



Saints by the Lake Community

The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

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LET
THE EARTH
CRY OUT
TO GOD
WITH JOY.

PSALM 66

MAY 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart – Glenwood/Starbuck

WeekendSaturday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays as scheduled

Saint Bartholomew – Villard

Weekend (Apr.—Jun.)...Saturday 4:00pm

St. John Nepomuk – Lowry/Lake Reno

Weekend (Apr.—Jun.).....Sunday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Bartholomew.....Saturday 3:00pm

St. John Nepomuk.....Sunday 8:15am

Sacred Heart..... by appointment

Other times by appointment.

NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCES

In a recent homily I mentioned a new book, *18 days in Heaven*, written by Gabe Poirot, who is a Christian minister and Youtuber. I have read several accounts of near death experiences (NDE's). His is different because he focuses less on his actual experience and more on his relationship with Jesus Christ.

He wrote in his forward, "My prayer for you is that you would not just observe the encounter from afar, but that you could see yourself in my shoes. It was for this purpose the He told me to write this for you."

This book is an explanation of his evangelical faith which corroborates with his vision. Parts of his vision are typical of other NDE's. Other parts are unique to his experience.

There are comments like: 'God doesn't care what religion we are', 'Jesus is tall and mid-Eastern in appearance', 'the life review in non-judgmental', 'Jesus was totally focused on him', 'there is a library in heaven and we each have our personal book' and 'his 18 days in heaven felt like only a few minutes'.

Gabe relies heavily on the Bible and he teaches we can only attain heaven by a personal faith in Jesus Christ. This book is a validation of his particular beliefs.

Any book about heaven or hell is bound to reflect a person's world view. This is true of accounts by the saints. We understand everything we witness is clouded by our personal history. For this reason, the church has always tread carefully before endorsing any miracles, visionaries or spiritual devotions. The role of the church community is to help us discern these encounters.

God's Peace!

Fr. Joe



Welcome to our Newest Member
Fletcher Wilson Foner
—son of Nicholas & Kendra

Giving envelopes at Sacred Heart and St. Bartholomew are delayed...and they have not given us an anticipated shipping date. SO.....

If you give by check, we can easily track your giving.

If you give by cash, please put the cash in an envelope with your name and church on the outside. Then we can track your giving.



Table talk...Name a time and place each day you will sit in silence to the Spirit guide in your life.

We are need to people interested in being on the Parish Council at ALL churches. It is a three year term with approximately four meetings each year.



St. Bartholomew is in need of another reader. There is a book so you can practice ahead of time. The book also assists with pronunciation and provides some extra meaning into the readings. Contact the church office if you would like to share your time.

Sacred Heart is in need of 1-2 more sacristans. This is a great 'behind the scenes' job. The sacristan unlocks the doors, turns on the lights, and prepares for Mass. After Mass they put things away, turns off the lights and locks the doors. There is a check-list to follow. It does not take a lot of time—get to church 20-30 minutes before Mass, and leave about 15-20 minutes after Mass. Contact the church office.

**Happy Mother's Day
to all the moms, grandmas, aunts,
and anyone else who is a caregiver!**



Here is a little background on the history of Mother's day. Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. They held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, and the early Christian festivals was known as "Mothering Sunday". It was originally held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, when the faithful would return to their "mother church" for a special service.

Over time, as the tradition became more secular, children presented their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. Eventually it merged with the American Mother's Day in the 1930's and 40's.

In the US, celebrations date back to the 19th century.



Ann Reeves Jarvis helped start "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. She even organized a "Mother's Friendship Day" to gather mothers and soldiers from Union and Confederate sides of the Civil War to promote reconciliation.

In 1870, abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation" calling mothers to unite in promoting world peace.

Ann Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis conceived Mother's day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children in the early 1900's. However, after President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday in 1914 and it became commercialized, Jarvis spent the rest of her life campaigning to eliminate the day.

Faith Formation Notes



Training to be Champions of Christ—the theme for this summer’s Vacation Bible School. All the fun takes place August 17-20. VBS is open to everyone ages 4-grade 6, plus helper of all other ages!



Do you know Jesus said you don’t have to use a lot of WORDS when you pray? He said some people seem to think if they say a LOT “multiplying their words” - God will be more likely to hear them and answer their prayers! But Jesus said the Father knows what you need.

Do you ever talk to God in secret? Ask Him to give you what you want instead of what you need? Do you sometimes think God gives you things you don’t necessarily want, but need? Keep on praying and never forget God answers ALL our prayers—but sometimes it’s not the answer you were hoping for. Read Matthew 6:6-8

The Directors of Religious Education

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There is more Fair Trade Coffee for sale in the Narthex at Sacred Heart. It is great tasting coffee and is only \$14 per bag. You get the coffee and the farmers get a fair price for the coffee. Check out the various varieties available.



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 (4/26/26)\$
Adult Envelope Holders405
Number of Adult Contributions.....

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2025/26 Weekly Collection Goal.....\$1,362.00
Collected (4/126/26)..... \$
Adult Envelope Holders 65
Number of Adult Contributions.....

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2025/26 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (4/26/26)\$
Adult Envelope Holders 63
Number of Adult Contributions.....

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



Body and Blood of Christ

Question: One of my coworkers said Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

Answer: We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Mass as the “Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ” (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the “source and summit” of Christian life (#1324). ©LPi



Cemetery Decoration Reminders—

We allow potted plants in suitable stands. *Please remove any items such as shepherd’s hooks, figurines, solar light stakes, or plastic decorations.* We cannot be responsible for the loss of these items. If they are picked up by the mower they may damage persons or monuments. Holiday decorations may be placed on the weekend of the holiday, but should be removed soon after. Help us keep our cemeteries neat and tidy by remembering to take home any items you are discarding.



The Annual Norwegian Smorgasbord at

Chippewa Falls Church takes place NEXT Sunday, May 17. Serving from 11am-1pm, with dine in or take out options. On the menu: meatballs, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, rommegrot, lefse, deviled eggs, pudding, fruit, herring and traditional baked goods.

The need is constant—there will be a Red Cross

Blood Drive at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, May 26, from 12noon– 6pm. You can schedule a time by visiting Red-CrossBlood.org (schedule: Glenwood) or walking in. Many thanks to everyone who shares this valuable resource!



KC Polka Mass: Sunday, June 14 at Sacred Heart with a picnic to follow. Everyone is invited.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 5/11**
Tues. 5/12 9:00am (LR) † Roger Hvezda
Weds. 5/13 8:30am (G) - Special Intentions for Sarah Cole
Thurs. 5/14 10:00am (MLH) Special Intentions
Fri. 5/15 8:30am (G) † Gilbert Schwantes
Sat. 5/16 4:00pm (V) - For the Parish
 5:30pm (G) † Max Haynes
Sun. 5/17 8:30am (LR) † Valeria Bryce
 10:30am (G) † Othmar & Leona Kraemer

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
 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 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-8 Jn 15:9-17
 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: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20



COMING EVENTS

- Monday, May 11:** Knights of Columbus mtg at 7pm.
Tuesday, May 12: Our Lady Mission Group beginning at 9am at Sacred Heart.
Sunday, May 17: Graduate's Sunday.
Tuesday, May 19: Third Tuesday Adoration at Sacred Heart form 2-5:30pm.

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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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.

