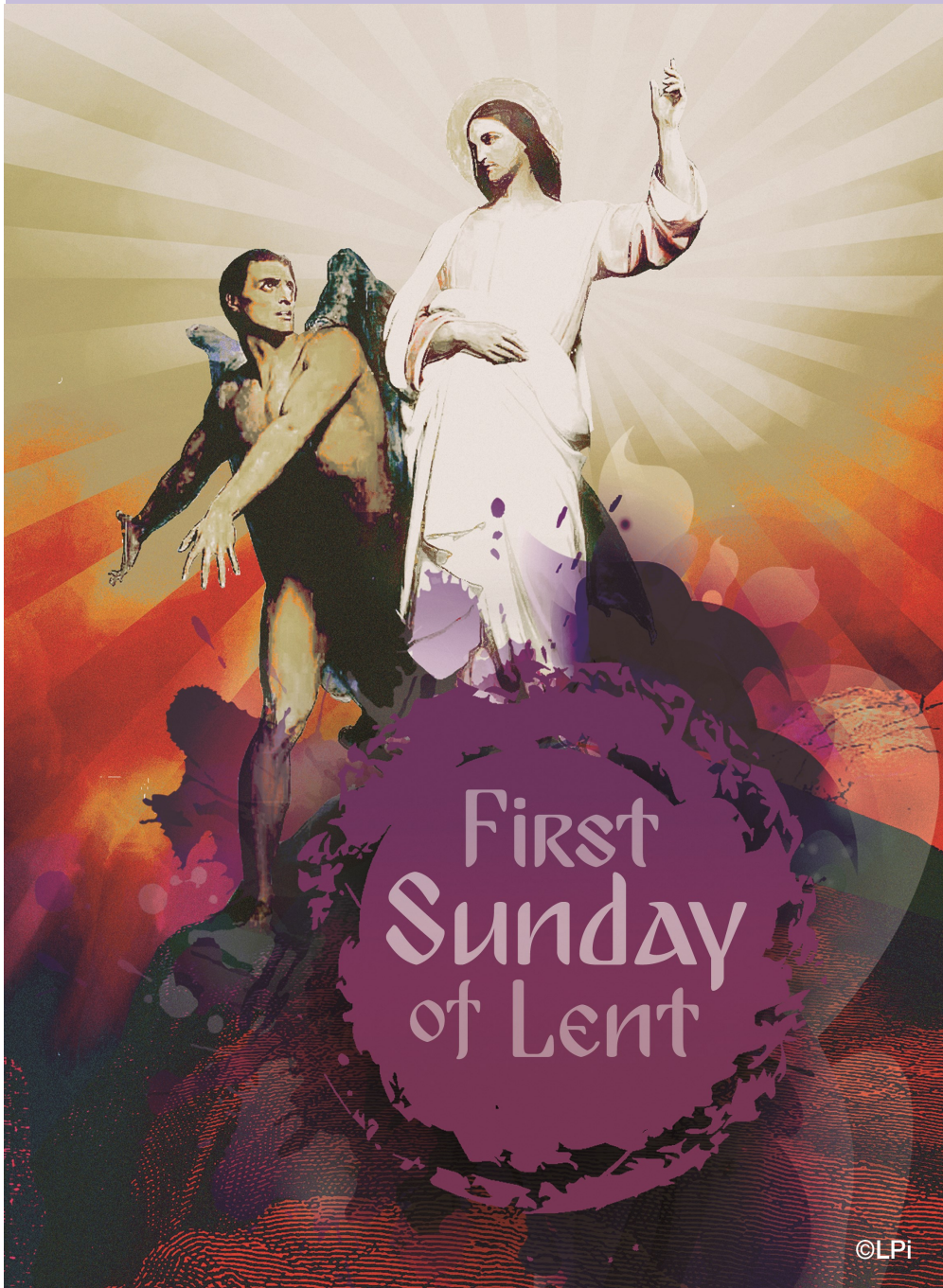


Saints by the Lake Community

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

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



MARCH 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

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.....Judy Radil (SJN)

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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.

WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBORS

On Sunday, March 2, I celebrated my 67th birthday. This is a significant number because I am coming closer to the retirement age of 70. As our diocese continues with its planning process we can expect to see changes. I do not anticipate any major changes in our ACC. However, the reality is that as the number of priests decline, we will see new configurations of parishes, and sadly the closing of some parishes.

The bishop mentioned in his column that we have 14 men in formation for priesthood and 19 men in formation to become deacons. This seems problematic as there should be a balance between the numbers of priests and deacons.

I do not know what kind of changes the Planning Office is envisioning. For the present we will maintain our weekend schedule. To help ease the work, we discourage Saturday funerals, and also encourage Friday weddings. The good news is that our weekend Masses are generally 2/3 or more full. It is good to see so many families with children attending worship.

As I read this Sunday's first reading from Deuteronomy, I reflected on the difficulties experienced by the people of Gaza. Their properties have been mostly destroyed along with their economy. The greater tragedy is that they are bordered by Muslim countries who could easily accommodate 2 million people. Egypt will not even allow them temporary asylum.

Moses reflected on his own nation which went down to Egypt where they became numerous, but they were poorly treated and abused. The Lord heard their cries and brought them out of Egypt into a place of freedom, a land flowing with milk and honey. To this day, the Jews are treated poorly by non-Jews. In these circumstances they share a common reality with the Palestinians.

There was a very small number of Christians living in Gaza. We do not know whether they have survived or been killed in the violence. We pray all the Israeli hostages, both living and dead, may be returned to their families, and the residents of Gaza may begin to rebuild their lives.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

Deaths

Mike Gorackowski
(2/17/2025)
Ray Heidelberger
(2/21/2025)



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



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.

Time to order Easter flowers

for around the altar at Easter! Please contact Katherine in the church office (sheartchurch@gmail.com or 320-634-3813). Other than the lily which increased by \$.50, all prices are the same as last year. **Orders are due by Wednesday, March 19!**



Easter Lily.....	\$19.50
Tulip Plant.....	\$20.00
Begonia	\$25.00
Cyclamen.....	\$25.00
Kalanchoe.....	\$25.00
Mum.....	\$30.00
Hydrangea.....	\$45.00
Azalea.....	\$48.00



Last chance for Lenten Devotionals and Activities! Stop and pick up what you would like. There are devotionals and activities for everyone ages 3-100!

This Thursday, March 13, there will be Mass at 5pm at St. Bartholomew, followed by Stations of the Cross and a Soup & Sandwich Pot Luck Supper. Everyone is invited to attend.

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



On 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 April Activity Group.



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.

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



On March 12, 1912, a lady named Juliette Low invited some young girls to come to her house for a tea party. That afternoon she showed them pictures of a girl's club in England called "The Girl Guides." They began talking about how much fun a club like that would be, and by the end of the afternoon they had started the very first chapter of the Girl Scouts of America. Why don't you invite some "good scouts" to your house today for a tea party? If you don't like iced tea, serve punch and cookies (it is Girl Scout cookie time...) or hot dogs. Then think about what YOU could do to become a "good scout" for God!

The Directors of Religious Education

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Rice Bowl Tidbit—Since 1975, Catholics across the United State have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our brothers and sisters in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family, allowing all people to reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.



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 (2/23/25).....	\$5,697.44
Adult Envelope Holders.....	404
Number of Adult Contributions.....	51

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$1,362.00
Collected (2/23/25).....	\$ 880.75
Adult Envelope Holders.....	63
Number of Adult Contributions.....	18

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2024/25 Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$1,400.00
Collected (2/23/2025).....	\$2,176.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....	71
Number of Adult Contributions.....	27

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



Everyday Stewardship

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they are calling you.

- What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.
- What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?
- What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?
- What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?
- What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

— take time to consider giving a small amount of your treasure to this cause. There are envelopes at the entrances, or you can leave it in the contribution baskets and we will mail it for 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.



Did you know... on the third Tuesday of the month there is Adoration at Sacred Heart from 2-5:30pm? Everyone is welcome.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 3/10

Tues. 3/11 NO Masses

Weds. 3/12 NO Mass

Thurs. 3/13 10:00am at MLH - For the Parish
5:00pm (V) † Diane Anton

Fri. 3/14 8:30am (G) † Harold & Shirley Fangman

Sat. 3/15 4:00pm (LR) † Donald Hiebel
5:30pm (G) † Lily Cayo

Sun. 3/16 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 March 9, 2025



Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3,
7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Event Calendar

Thursday, March 13: Mass at 5pm at St. Bartholomew, followed by Stations of the Cross and a PotLuck Soup and Sandwich Supper.

Tuesday, March 18: Mass at 5pm at St. John Nepomuk, followed by Stations of the Cross and a Parish Life Committee meeting at 6pm.

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 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/>

