



## “ALL THINGS NEW” UPDATE

The recent Mass survey indicated people like the current Mass schedule times and they are willing to travel between locations to attend the Mass of their choice. Over the winter months attendance has been lower. Numbers will increase as snowbirds and summer visitors return.

Diocesan policy is that priests celebrate three Sunday Masses on a weekend. **As an ACC we decided each church should have a weekend Mass.** The three Mass limit is intended to prevent priests from over-work. It is not only the priests we are concerned about. We also need to take into consideration the Liturgical Ministers, Organists/Pianists and Song leaders who often serve at more than one Mass.

Our plan at this time is to continue with the current schedule through September 2026, and discontinue the 5:30PM Mass October 2026 through March 2027. We will consider a Friday or Monday alternative time for those who are elderly or have work schedules which conflict with the weekend schedule, as we did during Covid.

We are uncertain regarding the Diocesan plans and time schedule. For now we are proceeding with our regular schedule. In the future we must be open to change and committed to participate in the Eucharist.

Please keep in your prayers those caught up in the conflicts in the Gaza Strip, Israel and Iran. Remember also those recovering from recent medical problems and those on hospice.

God's Peace!

*Fr. Joe*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays

**4:00pm at Sacred Heart**

There will be Reconciliation following.



**Are you remembering the 40 cans for Lent campaign?** You can give canned or boxed food, personal hygiene items or cash—it all works! And during the month of March it is doubled! Look for the containers in the main entrances of our churches. The Knights of Columbus thank you!

### Thinking about becoming Catholic?

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



### Everyone is invited to the Pancake Breakfast

THIS Sunday at Sacred Heart. The March Activity Group is donning their chef's hats and will serve up a fabulous breakfast after the 10:30am Mass! The Free Will offering goes to the Food Shelf—it's a win-win- deal for everyone!

### There will be a Lenten Morning of Reflection on

Saturday, March 28, at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome to attend. The morning begins at 8:30am and concludes with a box lunch. There will be Stations of the Cross and a video followed with discussion.



**Tuesday, March 17** is the Third Tuesday of the month...which means there will be Adoration at Sacred Heart from 2-5:30pm. Everyone is invited to come and spend this quiet time with the Lord!



**Get your pizza here!** The youth are having a Pizza Fundraiser to help offset the costs of attending the Castaway Retreat. Scan the QR

code to order online, or order in the main entrance at Sacred Heart. Orders are due THIS Wednesday, March 18. The pizza will be ready to pick up the following Wednesday, March 25.



**BBQ's and Bingo** will take place after the 4pm Mass at St. John Nepomuk next Saturday, March 21. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! There will be BBQ's coleslaw, chips, pickles bars and a variety of beverages.



**Freezer Meal Service Project**—The students in grade 6 are looking for your help to provide the ingredients or cash for groceries to prepare freezer meals for Safe Families Central MN. They will be assembling the meal on Wednesday, April 1 (no fooling...!) Donations can be marked “6<sup>th</sup> grade Service Project”. If you are able to assist in the kitchen contact Paula Johnson at 320-248-9193.



**Spring Sausage, Ham & Pancake Supper** will be Sunday, March 29, from 2:30-6:30pm at the St. Francis DeSales Parish Center in Belgrade. Everyone is invited!

**We are in need of volunteers** to step forward in all three parishes to keep Mass running smoothly. How can you share your time? Contact the Church office.



**Table talk....**Who among your family and friends do you need to ask forgiveness?

## Faith Formation Notes



**The mini retreat for First Communion** takes place on Sunday, April 12, from 2:30-4:30pm at Sacred Heart. This is for both students and parent(s).

**First Communion** takes place the weekend of April 25/26.



**Did you ever KNOW something was right,** but you were afraid to speak up and say so because you thought somebody else disagreed with you? Maybe if somebody was bigger than you or louder than you or just somebody others thought were more important than you.

Well, when Jesus was on earth, many people—and even many of the rulers—believed in Jesus but they were afraid to say so because the powerful Pharisees did NOT believe in Jesus. The Bible tells us they “loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.”

Did you know there are a lot of people today who are afraid to tell others what they believe because they are afraid they will be laughed at, or made fun of? You would never be like that, would you? Would you speak up if you strongly believed in something? Read John 12:42.

### **The Directors of Religious Education**

Paula Johnson and Sue Heidelberger, can be reached

**A smile makes all the difference!** Take time introduce yourself to those around you at Mass. Remember that old friends were once new friends and the next could be sitting by you.



## Stewardship of Treasure

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

### **Sacred Heart Parish – Glenwood**

2025/26 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$6,461.00  
 Collected (3/1/26).....\$5,164.41  
 Adult Envelope Holders..... 405  
 Number of Adult Contributions..... 852

### **St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard**

2025/26 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00  
 Collected (3/1/26)..... \$1,173.00  
 Adult Envelope Holders.....65  
 Number of Adult Contributions.....21

### **St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno**

2025/26 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00  
 Collected (3/1/26).....\$1,604.00  
 Adult Envelope Holders.....63  
 Number of Adult Contributions.....28

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



## Take Up Our Cross

**Question:** What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

**Answer:** Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God’s plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God’s will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, “If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection” (Rom 6:5). ©LPi



**Rice Bowl Tidbit...**By participating in the CRS Rice Bowl, we’re helping young people on Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities.

Visit the web site to read about Adriana’s dream of becoming a doctor in their week’s Story of Hope. For more information, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

**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.

The library is located in the Parish Center at Sacred Heart, and is open weekday mornings, when the church office is open. Feel free to check out the other books and dvd’s available too.



### **Made in the Image of God—Seeing Ourselves and others as the Body Of Christ.**

This retreat takes place at the Centre for Christ in Sauk Centre on Saturday, April 18, from 8:30am-12:30pm. There will be intentional prayers and reflection on what it means to be “made in the image of God”. Reflection leaders will help everyone explore how we care for ourselves and one another. The cost is \$30/person and includes refreshments and lunch. Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 8. See the posters in the entrances at Sacred Heart. The posters include a QR code to scan, or contact Kateri at [Kate-ri.Mancini@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:Kate-ri.Mancini@gw.stcdio.org).

## Mass Intentions

**Mon. 3/16**

**Tues. 3/17** 11:00am (V) † Richard Carlson  
5:00pm (LR) † LeRoy Mathies

**Weds. 3/18** 8:30am (G) - Special Intentions for  
John Roessler

**Thurs. 3/19** 10:00am (GRV) † Ralph & Eda Middendorf

**Fri. 3/20** 8:30am (G) † Gilbert & Jean Schwantes

**Sat. 3/21** 4:00pm (LR) † Carol Jagodzinski  
5:30pm (G) † Lily Cayo

**Sun. 3/22** 8:30am (V) - for the Parish  
10:30am (G) † Alfred & MaryAnn Nordaune

### Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2-6, 11-12a and 13b  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18  
-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12  
Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 27, 33b-45



### COMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday, March 17:** Adoration at Sacred Heart from 2-5:30pm. Rosary at 5pm.

**Tuesday, March 17 :** 5:00pm Mass with Soup & Sandwich Potluck after at St. John Nepomuk.

**Wednesday, March 18:** Stations of the Cross at 4pm at Sacred Heart, followed by Reconciliation.

## 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.



**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.



**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.



**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. For more info or to register, contact Joan Jay at georgejay@hotmail.com or 320-589-4865. \*Note: Most insurances now cover the cost.

