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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart – Glenwood/Starbuck

WeekendSaturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekdays as scheduled

Saint Bartholomew – Villard

Weekend Sunday 8:30 am

St. John Nepomuk – Lowry/Lake Reno

WeekendSaturday 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. John Nepomuk..... Saturday 3:15pm

St. Bartholomew..... Sunday 8am

Sacred Heart..... Wednesday 6:45pm

Other times by appointment.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

- Jn 8:6b-7

CASTING THE FIRST STONE

The woman caught in adultery is a symbol of every person who has sinned or made mistakes in their lives. We don't know her particular circumstances. Was she living with someone or even married to someone who was not her legal husband? The marriage laws at the time of Jesus were somewhat complex. Women had little choice in the matter.

It is easy for us to judge others, or for others to judge us, without knowing all the facts. We must tread carefully when criticizing our neighbors.

Regardless of the woman's fault, it is also a sin to kill. Those who wanted to stone the woman to death were as guilty of sin as her.

Paul recognized that he was a sinner. He sought and received the assurance of God's mercy and grace. He credited to Jesus the act of righteousness from God. He considered himself blessed. We have also been blessed in baptism with forgiveness and grace.

On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia, Ukraine and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We are asked to pray An Act of Consecration to Mary (there are several versions) and Pray the Rosary for the Peace of Ukraine.

Thank you for your gifts to support the relief efforts for Ukraine, as well as your contributions to the Annual Appeal. We will continue to collect these envelopes as long as they are turned in.

Don't wait until the last minute to come to Confession. Times are Saturday afternoon at 3:15pm at St. John Nepomuk, Sunday at 8am at St. Bartholomew and Wednesdays at 3:30 and 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.

God's Peace!

Fr. Joe

Welcome to our Newest Member
Layne David Gorackowski
—son of Dustin and Ann



Wedding



Banns

Banns III
Jasmine Collins
& Jake Beirmaier

Death
Jan Pauly
(3/24/2022)



Please keep Jan,
her family & friends in your prayers.

5:30pm Mass THIS Thursday evening at St. John Nepomuk—followed by the Way of the Cross and then a light supper. Like a pot luck, please bring a dish to pass if you are able.



Ignite Youth! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9. The topic for the evening is Holy Week—Why is it called “The week that changed the World”? What am I supposed to do? And why does it matter? Anyone in grades 5-8 are invited. It takes place in Margaret Mary Hall (lower level of Sacred Heart) from 6:30-9pm.

Next Sunday, April 10—join us for breakfast after the 8:30am Mass at St. Bartholomew. The 9th grade students are hosting this meal to help raise funds for their Confirmation Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe they will be going on this summer. On the menu: Eggs, sausage and coffee cake.



40 Days for Life Devotions:

Scripture: Psalm 8:3-9

Prayer: Lord, you are the creator of all things.

Guide my thoughts to consider your creation in all of its majesty, beauty and holiness. Guide my heart especially to your creation of precious human life. Help me to comprehend how essential life is in your own heart. Teach me to appreciate, love and protect all human life through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

40 Cans for Lent—Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed! There is still time if you would like to help us fill our cart one more time!



Many thanks from the Knights of Columbus to everyone who joined them for the Vocations Breakfast at St. Bartholomew on March 20. The seminarians are especially thankful for the donations they received!

Befrienders—we will NOT be meeting as a group in April. We will see everyone again in May!



Knights of Columbus—our monthly meeting is next Monday, April 11. Please make plans to attend—remember the \$50 drawing!

Third Tuesday of the month—

Adoration at Sacred Heart from 3:30-6:30pm
Christian Mother's Meeting

beginning with Rosary at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart

Still looking...for a custodian at Sacred Heart. This position has flexible hours and generally requires approximately 15 hours/week. This person is responsible for both levels of the church and includes mopping, vacuuming, and preparing for weddings and funerals. Contact Fr. Joe.



Religious Education Notes



Saintly fun fact this week.... Did you ever use an encyclopedia to “look up” some fact or historical person? Well, who do you think puts together an encyclopedia? One person who did is Saint Isidore! Isidore was known

as the most learned man of his time and in addition to building schools, writing many scholarly books, living a saintly life, and serving as bishop of Seville, he put together an encyclopedia! His encyclopedia included all the knowledge of his day and was used for hundreds of years as a school textbook. But Isidore’s DAY was in the 6th century—over 1400 years ago—so his encyclopedia was very different from the ones found today. Isidore’s encyclopedia would not have included information about telephones, airplanes, space travel, electric lights and other things we use today. Wouldn’t this saint have been surprised if he could have seen an encyclopedia from today?

Upcoming dates:

Confirmation:

Sunday, April 24 during 10:30am Mass

First Communion:

Weekend of April 30/May 1



The Directors of Religious Education,

Paula Johnson and Sue Heidelberger, can be reached at 634-4828 or by e-mail. Sue: sacredh711@gmail.com
Paula: glenwoodsacredheartrel.ed@gmail.com

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sacred Heart Parish – Glenwood

2021/22 Weekly Collection Goal.....\$5,410.00
Collected (3/20/22) \$3,592.37
Adult Envelope Holders 425
Number of Adult Contributions..... 41

St. Bartholomew Parish – Villard

2021/22 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,362.00
Collected (3/20/22)\$ 160.00
Adult Envelope Holders 80
Number of Adult Contributions..... 3

St. John Nepomuk—Lowry/Lake Reno

2021/22 Weekly Collection Goal..... \$1,400.00
Collected (3/20/22)\$2,421.00
Adult Envelope Holders 88
Number of Adult Contributions..... 36

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insurance policies and in your will.*

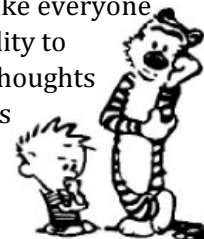
Something to ponder...a Gospel meditation

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God’s unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really “mercy realized.” God’s tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God’s mercy. Then, Jesus’ request to “go and sin no more” will be one we proudly heed



Rice Bowl tidbit....Hunger impacts millions of women, men, and children around the world.

Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally?

3 Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Mass Intentions

- Mon. 4/4** No Mass
Tues. 4/5 **9:00am (LR)** † Michele Chermak
11:00am (V) † Gerald Terhaar
Wed. 4/6 8:00am (G) † Monica Loch
Thurs. 4/7 10:00am (Ridgewood Villa)
† Yvo Jenniges
5:30pm (LR) † Agatha Tauber
Fri. 4/8 8:00am (G) † John Carruth
Sat. 4/9 4:00pm (LR) † Sue Green
5:30pm (G) † Betty Chan
Sun. 4/10 8:30am (V) - For the Parish
10:30am (G) † Maria Teresa Tran

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022



- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14—23:56

Event Calendar

Thursday, April 7: 5:30pm Mass at St. John Nepomuk followed by the Way of the Cross and a soup and Sandwich Supper.

Saturday, April 9: Ignite Youth from 6:30-9pm 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 that 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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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.

Eucharist for the homebound—If you are homebound and wish to receive Communion at home, contact 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.



Prayer Chain Requests—

To start a request, please talk to Barb directly; do not leave requests on answering machines or with children. To get added to the chain, Barb Kramber can be reached at 320-634-4788.

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/>
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