

# FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.



## 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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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 23—28, 2021

Tuesday	5:30pm	Windom	+Cindy & Bill Fisher
Wednesday	9:30 am	Heron Lake	+Sr. Jocille Robinson
Thursday	9:00am	Brewster	+Jack Strouth
Friday	9:00am	Windom	+Ed Grunewald
Saturday	5:00 pm	Brewster	+Paul & LaVerna Schaffer
Sunday	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Fr. Clayton Haberman
	10:00am	Windom	+Donald Frank

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

## FUNERALS

Eternal rest grant unto Mark Elmer, husband of Bonnie, who died on Feb. 10th. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Eternal rest grant unto Kenneth Kluver, father of Melonie Haberman, who died Feb. 4th. His funeral will be held at a later date.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. We remember their loved ones in prayer.



**This Weekend's Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15**

**Next Weekend's Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9 :2-10**

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**VOCATION VIEW:** We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Who will proclaim that word to us? Pray for an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life (Matthew 4:1-11)

**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.



### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe You are present  
in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things and I desire  
to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen*

### **Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:**

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator.

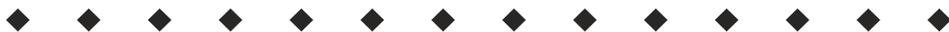
\* All suffering from the Coronavirus

- Healthcare , Law Enforcement & Emergency Personnel
- Mary Anne McNab
- Vicki Ommen
- Betty Harrington
- Helen Haugen
- Jim Stenzel
- Dennis Haberman
- Jim Salenty
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES – February 28th & March 1st

ROLE:	Brewster Saturday  5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday  8:00am	Windom Sunday  10:00am
LECTOR		Nick & Doreen Sheda	Jamie Symens
CANTOR			Mary Theesfeld
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		Joanne Waldron Suzanne Iverson	Jamie Symens Nadine Forman
USHERS		Dennis Salentiny Larry Wagner Mark Wagner	Patty Symens Gale Symens
CONTRIBUTIONS		Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Candy Riordan Elaine Tasler
SACRISTANS			Shari Kneeland Sherri Zimmerman
ROSARY		Steve & Barb Hus-song	Mary Benson
BELLS			Braxton Brown



### RICE BOWL

SFX-W	\$
SH-HL	\$ 5
SH-B	\$

### CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

SFX-W	\$ 5
SH-HL	\$ 5
SH-B	\$ 24

### THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parish-ioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$	
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$	
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$	

### CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 33/52	\$ 888	\$ 2290	\$ 1618
YTD	\$ 46276	\$ 108350	\$ 82683
Budget		\$ 98604	
Total		\$ 9746	

### RICE BOWL COLLECTION— THROUGHOUT LENT

We are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in 93 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor.



### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- ◆ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- ◆ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- ◆ Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- ◆ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- ◆ Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- ◆ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- ◆ Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- ◆ Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- ◆ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- ◆ Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- ◆ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

~ In the words of Pope Francis

## BREWSTER

**AGAIN FOR LENTEN OFFERINGS,** Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowls will be given to the children in each Faith Formation class and will be available to the parishioners. Follow the calendar's daily reflections with your child so they will understand the importance of giving to those who have very little. 75% of your donations supports Catholic Relief Services work around the world and 25% helps fight hunger in your own community. There is also an envelope in the church support packet for you to use.

**FOR THE LENTEN SEASON,** beginning on Tues., Feb. 23rd, rosary will begin at 6:30pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross. There will be no Mass. Please come and join us.

**BECAUSE OF HEALTH ISSUES,** Mary Anne McNab is staying with her son Mike & Connie McNab. She would welcome a note or card. Her address is 1480 61st St., Slayton, MN 56172. Please remember her in your prayers.

**AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED,** you now have a monthly cemetery donation envelope in your packet. When using this envelope, please make a separate check out to the Sacred Heart Cemetery. We have a responsibility to make sure our cemetery is taken care of, even when we are no longer a parish church. Please donate whenever possible. Thank you.

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

**THE 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL—Share the Light of Hope—** has begun. Please give generously to this year's Appeal. Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota [www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal](http://www.catholicfsmn.org/Appeal)

**WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS** 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.

**GOD'S GRACE** and blessing to Cora Haberman, Easton Holden and Morgan Liepold for completing the requirements for First Reconciliation on Feb. 3, 2021.

**STATIONS of the CROSS,** led by our Faith Formation students, will begin at 7:00PM, each Wednesday of Lent. There will not be Mass. FF classes will meet immediately after Stations. A presentation of the Stations may also be viewed on the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Facebook page.

**FAITH FORMATION** Lenten project will include each family taking a Rice Bowl home for their donations, plus each classroom will also have one available for collection until the end of Lent. **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl** is a Lenten Almsgiving Program to support their work in over 100 countries each year. 25% of donations to the Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The other 75% benefits those suffering overseas. Please support project Rice Bowl; you may also use the envelope available in your packets.

**CCW VACANT POSITIONS:** The Service Commission of Family Concerns and the CCW Vice President position are still vacant. If you're interested in filling any one of these positions, please contact Dianne Freking for details.

**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.

**THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD** is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. *Please support the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we may Share the Light of Hope!*

**DITTY BAGS:** Please participate in this worthwhile CCW Lenten project, helping the less fortunate with the list of personal hygiene items attached to the bag. Filled ditty bags should be returned to the tubs at church by Palm Sunday, March 28th. Thank you.

**CANCELLATION** of Sunday Mass will be announced on KDOM, Worthington Radio Stations, and on Sacred Heart's FB page. If public school is closed due to adverse weather, then weekday Mass is also cancelled. Families will receive a message from your child's teacher if Wed. Faith Formation classes are cancelled.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The St. Francis Xavier Confirmation class -10<sup>th</sup> graders -will lead the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. The Stations will be available for 5 weeks, with the first on Feb. 24, followed with March 3, 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes will be held after they attend the Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross are open to the students and to the public. FF classes will continue every Sunday and Wednesday to Easter.

**FAITH FORMATION** students will be bringing the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl home. Please put your Lenten sacrifices into the bowl, follow the calendar's daily reflections, and turn in your gifts at the end of Lent. 75% of your donations support Catholic Relief Services work around the world. 25% of donations stays in our Diocese to fight hunger and poverty. You may also use the envelope in your church support packet to support the Rice Bowl project.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has continued to support our Church as we continue to deal with COVID. If you aren't able to attend Mass at this time but wish to donate, you may use the baskets in the Church at any time. The **DEBIT AUTHORIZATION FORMS** are available on the tables in the Church entrances if you are interested in having your support automatically credited to the Church.

**THE PARTISH FINANCE COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will hold a joint meeting on Thursday, February 25th, at 6 pm.

**SHARE THE LIGHT OF HOPE! YOU RECENTLY RECEIVED** a packet in the mail requesting your support of the **2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal.** Please prayerfully consider making a gift and know that your gift will help fund critical ministries that benefit more than 140,000 Catholics and countless others throughout southern Minnesota. Every gift makes a difference!

**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.**

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

**Respect Life** "Just before "Brianna's" scheduled C-section, physician Brent Boles asked her if she'd allow a photo to be taken once the baby was born. He wouldn't share any identifying information with the world, he said, just the photo - a photo to celebrate human life, a photo to explain just why he provides the ever-growing [Abortion Pill Reversal](#) regimen to women looking to undo their chemical abortions. Brianna happily agreed, and a little bit later, a gripping photo of a newborn baby, crying under the blaze of operating room lights was captured. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't, but it is worth the effort." For information, see [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com).

**THE MARY JO COPELAND TRAILER IS OPEN ON THE 1ST TUESDAY AND THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS IN THE CHURCH ENTRY.**

**2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal Kick-Off on Feb. 13-14:** Each year, the Bishop asks for the participation of the more than 34,000 Catholics living in the Diocese to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal. He asks us to generously support the many ongoing ministries of the Church that provide educational, pastoral, and charitable outreach to those living in the Diocese. This year's theme is *Share the Light of Hope*. Letters to parishioners have been mailed out. Please consider making your charitable donation to this important appeal soon.

## **MercyInMotion Campaign:**

**'Give Drink to the Thirsty:** 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life' (Jn 4:13-14). This week, answer Christ's call to Give Drink to the Thirsty by 1) Using Lectio Divina to pray with the story of the Woman at the Well; 2) Drinking only water for a day (no other beverages) or making a conscious effort to conserve water when you shower or brush your teeth; 3) Giving the gift of water by supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services in digging wells in other countries. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit [www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion](http://www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion).

Below is a link to the Courier's February 2021 issue. Enjoy!

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February 11, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On February 9, 2021, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester reached a settlement with the Creditors' Committee that represents the 145 survivors primarily of clergy sexual abuse. This is an important step that will lead to the completion of the bankruptcy process and exiting Chapter 11. Since the time that I first received notice of the sexual abuse claims against the Diocese, efforts were made to reach a settlement that is just and equitable to the survivors of sexual abuse.

It is my desire and hope that the compensation paid in this settlement will help the survivors heal from the pain they have experienced over these many years. We must never forget the tragedy and anguish caused by those who abused their power and positions of authority. We must stay vigilant in our unwavering commitment to protect the youth and the vulnerable in our Diocese who rely on priests, deacons, religious, and lay people to keep them safe and provide for their spiritual care.

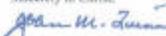
This settlement, mutually agreed to by the Diocese and the Creditors' Committee, also includes resolution of other claims against the parishes, schools and Catholic entities within the Diocese. The \$21.5 million settlement allowed the Diocese to submit a Plan of Reorganization to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for approval as part of its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

About two decades ago, national publicity made us alert and aware of the reality of clergy sexual abuse. These past several years have made it clear that our own parishes and families were not spared of this tragedy. Since the implementation of its safe environment program over 18 years ago, the Diocese has conducted over 44,000 background checks and 16,000 clergy, teachers, staff and volunteers have completed the VIRTUS safe environment training. As your Bishop, I continue to rely on and I am guided by the strong advice given by the Ministerial Standards Board to ensure accountability and proper monitoring of interactions between youth and all persons who minister in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

I want to express my sincere apology to all those who have been affected by sexual abuse in our Diocese. My prayers go out to all survivors of abuse and I pledge my continuing commitment to ensure that this terrible chapter in the history of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester never happens again.

Finally, I want to affirm the deep and abiding faith of the people of the Diocese. Your faith inspires me and I am grateful for how you continue to live out that faith, and the many ways you support your parish and diocese. I'm deeply grateful for the love and trust you have for our priests who are serving the Church faithfully and who work daily with you to protect our youth. Blessed are you.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
+   
Bishop John M. Quinn  
Bishop of Winona-Rochester

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