



The Churches of

Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew & St. John Nepomuk

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JULY 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.....Judy Radil (SJN)

Secretary.....Katherine Chevalier

Coordinator (SJN)Amber Green

Youth Ministry Coordinator.....

Scott Crumb

Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart – Glenwood/Starbuck

WeekendSaturday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays as scheduled

Saint Bartholomew – Villard

Weekend (Jul.—Sept.)...Saturday 4:00pm

St. John Nepomuk – Lowry/Lake Reno

Weekend (Jul.—Sept.).....Sunday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Bartholomew.....Sunday 8:00am

St. John Nepomuk.....Saturday 3:00pm

Sacred Heart..... by appointment

Other times by appointment.

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

THINGS TO MEDITATE

We are familiar with these expressions: "time flies" and "we are running out of time". Both may be true for us as individuals and as a society. The number of our years are limited and movements in society often lead toward impending conflicts and doom.

The apostle Paul suggests "All creation is groaning in labor pains (as we await) the first fruits of the Spirit". The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, fortitude, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (Gal 5:22-23 NIV)

Many people flocked to hear Jesus speak. We have known gifted speakers, yet we can only imagine the power of Jesus' words to the crowds which gathered where he went. There was something new and authentic about Jesus.

Jesus spoke in parables to illustrate his messages. The story of the seed falling on rocky ground, among thorns or on rich soil indicate the type of listener we are. Are we open to his words or do we hear and soon forget them?

The seed which falls on rich soil is seed that takes root in our hearts and produces goodness. Are we striving to live according to God's love, or are we living in contrast to his teachings? Have we taken time to cultivate the gospel within ourselves, or are we too busy with other things?

We are encouraged to take time to meditate on God's word and to pray for the needs of our families and ourselves.

God's Peace!

Fr. Joe

Upcoming Parish Committee meetings:

Tuesday, July 14: St. John Nepomuk

Wednesday, July 15: St. Bartholomew

Thursday, July 16: Sacred Heart

Welcome to these new members:

Jeanne Fredricks (SH)

Pat Pospisil (SJN)

Many thanks to these people who serve on the Parish Committees at each church. Your time devoted to this is greatly appreciated!



Table Talk... When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or stranger?

The Annual GRV Pie and Ice Cream Social takes place next Sunday, July 19. Please use the main entrance. Drive through and walk-through are available. Whole pies are available by pre-ordering at 320-260-2077. The GRV Auxiliary thanks you for supporting there fundraiser.



The Annual Bazaar at St. John Nepomuk takes Sunday, August 9. Mass will be at 10am with the fun and festivities taking place after. The raffle drawing will take place at 2pm. Everyone is invited!

We are looking for a new Director of Religious Education for grades Pre-K through grade 6. If you are someone who is strong in their faith and communicates well, this may be a great fit! Other than Wednesdays from 1-5pm, the other days of the week are flexible, totaling 8-10 hours per week. Contact Fr. Joe if you are interested in learning more about it.



Come join the chorus of voices! Adult Choir is looking for more voices. Adult Choir practices Wednesday evenings from 5-6pm at Sacred Heart.

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



Do you have any of these treasures? GRV is sponsoring a "Kitchen gadgets through time" event on July 22. This will spark memories for the residents to reminisce about. Some of the items they are looking for are: hand crank egg beaters, potato ricers, flour sifters, butter churns, old-style can openers, washboards, food mills, mechanical kitchen timers, and vintage pressure cookers. Other items are welcome too. If you have something to share, please contact Naomi Schneider at naomi.schneider@grvillage.org or 320-634-5794

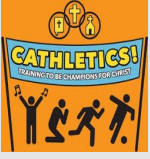


Cemetery News! Please help us keep our cemetery looking nice and tidy! We allow potted plants in suitable stands. **Please remove any items such as figurines, shepherd's hooks, solar light stakes, or plastic decorations.** These items will be removed, as they pose a hazard for the lawn maintenance people. Also, please remember to take any trash with you, as there are no trash receptacles on site. This applies to all of our cemeteries: Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew, St. John Nepomuk and Sedan.

7 Spiritual Practices to cultivate this summer. Here is the first one...try to pray at different times during the day. You may notice you pray differently at different times of the day.

Faith Formation Notes

On you mark, get set...and go! Athletics is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. All the fun takes place mornings the week of August 17 (Monday—Thursday). And we are in need of participants of ALL ages (from 4-99).

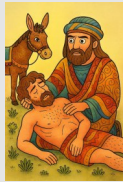


Did you know...someone got mugged in the Bible?

Yep! A man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers took everything he had, beat him and left him half dead along the road. Thankfully a man came along and felt sorry for the man. He picked him up and put him in his "vehicle", probably a horse or a donkey, and took him to a place where travelers rest. He gave the innkeeper money to feed and take care of the injured man until his wounds healed. The man who stopped was on his way to Samaria—that's why today we call him a good Samaritan!

Have you ever been a good Samaritan? The story of the good Samaritan is a reminder to never be too busy or in too much of a hurry to try to help those who are hurt or in trouble. So be on the lookout this week for anyone who needs help—a be a good Samaritan.

Read Luke 10:30-35.



The Directors of Religious Education

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Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sacred Heart Parish – Glenwood

2026/27 Weekly Collection Goal.....\$6,810.00
Collected (6/28/26)\$3,687.00
Adult Envelope Holders405
Number of Adult Contributions..... 61

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2026/27 Weekly Collection Goal.....\$1,480.00
Collected (6/28/26)\$ 925.00
Adult Envelope Holders 65
Number of Adult Contributions..... 8

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2026/27 Weekly Collection Goal.....\$1,400.00
Collected (6/28/26)\$ 989.00
Adult Envelope Holders 63
Number of Adult Contributions..... 19

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



Sharing Your Faith

Question: My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer: There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi



Why do we light candles in church?

Candles have been a part of the church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways people lighted areas. Even today, we often depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family or romantic dinner—there will often be candles on the table along with other special objects. We light candles on birthday cakes. We also place candles at makeshift memorials which appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness—the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning of these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer which was offered. What began as a practical way to provide lights has become a symbol of the hopes, desires, lives, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 7/13
Tues. 7/14 5:00pm (LR) † Judy Kelly
Weds. 7/15 8:30am (G) † Urban & Irene Kramer
Thurs. 7/16 10:00am (GRV)
 † Cliff, Bette, and Diane Anton
Fri. 7/17 8:30am (G) † Lindsey Klimek
Sat. 7/18 4:00pm (LR) † Dennis Zenner
 5:30pm (G) † Heidi Gasperlin
Sun. 7/19 8:30am (V) † Harlan Rajdl
 10:30am (G) - for the Parish



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.

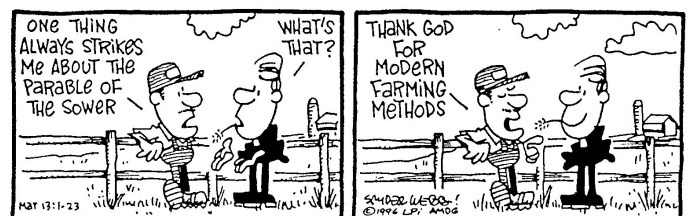


Baptism Classes— Baptism class is required before a first Baptism. Parents expecting their first child should attend. For questions contact the church office.

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.



Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14
 Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,
 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-8/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-10, 14-15
 Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-21
 Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10,
 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14
 Mt 12:14-21
 Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10,
 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43



COMING EVENTS

Monday, July 13: Knights of Columbus meeting.
Tuesday, July 14: Mass at 5pm at SJN followed by Parish Life mtg.
Wednesday, July 15: Parish Life mtg 6pm (V).
Thursday, July 16: Parish Life meeting 6pm (G).
Monday, August 17—20: Vacation Bible School

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.