



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Parish Office

122 NW 1st Street

Glenwood, Minnesota 56334

Phone..... (320)634-3813

Email sheartchurch@gmail.com

Website www.sacredheartglenwood.com

Diocese Website...www.stclouddiocese.org

Parish Staff

Pastor Father Joseph Vandenberg

DRE Paula Johnson (Pre-K-6)

..... Sue Heidelberger (7-12)

Music Director.....Ann Foley

Custodian.....Chris Berger (SH)

... Sarah Heidelberger (SB)

BookkeeperConnie DeVault

.....Judy Radil (SJN)

Secretary.....Katherine Chevalier

Coordinator (SJN)Amber Green

Youth Ministry Coordinator.....

Scott Crumb

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

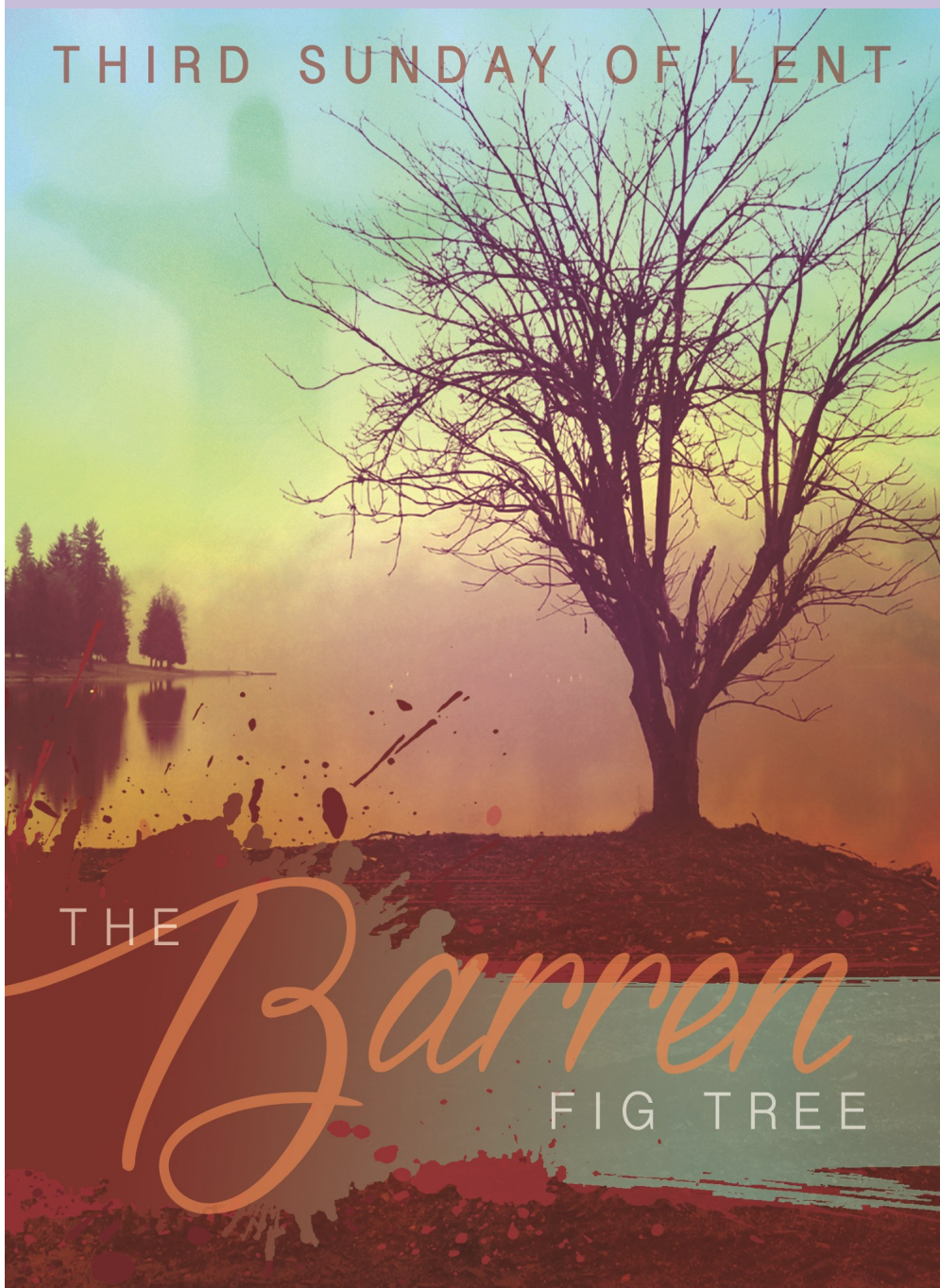
Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. BartholomewSunday 8:00am

St. John NepomukSaturday 3:15pm

Sacred Heart.....by appointment

Other times by appointment.



THE

Barren

FIG TREE

WEEDING OUR GARDENS

Lent is going by fast. As typical of the weather, there was snow the week of the high school hockey finals and also the girl's basketball week. I would not be surprised if we have one more snowstorm.

I recently put out some information on how our ACC (Area Catholic Communities) operates. New information from the diocese suggests more changes. The diocese wants us to have a single Parish Life (Pastoral Council) Committee among the three parishes. We have already been moving in that direction.

Beginning with our April meeting (we meet quarterly) the individual councils will meet together. We have also formed a Planning Committee which will meet at various times to develop a plan to present to the Bishop sometime in 2026.

The basic premise of the ACC is the diocese wants us to operate as ONE parish with three worship sites.

A theme of Lent as given in the Story of the Prodigal Son was that God the Father continues to call us back into a right relationship. He is willing to forgive us regardless of our faults. No sin is unforgivable. God forgives us of both minor and major sins.

In our personal lives we are called to weed out any bad behavior and plant acts of goodness. How can we "pay if forward" or give alms to the poor, the hungry, and the homeless? As a parish we support the Pope County Food Shelf among other charities.

At the end of Lent, on Good Friday, you are encouraged to return your Rice Bowls, whether coins or a check. These funds are distributed by the Catholic Relief Service to places throughout the world.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

Welcome to our Newest Members
Chase Dave Jenniges
Kylee Ann Jenniges
—son and daughter of Neil & Nicole



Deaths
Roger Raeker
(3/10/2025)



Please keep Roger,
and his family & friends in your prayers.



With the nicer weather here, please enjoy the warmer weather and remove any winter greenery you placed at our cemeteries and dispose of properly.



This Tuesday, March 25, it's St. John Nepomuk's turn to have evening Mass! Following the 5pm Mass, there will be Stations of the Cross and a Soup & Sandwich Pot Luck supper.



Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart will take place on Wednesdays beginning at 4:30pm during Lent. Everyone is invited as we go on this journey.

There will be additional opportunities on Tuesdays after Masses at St. Bartholomew and St. John Nepomuk.



Next Sunday, March 30—there will be a Pancake Breakfast following the 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart, with a free will offering for the Food Shelf. This event is hosted by the March Activity Group.



40 Cans for Lent has begun! Look for the shopping cart or box at the main entrances at each church. The Knights of Columbus challenge your household to give 40 food items to the local food shelf or a monetary equivalent. **Plus—during the month of March, all contributions are doubled!** If you choose to give a monetary donation, you can make it to the Knights of Columbus and drop it in the offering basket.



Need a little sweet treat? The youth will be offering donuts and coffee after Masses at Sacred Heart, with a free will offering. They are raising money to go on their Steubenville trip this summer to Joliet Indiana! Upcoming dates: Sunday, March 23, Sunday, April 13, and Sunday, May 25.



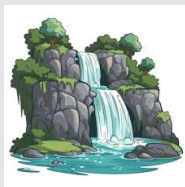
Consider becoming a little more active in church by being a reader, sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, usher or song leader. We are in need for more people to come forward at St. Bartholomew and Sacred Heart. Many hands make for lighter work, so even if you can only help out 6 times a year...it makes a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

Many thanks to everyone who already shares their time and talent with our churches.

Mass Schedule (April—June)

Saturdays—4:00pm at St. Bartholomew (Villard)
5:30pm at Sacred Heart (Glenwood)
Sundays— 8:30am at St. John Nepomuk (Lake Reno)
10:30am at Sacred Heart (Glenwood)

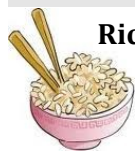
Religious Education Notes



Did you ever hear of Angel Falls? Now, how can you hear an angel fall when an angel has wings? Well...Angel Falls is the name of the highest waterFALL in the world. It's in Venezuela and was discovered by a man named Angel. Did you ever hear of a "guardian angel"? It is said that when you are born, God gives you a special angel all your own— to guard you and help you. It's sort of like having your own personal lifeguard or bodyguard. Isn't that a nice idea? If you could SEE an angel, what do you think your guardian angel would look like?

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



Rice Bowl Tidbit— In Santa Maria Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belen and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program which helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit csrricebowlw.orgweek-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.



Knight of Columbus Tootsie Rolls will be available the weekend of April 26/27!

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 (3/9/25).....\$13,744.87
Adult Envelope Holders..... 404
Number of Adult Contributions..... 66

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (3/9/25)..... \$ 42.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 63
Number of Adult Contributions..... 14

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (3/9/2025).....\$1,385.85
Adult Envelope Holders..... 71
Number of Adult Contributions..... 27

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



Everyday Stewardship

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions which have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Start your mornings with a cup of Fair Trade Coffee!

There is an assortment to select from in the main entrance at Sacred Heart. Not only do you get great coffee, the farmers are paid a fair price.

What can we do for Lent? There are many positive things we can do for the Lenten season and beyond. Be happy. Be helpful. Volunteer at agencies that assist those in need. Practice being patient and kind to people at work or in your family. If you gave something up for Lent, save the money and donate to a worthy cause. You can even just smile and brighten the day of those you encounter.



Did you know?.... You can subscribe and get the church bulletin emailed to you? Visit parishesonline.com to get a link to have our bulletin delivered right to your inbox!

Mass Intentions

Mon. 3/24

Tues. 3/25 11:00am (V) † Leona Kraemer
5:00pm (LR) - Healing for Fr. Kirchner

Weds. 3/26 8:30am (G) † Richard Carlson

Thurs. 3/27

Fri. 3/28 8:30am (G) † Peggy Klick

Sat. 3/29 4:00pm (LR) † Ray Heidelberger
5:30pm (G) - For the Parish

Sun. 3/30 8:30am (V) † Mike Rajdl
10:30am (G) † Barbara Klimek-Peterson

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14 and
17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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.



Event Calendar

Tuesday, March 25: 5:00pm Mass at St. John Nepomuk, followed by Stations of the Cross and a Soup & Sandwich Pot Luck meal.

Sunday, March 30: Pancake Breakfast following the 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart. Free will offering for the food shelf.

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.



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>

