

# JANUARY 10, 2021 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SACRED HEART HERON LAKE



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WINDOM

**Sacred Heart Church** | 321 9th Street, P.O. Box 377, Heron Lake, MN 56137 | Sunday Mass: 8:00 am

**Sacred Heart Church** | 516 10th Street, P.O. Box 187, Brewster, MN 56119 | Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm

**St. Francis Xavier Church** | 532 17th Street, P.O. Box 39, Windom, MN 56101 | Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

## Weekly Gospel Meditation

## Isaiah 55:1-11. 1 John 5:1-9. Mark 1:7-11

“We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God’s voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God’s help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: JANUARY 12—17, 2021

Tuesday	5:30pm	Windom	Ahrens Family
Wednesday	9:30am	Heron Lake	+Karen Mathias
Thursday	9:00 am	Brewster	+Howard Damm
Friday	9:00am	Windom	+Brian Spencer
Saturday	5:00 pm	Brewster	+Jack Strouth
Sunday	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Joe Salenty
	10:00am	Windom	+Katheryn Marcotte

+Know that Fr. Pratap includes all of us in his daily prayers and private Mass intentions.

## WELCOME!



## NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS:

**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**  
**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**  
**John 1:35-42**

# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you into God's family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please stop in the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office of any change of address.

## PARISH PRIEST

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## Tri Parish Prayer Intentions: Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator.

- All suffering from the Coronavirus
- Healthcare, Law Enforcement & Emergency Personnel
- Mark Elmer
- Ken Ortmann
- Dennis Haberman
- Jim Salenty
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the souls in purgatory

## FUNERALS

Eternal rest grant unto **Saveena Bappoo**, who died December 26, 2020. A memorial service was held on Wed., Dec. 30th, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington, MN. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. We remember her loved ones in prayer.

*"It is true, in every family there are problems, and at times arguments... I would like to say something to you: if you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace... Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help. And then, in the family there are three words, three phrases that must always be held dear: "Please", "Thank you", and "I am sorry". "Please", so as not to be intrusive in the life of others. Please: may I do something? Is it alright with you if I do this?... "Thank you"... Gratitude is the lifeblood of the noble soul. And then, the hardest to say: "I am sorry". Because we always do bad things and very often someone is offended... Do not forget the three words: "please", "thank you", and "I am sorry". If in a family, in the family environment there are these three words, the family is fine."*

-Pope Francis

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly.

**Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**VOCATION VIEW:** This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Revel in the gift of your baptism; pray for and with those who are called to fulfill their baptismal promise as priests, sisters, and brothers. Encourage someone you know to consider a life of service in the church (Acts 10:34-38)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact the priest 6 to 12 months in advance of the date of marriage to fill out the forms, to do FOCCUS Test and to attend Marriage Prep Mentoring sessions. Fr. Pratap is seeking married couples who are practicing Catholics, and have children, who would be willing to volunteer to help prepare our engaged couples for marriage. Please contact Fr. Pratap at 507-226-4536, or your parish office, if interested.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact the parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions. All Baptisms will be celebrated privately until further notice.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASSES:** Brewster— Thurs. and Sat.; Heron Lake —Wed., and Sun.; Windom—Tues., Fri. and Sun.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES – January 16th & 17th

**ROLE:**    **Brewster**                      **Heron Lake**                      **Windom**  
                  **Saturday| 5:00pm**    **Sunday| 8:00am**                      **Sunday| 10:00 am**

<b>LECTOR</b>	Marlys Olson	Patty Symens
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<b>ROSARY</b>	Larry Wagner Shirley Wagner	Mary Benson
<b>BELLS</b>		Braxton Brown

Nest week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America, as well as the collection for Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs for Latin America. The CCC appeal helps to connect people around the world with Christ and builds Catholic communities. Your assistance helps to ensure success. 50% of your donation goes to Latin American and 50% goes to Catholic Communications. Thank you for your support!



### When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

<b>LATIN AMER. &amp; CATHOLIC COMM.</b>	
SFX-W	\$
SH-HL	\$
SH-B	\$

Category	CHURCH SUPPORT		
	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 27/52	\$ 859	\$ 20388	\$ 4939
YTD	\$ 36594	\$ 86614	\$ 66801
Budget		\$ 80676	
Total		\$ 5938	

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020			
	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$15,300	\$15,802	65
SH-HL	\$10,200	\$10,335	43
SH-B	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,375	28

## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### BREWSTER

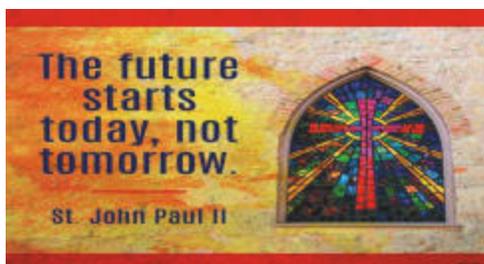
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sacred Heart Brewster for making our 2020 goal of \$6250 for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thank you to our CCW for making a donation, and to all our parishioners who generously gave to the Appeal.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to use the marked baskets at the entrances of the church for your church support and diocesan donations. Thank you.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who played a part in our Christmas celebration. Our organist and song leaders, those who decorated our church, liturgy ministers and Father Pratap who offered the beautiful mass for us. Thank you to everyone who attended. May 2021 be a healthy and happy year for all.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Nobles County Christmas 2020. \$3160.00 was collected. Thank you to Mike and Bev McCarvel who spearheaded this wonderful opportunity for us to be able to continue to give to families who are less fortunate. We were able to give 6 families gift cards for food, clothing and toys. With the remainder of the money, gift cards were given to Social Services and Catholic Charities in Worthington. Those will be given to their clients as needed. This truly was a great opportunity to give to others. We are so blessed to have what we need and to share with others is our responsibility as Christians.

**WEATHER ANOUNCEMENTS** for cancellation of our 5:00 Sat. night Mass will be on the Worthington Radio Stations and also on the Sacred Heart Brewster Facebook Group page. Thurs. 9:00 Mass will be cancelled if school is closed. Families and catechists will receive a message from Dawn Murphy if classes are cancelled for Faith Formation.



### HERON LAKE

**THE SERVICE COMMISSION** of Family Concerns and the CCW Vice President positions are still vacant. If you're interested in filling one of these positions within your CCW, please contact Dianne Freking for details.

**LITURGICAL ROLES** for February and March are available on tables in church entrance or you may view them on our website <https://sacredheartheronlake.org> Please find a substitute if you're unable to be there on your designated date. Thank you.

**CHECK OUT** the new Facebook Group Heron Lake Caring Connections. An outreach group to help those in need in our community.

**THE CCW** is looking for someone to do the church hall (basement) table decorations. We wish to thank Anne Liepold and Maurita Volk for doing this for the past several years.

**FUN DAY** will be delayed due to COVID. The CCW will reassess options at a later date, when it becomes safe to gather.

**SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH** by placing your contributions, before or after Mass, in the baskets available on the tables in the church entrance. You may also mail them to Sacred Heart Church, PO Box 377, Heron Lake, MN 56137. Thank you for your support.

**REMINDER:** If school is closed due to adverse winter weather, then weekday Mass is also cancelled. Cancellation of Sunday Mass will be on KDOM and Worthington Radio Stations.

**WE WISH** to express our appreciation to all who share their talent and time to help our parish thrive. Thank you to those who serve in various liturgy and music roles, church décor, custodial, council members, trustees and, of course, Fr. Pratap! We applaud their efforts and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**SACRED HEART** of Heron Lake has met their 2020 goal of \$10,200 for the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. We wish to express our appreciation to all who contributed to our success in doing so. Thank you very much for ALL contributions.

### WINDOM

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet on Tuesday, January 12th, at 7 PM.

**THANK YOU** to Tim Jenniges for your many years of service as a Trustee for St. Francis Xavier Church. Your dedication is much appreciated!

**AND THANK YOU** to Gale Symens for agreeing to serve as a Trustee. That is also much appreciated.

**AND, WHILE WE ARE AT IT,** thank you to everyone who serves in a liturgical role, provides music, serves on a church committee or council, takes care of cleaning and decorating our church, continues to support our church even though many are unable to attend Mass in person, and so much more! And, of course, thank you to Fr. Pratap. Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year!!!

**THE NEW LITURGICAL LIST** is available in the Church entries. Remember, if you are scheduled and are unable to be here, please find a substitute or let Vicki or Pat know and we will find someone.

**DRIVER NEEDED** to take the Mary Jo Copeland trailer to the Cities. Gas will be paid for and Linda Ortman will go along. Please contact Linda at 507-822-4249.

**WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**—If we are forced to cancel a Sunday Mass due to weather, it will be announced on KDOM and posted on our FB page—**Saint Francis Xavier Parish**. If we cancel a meeting, you will be notified by email or phone call. **If school is cancelled** due to weather, weekday Mass is also cancelled.

**REMEMBER TO CHECK** the back page when looking for local services! And remember to thank the vendors who advertise on the back page for their support.

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

**RESPECT LIFE** Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, **9 Days for Life**, Thursday, January 21st—Friday, January 29th. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)! The purpose of the **March for Life** (January 22nd at our Capitol) is to commemorate the 63 million+ lives lost to abortion (and the women and men who have been hurt as a result) and to call for renewed respect and protection for preborn children and their mothers.

## **REMINDER:**

**DOW-R GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF MASSES, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2020:**

**-THE FAITHFUL SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS REMAINS DISPENSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**-THOSE ATTENDING MASS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS UNLESS THEY ARE 5 YRS OLD OR YOUNGER, OR HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO WEAR A MASK.**

**Make a resolution to learn more about Catholic Social Teachings in the New Year!** Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota will be offering two new study opportunities on Zoom in 2021. **Life and Dignity of the Human Person** (7 sessions) will be on Mondays, beginning Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. We will also offer a chance to study together the US Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, **Open Wide Our Hearts**, on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>. All materials are available free. If you would like more information or to register, email Lisa Kremer at [lkremer@ccsommn.org](mailto:lkremer@ccsommn.org) or call her at 507-360-3423.

**Courier Subscriptions:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hard copies of the Courier are currently not available in our churches. However, in addition to being available online, hard copies are being mailed to those on our home delivery list. Please let parishioners know that they can be added to the subscription list by sending their names and addresses to Nick Reller at [nreller@dowr.org](mailto:nreller@dowr.org) or Diocese of Winona-Rochester, The Courier, 55 W Sanborn St., Winona, MN 55987

Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life In The Spirit seminar, using "The Wild Goose" series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and ending February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00pm CST, sponsored by The Breath of God Zoom prayer group. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: [\(218\) 349-9660](tel:2183499660) or [jjj3279@aol.com](mailto:jjj3279@aol.com)

Check out the following for interesting information:

**January 2021 Diocesan Update at the following link:** <https://www.dowr.org/diocesan-new-ver-01-04-2021-aqgCPYtnScdZtvMa34YnmVkU.html> (Control/Click)

[Connecting Catholic Women Newsletter—January 2021.pdf](#) (Control/Click)

[Our Lady of Fatima's Five-Point Plan - The Fatima Center](#) (Control/Click)

The Mary Jo Copeland trailer is full. **PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS IN THE CHURCH ENTRY.** There will be an announcement in the bulletin when the trailer is available again. A driver is needed to take the trailer to the Cities. Gas will be paid for and Linda Ortmann will go along. Please contact Linda at 507-822-4249 if you are willing to drive.

**TODAY MISSAL, BREAKING BREAD MISSAL, AND the WORD among us are in the Churches.** A reminder—if you choose to use one, please take it home and bring it back with you each week. This is a protocol given to us by our Diocese.

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