



## Divine Mercy Sunday

The second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This devotion was begun by Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's. She was made a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2000. She taught on this particular Sunday those who made a confession and received Holy Communion would be forgiven all their sins and punishment.

The church states Catholics should confess mortal sins at least once a year and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.

The premier holiday which celebrates Jesus' death and resurrection is Easter Sunday and every Sunday recalls this great act of mercy.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed before Mass on the First Friday of each month.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference and MCCL share these concerns regarding the Minnesota legislature. There is a movement to elevate the pro-abortion law to an Amendment to the Constitution, and an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) which would eliminate the protection of "creed" or the right to religious objection. These proposals would deny parents the right to know their teenager had an abortion, or is identifying as transgender.

These are moral issues we should be concerned about and how they will negatively effect protections for human life.

God's peace!

*Fr. Joe*



Welcome to our Newest Member  
Dawson Duane Robert Buhl  
—son of Robert & Lynae

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who purchased flowers for our churches during the Easter season—they are beautiful!



**Busy hands make for LOTS of quilts, dish towels, and other stitchery items.** Everyone is invited to come together the **SECOND** Tuesday of the month to create, visit, and learn "tricks of the trade" from others. We meet in Margaret Mary Hall (the lower level of Sacred Heart) beginning at 9am, and then finish with a bag lunch. If you would like to share your time, but mornings do not work, contact Pat Knudsen (320-424-1701) or Kathleen Peterson (320-634-4198) and you can also work on items at home.



**Rice Bowl Tid Bit...** As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of resurrection with people in our local community and around the world! Rice bowls can be turned in at church or the church office.



**Praisemakers will be meeting** again on Thursday, April 18, beginning at 6pm at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun night of fellowship, crafting and worship. We will be creating a special key chain, themed around Psalm 23 (The Lord is my shepherd). Sign-up is required. Please call Danielle Lien at 320-304-0220 to register, so there is enough craft materials.



### 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.

**Baby Update!** Your baby has been developing for three months now, although his/her mother won't feel him/her for another couple of months. If there was a window in the womb, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his/her tongue. If you could touch the baby's hand, he/she would make a fist. All the oxygen needed is delivered through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs **ONE OUNCE**. What a miracle God has created!



**Come join the chorus of voices!** Adult Choir is looking for more voices. Adult Choir practices Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm at Sacred Heart. A good time is always found at choir!

**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 Fridays before 8:30am Mass*—

Divine Mercy Chaplet at Sacred Heart

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

**Are you a shut-in?** Or do you know of someone who would like to receive visitors? Please contact Kathleen Peterson (634-4198) or Pat Knudsen(320-424-1701) of the Befrienders.



## Religious Education Notes

**Religious Education classes will take place** as scheduled this week.

**First Communion Mini-Retreat for Students** and their parent(s) will be NEXT Sunday, April 14, from 2:30-4:30pm at Sacred Heart. First Communion is the following weekend.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word is back!

Children ages 3-7 are invited to the lower level the second and fourth Sundays of the month at Sacred Heart, beginning at 10:20 (or so). There they will hear a "kid friendly" version of the gospel, pray and make a craft, before joining everyone upstairs during the offering.



### Bible Trivia

1. What animal did Moses compare the people of Israel to?
2. Why wasn't Moses allowed to enter the Promised Land?
3. Which book of the Bible deals with the death of Moses?

**Looking forward....**are you able to help with VBS this summer? It takes place Monday-Thursday and is A LOT of fun! Contact Paula Johnson if you are interested in sharing your time.



### 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

## 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 (3/24/24) .....\$9,079.05  
 Adult Envelope Holders .....417  
 Number of Adult Contributions..... 56

### St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00  
 Collected (3/24/24) ..... \$ 597.00  
 Adult Envelope Holders ..... 69  
 Number of Adult Contributions..... 18

### St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00  
 Collected (3/24/24) ..... \$1,797.00  
 Adult Envelope Holders ..... 72  
 Number of Adult Contributions..... 30

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



## Catholic Question and Answer

**Question:** After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

**Answer:** Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. In effect, an annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you. ©LPi



### Someplace Safe's Purse and Yeti Bingo Fund-

**raiser** 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.

**We have many volunteers which "magically" make things happen** in our churches and we are VERY thankful for the time they share. However, we are always in need of more! It would be fabulous if each household would have one or more people to pitch in! Many of the tasks take place behind the scenes or don't

involve being in front of large groups of people, and don't require a large time commitment. Please consider joining the ranks of our volunteers and keeping the load light for everyone! Not sure how you can help? Call or contact the church office, and Katherine can give you lots of choices.

**Remember to check out** the back of the bulletins and thank our sponsors!

1. Sheep (Numbers 27:17)
2. Because he disobeyed God/struck the rock instead of speaking to it (Deuteronomy 32:51-52)
3. Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 34:5)

**Trivia Answers:**

## Mass Intentions

**Mon. 4/8**  
**Tues. 4/9** 8:30am (SJN)  
 11:00am (SB) † Donald Weller  
**Wed. 4/10** 8:00am (G) † Raynold Kvitek  
**Thurs. 4/11** 10:00am at MLH  
 † Ray & Rita VonWhalde  
**Fri. 4/12** 8:00am (G) † Yvo & Trudy Jenniges  
**Sat. 4/13** 4:00pm (V) †  
 5:30pm (G) † Elvira Stumpf  
**Sun. 4/14** 8:30am (LR) †  
 10:30am (G) † Phyllis Nagel

### Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11  
 Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-20  
 Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9  
 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



## Event Calendar

**Monday, April 8:** Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm at Sacred Heart.  
**Tuesday, April 9:** Sacred Heart Parish Life Committee meeting at 6pm at Sacred Heart.  
**Sunday, April 14:** First Communion Mini-Retreat for students and parent(s) from 2:30-4:30pm at SH.  
**Tuesday, April 16:** Adoration at Sacred Heart from 2-5:30pm.  
**Tuesday, April 16:** Christian Mother's Rosary at 5:15pm 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

## 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.

