

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis has announced a Holy Year in 2025 titled, "Pilgrims of Hope". As part of this celebration the Holy Father has offered these indulgences: To make a pilgrimage to a holy site, such as a cathedral or designated church, and to perform an act of charity.

The focus of this Holy Year will be reconciliation with God and with one another.

Caritas USA has announced a debt-relief project to assist the poor nations in overcoming their debt. According to Caritas USA, in the Bible a jubilee year is a time for both personal and national forgiveness of sins and debt relief, as well as the release of prisoners.

Thanks for your many greetings and gifts over the holidays. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Please disregard the Tuesday Mass schedule change in the December 29 bulletin. I will re-evaluate the schedule as the winter proceeds. When there is bad weather or I am taking a few days off, the Tuesday Masses will be canceled.

Pray for peace and healing in the New Year.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

Deaths

Arlis Fettig
(12/14/2024)



Please keep Arlis
her family & friends in your prayers.

Congratulations to these new Parish Council Members!

Sacred Heart

Steve Klick and Marlena Marthaler

St. Bartholomew

Scott Jones and Jayne Schwalbach



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.

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.



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!



Seven Things about Epiphany

1. The word means "manifestation". It comes from Greek roots meaning "to show, to display" and "on, to". Epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.
2. The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. This feast celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.
3. When it is celebrated varies from country to country. In some countries, Epiphany is a Holy Day of obligation and is celebrated on January 6. In the United States it is celebrated the first Sunday in after January 1, and is not a Holy Day of obligation.
4. It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century. The feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6, and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25. Although the feasts have different emphases, their essential meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light and true Son.
5. The Magi was understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste. They are also considered to have the following" possessors and users of supernatural knowledge and ability, magicians, and finally deceivers and seducers. For the Magi in Matthew 2, it is our first of the four meanings which apply, at least in a broad sense.
6. The Magi were of a prophetic nature which allowed them to identify the birth of the new "king of the Jews" astronomically. They may have been motivated to see this king of the Jews since there was an expectation at the time that a universal ruler would shortly come from Israel.
7. The Magi went to Herod as they assumed the newborn king with be a son of Herod—the current "king of the Jews". Upon finding out this was false, they played into Herod's paranoia for his throne and led to the slaughter of the innocents.

Religious Education Notes



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

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



It's a New Year....

This year is will be fun facts!

Do you think a saint would ever have a horse named Geraldine? John Neumann did! When he was a young priest, he and Geraldine often rode through the wilderness where the Indians lived.

There were no churches there, so sometimes John had to offer Mass on someone's kitchen table. He also wrote catechisms (books to help children learn about religion) and finally became a bishop and a saint. Do you know who **YOUR** bishop is? (hint: if you listen during Mass, Fr. Joe mentions his name)



The Directors of Religious Education

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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 (12/22/24)\$5,131.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions.....60

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (12/22/24) \$ 835.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....64
Number of Adult Contributions.....18

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (12/22/2024).....\$1,408.00
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 Story of the Other Wise Man” by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to “the least of these” he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

—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>.



Spread a smile wherever you go!

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 1/6**
Tues. 1/7 9:00am (LR) † Linda Trousil
 11:00AM (V) † Alan & Marie Scielsky
Weds. 1/8 8:30am (G) † Charles & Mae Messenger
Thurs. 1/9 10:00am at MLH
 † Alex Katherine Terhaar family
Fri. 1/10 8:30am (G) † Ted Friedrich
Sat. 1/11 4:00pm (LR) †
 5:30pm (G) † Wally Rajdl
Sun. 1/12 8:30am (V) - For the Parish
 10:30am (G) † Alvin & Elnora Larson



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 5, 2025

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-12a
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10-13
 Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
 Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-5 and 6a and
 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next 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



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.

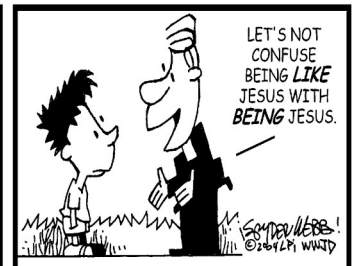


Baptism Classes— Baptism class is required before a first Baptism. Parents expecting their first child should attend. For questions contact the church office. The next class will be January 22.

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/>



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.

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

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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