

MAINTAINING COMMUNITY

Please remember the monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart is the third Tuesday of the month from 2-5:30pm. Confession is available at 4:30pm, followed by the Rosary at 5:00pm and then Benediction.

Thanks once again to the catechists and helpers who provided another successful year of Faith Formation.

Members of all three parishes participated with our Area Catholic Community (ACC) visit with Bishop Patrick at the St. Cloud Cathedral. Two other ACC's presented their experiences and we listened to presentations by Bishop Patrick and his staff.

What stood out in the presentations is each ACC has had similar experiences, the most common issue was communication. What I brought home from the experience is I am thankful we have only three parishes in our ACC, some have 6 or more.

Those ACC's with as many as 6 parishes are struggling, even if they have two priests and one or more deacons. These clusters are too large to manage and in the process people are losing their sense of church as a community.

I hope Bishop Patrick will listen to people's concerns and reverse course. The Bishop seems to be aware of and admits that at some point we will need to close parishes. In the western part of the diocese we have already closed several churches. In this area we have closed Sedan and Padua, and Brooten no longer has a weekend Mass. Previously closed in Traverse County were Barry, Collis, Dumont and Donnelly (Grant County). It is time for Stearns county and the St. Cloud area to shoulder their part of the burden.

God's peace!

Fr. Joe

Deaths

Emily Trousil
(4/24/2024)

Shirley Fangman
(4/29/2024)



Monica Pronek
(4/29/2024)

Please keep Emily, Shirley, Monica, their family & friends in your prayers.



Graduate's Sunday is May 19. Join us as we celebrate this milestone. **Everyone is invited to the meal** following the 10:30 am Mass in Margaret Mary Hall at Sacred Heart.



May Crowning...what's it all about anyway?

May crowning does not have a set date and can be celebrated at any time during the month of May. Some churches opt for Mother's Day, while others do it as soon as the calendar turns to May. Recently however, Pope Francis chose to add the day to the liturgical calendar, placing it the day after Pentecost.

There is no set ritual, but May crownings are celebrated during Mass and include a procession, a crown of flowers and herbs which are placed on the head of the statue of Mary. Other flowers are placed at her feet. The flowers are usually replaced throughout the month to keep them fresh.

While Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May has been Mary's month since the medieval period. May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings and chance to begin with gratitude and devotion.

Excerpts from versoministries.com



Many thanks to the families who hosted a meal (or two) for Drop Inn this year. For a lot of students it is their evening meal between school/sports and Rel. Ed. classes. Even if you do not have a student in the evening classes, you are welcome to host a meal next year.

Someplace Safe's Purse and Yeti Bingo Fundraiser



takes place THIS 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.

Baby news! Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His/her mother can feel his/her moves. Although the baby swam with ease in its watery world, he/she is now big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside of the uterine wall and dent it—the inside of the uterus has no felling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



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 help keeping our cemeteries beautiful!

Adult Choir meets Wednesdays from 5-6pm at Sacred Heart. Come join us!



Add your voice

Religious Education Notes



Enjoy Summer vacation! See you in the fall for Rel. Ed. Classes...but don't be a stranger. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and possible other summer activities.

2025 Confirmation Class—Wednesday, May 8, is our first activity. Adopt-A-Highway... a.k.a. "ditch clean-up."

We meet at 6pm at the Marthaler Auto Dealership. Parents are invited to help too!



Bible Trivia

1. Who said, "Your people will be my people, and your God, my God"?
2. Who was considered the Kinsman Redeemer?
3. What was the name of Ruth's great-grandson?

The Directors of Religious Education,

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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 retreat is May 17-19, 2024. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more info.

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 (4/21/24).....\$4,485.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 406
Number of Adult Contributions..... 61

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (4/21/24)..... \$ 1,445.75
Adult Envelope Holders..... 64
Number of Adult Contributions..... 18

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2023/24 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (4/21/24)..... \$1,644.00
Adult Envelope Holders..... 72
Number of Adult Contributions..... 28

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



Catholic Question and Answer

Question: My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer: Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!
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VOLUNTEERS

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.

There are also miscellaneous once-a-year things also. Like washing the windows and screens at the Parish Center, weeding among the rocks around the church, and sweeping the curbs around the parking lots. If you have seen anything else which needs taking care of, please contact the church office before proceeding. Many hands make for light work...and we welcome everyone to help keep our churches beautiful!



Thinking about becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the title for adult instruction for those interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. If interested, contact Fr. Joe.

3. King David (Ruth 4:22)

2. Boaz (Ruth 3:9)

1. Ruth (Ruth 1:16)

Trivia Answers:

Mass Intentions

Mon. 5/6
Tues. 5/7 8:30am (SJN) † Denny Krump
 11:00am (SB) † Wally Rajdl
Wed. 5/8 8:00am (G) † Agatha Tauber
Thurs. 5/9 10:00am at MLH †Floyd & Mary Mader
Fri. 5/10 8:00am (G) † Diane Anton
Sat. 5/11 4:00pm (V) † Marlin Ness
 5:30pm (G) - Special Intentions for
 Marie Hanauska
Sun. 5/12 8:30am (LR) † Florence Ann Svec
 10:30am (G) † Don McArdle

Readings for the week of May 05, 2024



Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Ps 98:1-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
 Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a and 9b
 Jn 15:26—16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
 Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14
 Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10
 Jn 16:23b-28
 Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or
 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Event Calendar

Wednesday, May 8: Adopt-A-Highway clean up for 2025 Confirmation class.

Monday, May 13: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7pm at Sacred Heart.

Tuesday, May 14: Mission Group at 9am at SH.

Sunday, May 19: Graduate's Sunday.

Tuesday, May 21: Adoration at Sacred Heart from 2-5:30pm; Rosary at 5:00 followed by Benediction.

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.

