.

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 (12/24-29/24)\$13,722.25
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions..... 128

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (12/24-29/24) \$1,830.50
Adult Envelope Holders..... 64
Number of Adult Contributions..... 33

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (12/24-29/2024)\$5,457.75
Adult Envelope Holders..... 71
Number of Adult Contributions..... 55

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



Everyday Stewardship

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn’t even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don’t remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©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>.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 1/13

Tues. 1/14 9:00am (LR) † Thomas Lesser
11:00am (V) † LeRoy Terhaar

Weds. 1/15 8:30am (G) † Yvo & Trudy Jenniges

Thurs. 1/16 10:00am at GRV † Betty Lou Freske

Fri. 1/17 8:30am (G) † Deborah Winter

Sat. 1/18 4:00pm (LR) † Donald Hiebel
5:30pm (G) † Cecilia Joyce

Sun. 1/19 8:30am (V) - For the Parish
10:30am (G) † Don Kuntz



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 January 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1-2b, 6-9/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-8
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Event Calendar

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.

Tuesday, January 14: Our Lady Mission Group 9am-12noon at Sacred Heart.

Wednesday, January 22: Baptism Class 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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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.

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

