



Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

122 NW 1st Street • Glenwood, Minnesota 56334 • (320)634-3813

IN THE SIGHT OF ANGELS,

I sing.

PSALM 138



FEBRUARY 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Secretary.....Katherine Chevalier
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Youth Ministry Coordinator.....
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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.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

In this past issue of the *Central Minnesota Catholic* magazine there were articles regarding the development of the Area Catholic Communities (ACC's) and becoming missionary disciples. The Planning Office has tasked us with creating a Saints by the Lake Planning Committee with a two year commitment. I will be contacting individuals to serve on the committee.

The role of a missionary disciple is not clearly defined. Jesus was the first Christian missionary. He traveled around Galilee preaching and teaching in the synagogues.

Today we are facing a shortage of priests. However there were also shortages of priests in the past. We have always been a mission oriented church. My parents grew up in rural areas in central Montana and western North Dakota. Priests and protestant ministers traveled by train to visit churches without resident pastors. Consider Fr. Pierz, who traveled extensively in the Little Falls area.

People form communities around some common goal, economic activity, or a feature such as good soil for crops, or rivers which provide transportation. Today we are building around highways and transportation hubs. As we build infrastructure and housing, families want schools and churches.

Evangelical Christians are busy planting churches all over, which reflects their missionary activity. They do a much better job of establishing new churches, ordaining local and native speaking clergy, and offering Christian education. In a few decades they have changed the Latin American countries from predominantly Roman Catholic to mostly Evangelical Christian.

The general roles of a church have not changed. Churches of all denominations do the same basic things. They gather for worship on Sundays, have a music ministry and a religious education ministry, and perform charitable works.

The church throughout the years has worked to bring people into a closer relationship with Christ and to put their faith into action. Parishes bring structure and support to these efforts. Individual parishes serve a genuine purpose, because they gather groups of Christians together to worship, celebrate and care for one another.

Creating ACC's is a management tool to accommodate parishes and priests. Parishes remain the vital hands and heart of the church. It is important we work to keep our parishes strong both spiritually and financially.

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.

Will the REAL St. Valentine please stand up?

Perhaps the most remarkable fact about St. Valentine is that no one knows any facts about him at all. Whether he was one man, or two, or fifty; a priest or a bishop or a doctor; from the south of Italy or the north, Valentine is one of the strange saints for whom the only thing we can be sure of is that he is in heaven—which, to be fair, is the most important things about him, whoever he is.

Valentine's life is so stretched by legend that the Church dismissed him from the general calendar of saints. In 496, only 200 years after his reported death, Pope Gelasius referred to Valentine's life as "being known only to God". No one knows who Valentine was, but he is cherished as an imagined saint of lovers; for we are all enchanted with the promise that God will love us and forever hold us dear when the cold world has forgotten us.

By one account, he was a third-century Italian bishop who was put under house arrest. Valentine spoke to the judge often about Jesus Christ, until one day the unbelieving judge challenged Valentine to cure his blind daughter. Valentine placed his hands on the girl's eyes, and they were opened.

Another account is Valentine as a priest, giving aid to Christian suffering persecution. Soldiers were not allowed to marry as the time, but Valentine secretly began marrying couples. He was sentenced to death once the secret became public.



As with many religious holidays, Valentine's day has been boiled down to roses, chocolates, cupids and romance, and the spiritual element has been lost.

Excerpts from Catholic Answers

Religious Education Notes

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



This Friday is Valentine's Day... it is a time for hearts, poems, and posies. But is it also the feast day of two saints: Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius. Saint Cyril was a monk who invented a Yugoslavian alphabet! Have a bowl of alphabet soup this week and see how many words you can spell out—like heart, love, valentine and saint!

This week will be First Reconciliation for our second graders. Please keep them in your prayers this week!



The Directors of Religious Education

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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your offerings change the lives in many ways through ministries which reach out to all the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect all people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sister closer to Christ.

There are envelopes available at church to donate, or there will also be one sent to you.

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 (1/26/25).....	\$6,344.26
Adult Envelope Holders.....	404
Number of Adult Contributions.....	55

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$1,362.00
Collected (1/26/25).....	\$ 539.75
Adult Envelope Holders.....	63
Number of Adult Contributions.....	12

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$1,400.00
Collected (1/26/2025).....	\$1,722.26
Adult Envelope Holders.....	71
Number of Adult Contributions.....	23

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



Everyday Stewardship

The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— 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://stdio.org/event/2025-catholoic-mems-conference>. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CMC>

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.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 2/10

Tues. 2/11 9:00am (LR) † Linda Trousil
11:00am (V) † Mike Rajdl

Weds. 2/12 8:30am (G) † Don Kuntz

Thurs. 2/13 10:00am at MLH † Marilyn Terhaar

Fri. 2/14 8:30am (G) † the Wade family

Sat. 2/15 4:00pm (LR) † Jerry Patrick
5:30pm (G)

† Fadness & Steinhofer families

Sun. 2/16 8:30am (V) † Kocher & Chaska families
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 Kramber can be reached at 320-634-4788.



Readings for the week of February 9, 2025



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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12,
24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-30
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-6/1 Cor 15:12,
16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Event Calendar

Monday, February 10: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm ay Sacred Heart.

Tuesday, February 11: Our Lady Mission Sewing Group meeting , starting at 9am at Sacred Heart.

Saturday, February 22: BBQ's and Bingo after the 4pm Mass at St. John Nepomuk.

Saturday, February 22: Pizza after 5:30pm Mass 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.



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->

