



## FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD

Please remember to attend the Catechists Appreciation Meal in the lower level at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, April 24, from 4:45-6:30pm. This is our opportunity to say thank you to the catechists for their service to our churches.

Also mark your calendars for Thursday, June 6. There will be a 5:30pm Mass at St. Bartholomew, followed by a fellowship meal. All are welcome!

This Good Shepherd Sunday offers us a glimpse of our own relationship with God the Father and his Son, Jesus. God the Father is the creator of all things and people, and through the Son we are related as brothers and sisters.

We might think of Jesus as the eldest of the family. Like many eldest children he has a unique responsibility to shepherd us, or to herd us in the direction we should go. If you were an eldest child, do you remember at times being frustrated that the other children would not listen to you, or they would be resentful of your authority?

The role of an eldest child is not always easy because they tend to take on the responsibility of a parent. At times Jesus must become tired of directing us and dealing with our stubborn streaks. He wants to lead us to what is good and nourishing, but we want to follow our own instincts.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we are encouraged to listen to Christ and to follow him to a place of nourishment and safety.

God's peace!

*Fr. Joe*

### Deaths

Don Kuntz  
(4/3/2024)



Please keep Don, his family & friends in your prayers.

**Tootsie Roll Weekend** is the last weekend in April! Support the Knights of Columbus as they raise funds for disabled children - plus you get a tootsie roll!



**Warmer weather is finally here, which means the cemeteries will be getting cleaned.** Please remove and properly dispose of any winter decorations at graves. Also, if there are important mementos, please remove. They can be returned on Memorial Day weekend. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our cemeteries beautiful!



## Congratulations to these First Communion Candidates



Drew Christensen...*son of Jeremy & MiKayla*  
Oscar Daniels...*son of Matt & Andrea*  
Luke Fremling...*son of Dan & Amy*  
Dillon Gorres...*son of Mark & Erin*  
Nora Gorres...*daughter of Mark & Erin*  
Benedict Heidelberger...*son of Reed & Sarah*  
Aubree Johnsrud...*daughter of Mitch & Mary*  
Jett Lien...*son of Corey & Danielle*  
Jakob Pederson...*son of Dennis & Mary*  
Harper Radil...*daughter of Robby & Haley*  
Nash Rasmussen...*son of Nolan & Lindsey*  
Olivia Sanders...*daughter of Jake & Megan*  
Silas Steinhofer...*son of Nathan & Petra*  
Sofia Strayer...*daughter of Amber*  
Dawson Tangen...*son of Casey & Jessica*  
McKinzie Walker...*daughter of Josh & Kelsey*

Congratulations to these students for all of their time preparing for this sacrament. Thanks also to their teacher, parents, and prayer partners for their support.



### It's the Annual GRV Salad Luncheon!

This fundraiser takes place on Wednesday, April 24, from 11am-1pm at Glenwood Lutheran Church. There is dine-in or take-out options available.

**For ease of making Mass Intentions**, envelopes can be found by the candles in both churches. Once completed, the envelopes can be placed in the offering baskets or votive money holders. We are in need of more. You can also call the church office to schedule.



**We are always looking** for people to help Mass run smoothly. Some tasks take place before or after Mass (sacristans and money counters), and some during Mass (lectors, ushers, and communion distributors). Can you share a small amount of your time? Contact Katherine in the church office, by phone or e-mail.

**Did you know...** you can get the bulletin e-mailed to you each week? Visit [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com) to get the link.



**Glenwood Retirement Village** is a locally managed, independent, non-profit organization. They offer comfortable independent, assisted living and skilled care. Residents are always busy creating crafts and socializing at different activities. Currently, the assisted living has openings, but the availability is always changing. If you have questions, contact Ashley at 320-634-5802.



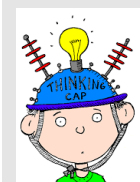
## Religious Education Notes

**Religious Education classes will take place** as scheduled this week. (April 24 is the last the day of classes.)



### 2025 Confirmation Students and Parent(s)

.... Current ninth graders...there will be informational meeting on Wednesday, April 24 (the last day of Rel. Ed. ). **Change in Plans: Students and Parents will meet in Margaret Mary Hall (the lower level of church) at 6:45pm.**



### Bible Trivia

1. How many stones did Joshua set up as an act of remembrance after crossing the Jordan?
2. On the seventh day of marching around the wall of Jericho, what instrument had to be blown for the walls to come down?
3. Who said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"?

**Start thinking about summer!** We are looking for people to assist in Vacation Bible School. Think teachers, assistants, etc. It's a week of fun activities for everyone! Contact Paula Johnson.



### The Directors of Religious Education,

Paula Johnson and Sue Heidelberger, can be reached at 634-4828 or by e-mail. Sue: [sacredh711@gmail.com](mailto:sacredh711@gmail.com)  
Paula: [glenwoodsacredheartrel.ed@gmail.com](mailto:glenwoodsacredheartrel.ed@gmail.com)

## Stewardship of Treasure

*Thank you for your continued sharing of your treasure with our churches!*

### Sacred Heart Parish - Glenwood

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$5,820.00  
Collected (4/7/24) .....\$5,551.43  
Adult Envelope Holders .....417  
Number of Adult Contributions..... 59

### St. Bartholomew Parish - Villard

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00  
Collected (4/7/24) ..... \$ 450.50  
Adult Envelope Holders ..... 69  
Number of Adult Contributions..... 13

### St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00  
Collected (4/7/24) ..... \$2,959.74  
Adult Envelope Holders ..... 72  
Number of Adult Contributions..... 42

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



## Catholic Question and Answer

**Question:** What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

**Answer:** A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called "indulgences") can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far. ©LPi



### Someplace Safe's Purse and Yeti Bingo Fundraiser

takes place on Sunday, May 5.

The fun takes place at Captain's Bar in Glenwood, beginning at 1pm. At 2pm there will be a break in the bingo action for a Spring Raffle and \$1 Auction Drawings. See the poster for more info.

### Tom's Receipts wanted—an easy way to benefit our community!

Look for the box in the main entrance at Sacred Heart. Tom's Food gives back a portion of all sales receipts to the community. Sacred Heart collects the receipts, and has all proceeds go to Pope County Families in Need.



### Jesus said "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Are you willing but your cross is heavy? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more info.

- Trivia Answers:**
1. 12 (Joshua 4:9)
  2. A trumpet (Joshua 6:16)
  3. Joshua (Joshua 24:15)

## Mass Intentions

- Mon. 4/22**  
**Tues. 4/23** 8:30am (SJN) † Char Berglin  
 11:00am (SB)  
 † Kocher & Chaska families  
**Wed. 4/24** 8:00am (G) † Donald Weller  
**Thurs. 4/25**  
**Fri. 4/26** **NO Mass**  
**Sat. 4/27** 4:00pm (V) † Marlin Ness  
 5:30pm (G) - Special Intention for  
 Marie Hanauska  
**Sun. 4/28** 8:30am (LR) † Jerry Patrick  
 10:30am (G) † John Carruth

### Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23,  
 26, 28, 29/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4  
 Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-8  
 Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17  
 Mk 16:15-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-32  
 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



## Event Calendar

- Wednesday, April 24:** Last day of Religious Education classes for the year.  
**Thursday, May 2:** Befrienders meeting at 2pm at Sacred Heart.  
**Thursday, May 2:** Adoration and Rosary at St. Bartholomew at 4:30pm.  
**Friday, May 3:** Divine Mercy Chaplet before 8am Mass at Sacred Heart.  
**Monday, May 13:** Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm at Sacred Heart.  
**Tuesday, May 14:** Mission Group at 9am at SH.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER CHAIN



**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.

**Eucharist for the homebound**—If you are homebound and wish to receive Communion at home, call the church office at 634-3813.

**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.



**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.

**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/>  
 \*Note: Most insurances now cover the cost.

