



The Churches of
Sacred Heart, St. Bartholomew and St. John Nepomuk

122 FIRST STREET NW ~ GLENWOOD, MN 56334 ~ 320-634-3813

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOVED
WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Staff

Pastor.....Father Joseph Vandenberg

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Secretary.....Katherine Chevalier

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Judy Radil (SJN)

Custodian.....Kristi Gruber

Sarah Heidelberger (SB)

Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart - Glenwood/Starbuck

Weekend.....Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays as scheduled.....

St. Bartholomew - Villard

Weekend (July-Sept.).....Sunday 8:30am

St. John Nepomuk - Lowry/Lake Reno

Weekend (July - Sept.)..... Saturday 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

Sacred Heart.....by appointment

Other times by appointment.

FOREGIVENESS AND JUSTICE

On Friday, September 11, we observed the 25th Anniversary of the attacks on 9/11/2001. Today it is called "Patriot Day".

It is a day of remembrance for those who lost their lives in the initial attacks, and also those who lost their lives as rescue workers. Sadly, many young voters were not alive at the time and lack a sense of respect for those events.

This Sunday's readings are about forgiveness and justice. Reflecting on the events of 9/11, on one hand we are called to forgive our enemies, on the other hand our memories are fragile and it is not easy to forget.

In the gospel parable, the king felt compassion for his servant who owed a large debt. He forgave the loan. That servant went and treated a fellow servant with less compassion. When the king heard of his actions, he had his servant thrown in prison until he repaid the debt he owed.

This parable reminds us that "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion". Justice requires some form of repentance and a change of heart in order to work.

Those who continue to encourage senseless violence against others still need to be held accountable. This is at the heart of our system of laws and courtrooms. We are more than willing to help the sinner, when the sinner is open to reform.

God's Peace!

Fr. Joe

Deaths

Keith Bentler
(8/30/2026)



*Please keep Keith's family and friends
in your prayers.*



Check out the talent! The Mission Group will be displaying the quilt they created, this weekend at Sacred Heart. They will also be selling raffle tickets. The raffle is the evening of September 15. (Does the day sound familiar? Hint: It's the KC Pork Chop Supper)

The Knights are at it again! They are cooking their awesome Pork Supper! Mark Tuesday, September 15, on your calendar. On the menu: grilled boneless pork chops, baked marinated veggies, baked beans and mint ice cream. You are invited to eat in, do carry-out or drive through.



Stay for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship after Mass at St. Bartholomew THIS Sunday! We will host again in two weeks on Sunday, September 27.

Everyone is invited to Adoration this Tuesday (it's the third Tuesday of the month....). Come and share your burdens and joy with the Lord from 2-5:30pm at Sacred Heart. (and then go grab some pork chops for supper from the KC's!)



Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 16. We meet from 9-10:30am in the Parish Center Library. This year we will continue with the Bible in a Year series, looking at Desert Wanderings in the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, contact Wendy at 320-634-4093 or wendypeterson@hotmail.com



Faith Formation begins the last Wednesday in September. We are in need of a few teachers for the afternoon classes, classroom assistants and playground supervisors. If you can share your time, let us know.

With the changes ahead, we know not everyone will be happy. Although we have a "plan" for now, know there may be changes as time evolves. We ask for your patience and understanding as we venture through these waters together.



What is a Prayer Partner? Each year we ask for people to volunteer to be a prayer partner for our youth who are working towards their First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. All that is asked, is you add the student to your prayers. How easy is that? Look for the opportunity to select someone within the next couple of weeks during Mass.

Fair Trade Coffee is for sale at Sacred Heart! There is a new supply to choose from, both whole bean and ground. Look for the blue tub on the table in the Narthex. You get great coffee and the farmers get a fair price - it's a win-win deal!



"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" is the theme of the Council of Catholic Women's Fall Conference. It will be held on Saturday, September 19, at Holy Family Church in Little Falls. Fr. Tim Tran is the featured speaker, and there will be a documentary film on the life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Contact Nita at 320-630-0388 for more information. The cost is \$30.



Table talk... Name a time this past week when you treated money as a tool to assist others.

Faith Formation Notes



The countdown is on! Faith Formation classes begin in 2 weeks. We are so excited to see everyone, hear about their summer adventures and learn about our faith together.

Would Jesus ever tell somebody to “take a backseat”? Well, in a way he did. He once scolded the Pharisees because they were always doing things to make themselves look good - like taking the front seat in the temple so everyone could see they were there - while at the same time they were not fair or just in their dealing with other people. Even worse, they acted like they loved God, but really didn’t! So Jesus was trying to tell them if they really loved God and other people, they would take a back seat!

Do you ever push or shove others out of the way so you can be first in line? Do you ever step on toes or elbow your way to the front of others who are not as big or strong as you? Well...maybe you shouldn’t. Read Luke 11:42-44.



The Directors of Faith Formation

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Easiest fundraiser ever! Thank you to everyone who donates their Tom’s receipts! Tom’s donates a percentage of the total for Pope County Families in Need on our behalf.

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 (8/30/26)	\$6,191.50
Adult Envelope Holders	405
Number of Adult Contributions	59

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2026/27 Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$1,480.00
Collected (8/30/26)	\$1,275.00
Adult Envelope Holders.....	65
Number of Adult Contributions	12

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2026/27 Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$1,400.00
Collected (8/30/26)	\$
Adult Envelope Holders	63
Number of Adult Contributions	

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

Communion

Question: Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic “requirements” for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true “Bread of Life.” It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith. ©LPi

Minnewaska Moms is a non-denominational group which meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 9:15-11am at Restoration Church in Glenwood. There is a nursery and pre-school available during those times also. See the bulletin boards for more information and the topics and activities which will take place throughout the school year.



Calling all football fans! The Glenwood Retirement Village is hosting a watch party on September 20, at the Minnewaska House. It's the Vikings and the Bears. The fun starts at 11:30am, with kick-off at 12noon. Here's the list of other off-field action which will taking place, which are all free will donations: Taco bar, music bingo (with prizes) at halftime, silent auction (do not need to be present to win) and other games. Don't miss out on the fun with friends and family!

Be Not Afraid! Of course you don't have to have a faith crisis to attend a Kononia retreat, some of us just like to meet new people and share our gifts and talents. If you like to do this too, join us the weekend of September 18-20, at the TEC Center, just north of Little Falls. The cost for the weekend is \$70. Visit www.centralmnkononia.org for more info or to register.



Mass Intentions

Mon. 9/14

Tues. 9/15 9:00am (LR) †

Weds. 9/16 8:30am (G) - Special Intentions for
Anthony Coe

Thurs. 9/17 10:00am (GRV) † Othmar & Leona Kraemer

Fri. 9/18 8:30am (G) † Dale Strommen

Sat. 9/19 4:00pm (LR) †
5:30pm (G) - For the Parish

Sun. 9/20 8:30am (V) † Harlan Rajdl
10:30am (G) † Floyed Wersinger

Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-5
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-5, 12 and 22
Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28
Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b and 15
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-14
Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Coming Events

Monday, September 14: Knights of Columbus meeting and supper prep.

Tuesday, September 15: Third Tuesday Adoration at Sacred Heart from 2-5:30pm. Rosary at 5pm.

Tuesday, September 15: KC Pork Chop Supper and Quilt Raffle 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

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 at 320-589-4865.

*Note: Most insurances now cover the cost.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

