



Saints by the Lake Community

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

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MARCH 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.”

- Lk 6:43

KEEPING YOUR EYES ON CHRIST

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2025. Thanks to our catechists and parents who have assisted us during the year. We pray these young people will remain active in the church and strong in their faith in Christ.

The calendar is once again turning over to a new month. We can barely keep up with the changes in times and in activity. This Sunday's readings draw images from nature, trees, wheat husks, thorn bushes and grape vines. Jesus speaks to us about healthy plants and sickly plants.

People should be like trees planted in good soil and near water so they will grow strong and healthy. Trees which are grown in poor soil and in dry conditions will sicken and die. A good person is one who lives according to God's will and keeps their focus on doing good. These are the ones who prosper and receive the life of Christ.

There are always changes taking place in society, government and the church. There is a natural cycle of growth, decay and new life. Some people may grow anxious, but history teach us "there is nothing new under the sun". Leaders come and go, whether presidents or popes.

In some way, God uses both the good and the bad to accomplish his will. If we keep our eyes on Christ and strive to live by his teachings, we will remain at peace.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

Deaths

Mike Goraczkowski
(2/17/2025)

Ray Heidelberger
(2/21/2025)



Please keep Mike, Ray,
and their family & friends in your prayers.

Mass times for Ash Wednesday

Tuesday, March 4

11:00am at St. Bartholomew

5:30pm at St. John Nepomuk

Wednesday, March 5

8:30am at Sacred Heart

4:00pm at Sacred Heart



Check out all the Lenten resources and Rice Bowls

There are a variety of booklets with devotions and activities for ages 3-100+. Take what you would like.



....and Lent has begun.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, a period of penitence before Easter. It symbolizes the need for repentance and reconciliation with God through the practice of receiving ashes on the forehead. These ashes represent human mortality and the idea that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return" (Which is derived from the biblical story of creation.)

- The origin stems from ancient Jewish practices of penance and fasting, People would wear ashes as a sign of mourning and repentance.
- The meaning of the ashes is to signify our human mortality and the need to turn back to God.
- Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, a 40 day period of fasting, prayer, and reflection leading up to Easter, It also represents the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert tempted by Satan.
- Fasting and abstinence are tradition in the Catholic faith on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.
- In early Christian history, Ash Wednesday was a time for public penance, where serious sinners would begin a period of reconciliation with the Church by wearing sackcloth and ashes.



The winner of the Golden Ticket worth \$1,500 from the Knights of Columbus Raffle this year is Jeff Kuhn.

The \$100 winners were: Bertie Hoepfer, Jim Jensen, John McMahon, Mike Solonen and Marcy Stavem-Jacobson.

Many thanks to every one who attended and made last Saturday's Pizza Party after Mass at Sacred Heart a success! It was fun to have so many people there and share a meal and fellowship!

Need a quick pick me up? Sacred Heart is open from 7:30am-6:00pm during the weekdays if you would like to stop in for a short prayer or meditation. Here are other times for group prayer/adoration too:

Mondays at 4:30pm—Rosary at Sacred Heart

Third Tuesday of the month—Adoration from 2-5:30pm at Sacred Heart

First Thursday of the month—Rosary and Adoration from 4:30-5:30pm at St. Bartholomew

First Friday of the month—Divine Mercy Chaplet before the 8:00am Mass.

It's your time to shine! Consider becoming a little more active in church by being a reader, sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, usher or song leader. We are in need for more people to come forward at St. Bartholomew and Sacred Heart. Many hands make for lighter work, so even if you can only help out 6 times a year...it makes a BIG difference! Contact the church office or Fr. Joe.



Religious Education Notes



If you were born in the month of March, your “jewel” is called a heliotrope. Isn’t that a pretty name? The stone is dark green with little spots of bright red. Maybe because of the red

spots, some people call it a *bloodstone*—and maybe that’s also why your birthstone symbolizes courage. Have courage today—and every day. Whenever someone tries to get you to do something you KNOW is wrong, have the courage to just say NO!

The Directors of Religious Education

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Ladies:

Mark you calendars for these upcoming events.



“The Secret of the Holy Face” Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 8 at St. Michael’s Parish in Buckman. Speakers will include Cathy Maloney-Hills and Fr. Robert Altier. The cost is \$25 at the door. The retreat is from 9am-2pm and is hosted by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. For more info, visit stcloudccw.org.



Saturday, May 3—Morning of Reflection at Sacred Heart with speaker Gina Bauer. The topic is “You are Enough—with Grace”. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Contact Paula Johnson with questions. 320-248-9193

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 (2/16/25).....\$4,064.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....404
Number of Adult Contributions.....52

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (2/16/25)..... \$ 721.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....63
Number of Adult Contributions.....22

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (2/16/2025).....\$
Adult Envelope Holders.....71
Number of Adult Contributions.....

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



Everyday Stewardship

I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.

Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren’t physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.

Jesus asked his disciples, “Can a blind person guide a blind person?” If we aren’t actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren’t living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren’t concerned with knowing the truth yourself?

Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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.



Are you looking for some Lenten retreats to attend?

Central Minnesota Koinonia. They are located just north of Little Falls. Visit www.centralmnkoinonia.org

King’s House, located in Buffalo. For more information, visit www.kingshouse.com

33 Days to Morning Glory—Written by Fr. Michael Gaitley, this book is a 33 day DIY retreat to prepare for Marian Consecration. There are multiple copies of this book available in the library at Sacred Heart.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 3/3**
Tues. 3/4 11:00am (V) † Donald Weller
 9:00am (LR) - For the Parish
Weds. 3/5 8:30am (G) † Yvo & Trudy Jenniges
 4:00pm (G) - For the Parish
Thurs. 3/6 10:00am at Villa † Anita Hallaway
Fri. 3/7 8:30am (G) † Cliff Anton
Sat. 3/8 4:00pm (LR)
 5:30pm (G) † Diane Anton
Sun. 3/9 8:30am (V) - For the Parish
 10:30am (G) † Lawrence Helen Tasto,
 Brian Skold & Carter Bremseth

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025



- Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16
 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
 Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
 Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14 and 23
 Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14 and 17
 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19
 Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
 Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Event Calendar

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

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 4:00pm 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

- 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.



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.



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 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-visit>

