

# MARCH 7, 2021 | THIRD 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

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Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.



## 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.

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MARCH 9—14, 2021

Tuesday	5:30pm	Windom	+Brian Spencer
Wednesday	9:30 am	Heron Lake	+Bill, Kelly & Paul Fest
Thursday	9:00am	Brewster	+Howard Damm
Friday	9:00am	Windom	+Greg Schoborg
Saturday	5:00 pm	Brewster	+Sylvester & Loralie Schmitz
Sunday	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Karen Mathias
	10:00am	Windom	+Arlene Bartosh

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

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**VOCATION VIEW:** Do we demand signs or do we hear the Lord speaking to our heart? (1 Corinthians 1:22-25)

**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.

**This Weekend's Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25  
**Next Weekend's Readings:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

### 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*

## FUNERALS

Eternal rest grant unto Helen Haugen, whose Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, February 24th, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom.

Eternal rest grant unto Mark Elmer, husband of Bonnie, who died on Feb. 10th. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, February 27th, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom.

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.

## BAPTISMS

Gianna Hope, daughter of Chad and Katelin, was baptized on Sunday, February 21st, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom.

### **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
- Cordella Hansen
- Bonnie Thoof
- Jim Stenzel
- Dennis Haberman
- Jim Salenty
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES – March 13th & 14th

	Brewster Saturday  5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday  8:00am	Windom Sunday  10:00am
ROLE:			
LECTOR		Lori Henkels	Linda Stuckenbroker
CANTOR			Tom Zimmerman
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USHERS		John Wagner Larry Liepold Marsha Edwards	Jackie Jurgens Joan Schafer
CONTRIBUTIONS		Kraig Leopold Sharon Leopold Andrew Rasche Annie Rasche	Heather Bristow Kevin Bristow Eileen Pankonin
SACRISTANS			Nadine Forman
ROSARY		Cleo Miranowski	Mary Benson
BELLS			Braxton Brown

RICE BOWL		CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE	
SFX-W	\$ 10	SFX-W	\$ 221
SH-HL	\$ 270	SH-HL	\$ 193
SH-B	\$	SH-B	\$ 189

### THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$ 4185	17
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$ 4775	13
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$ 375	2

### CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 35/52	\$ 1038	\$ 1035	\$ 2676
YTD	\$ 49124	\$ 110359	\$ 88476
Budget		\$ 104580	
Total		\$ 5779	

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the US. Funds from this collection support Catholic Relief Services and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and recourse to help them adapt to life in their new home, refugee children, etc.



On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Pope Francis preached on the patience of Simeon and Anna (Lk 225-28). The Holy Father noted their patient waiting and words of prayer, and contrasted this with the tendency today to be impatient, with words of complaint.

None of us are immune to at least a thought or two in the complaint department. Complaining seems to span everything from crabbiness to being overly critical. Whatever the complaint is, it is a matter of tone. Constructive criticism is in the ears of the receiver.

Friends of mine once told me a story about their son who worked at a fast-food restaurant. Every day an elderly gentleman used the drive-through to pick up his food. Every day he complained about the food. Finally, the young man said to the old man, "Sir, if you don't like this food, then maybe you should go somewhere else." The old man replied, "They're all worse!"

In a world where there is so much wrong, it is with little effort that we have something to complain about. It is not just a matter of predisposition — whether we are optimists or pessimists — it is a matter of our spiritual attention. This is particularly true during the season of Lent when we examine our sins, minimally to prepare for going to confession. Lent is more than an examen of conscience. We should not wait for one season in the year to reflect on our sins and with respectful criticism know our need for God's mercy. Lent is more than giving up something on Ash Wednesday, difficult as some of these choices can be. Lent is not only a season of repentance; it is a time of conversion.

There are many variations of an old story about a man who complained about everything. He was a master at finding fault. One day, he set off on a journey to find the perfect place to live. He had traveled all day and when night came, he bedded down in the middle of a dense forest. To make sure he didn't get lost, he took off his shoes and pointed them in the direction he was going. In the middle of the night, an angel came, turned his shoes around and pointed them back to his home village. The next morning, when the man awoke, he carefully put on his shoes and walked in the direction they were pointing. He found the "new" place beautiful and just perfect.

To turn our shoes around is to know conversion. No matter the chapter, we discover the blessings of God in and through all things. It is to actively seek the good by first seeing it. It is a light that leads us forward on the pilgrim path rather than the darkness that comes from seeing only the roots and boulders that trip us. If I am so caught up in the temporal matters of the Church, how can I ever experience the Mystical Body of Christ? Simply, I can't. If I only see the sin of the world reflected in my own mirror, then how do I see the heaven that is already here? Simply, I don't.

Yes, we are to be aware of our sins, but we are not to stop there. Every Good Friday, by the grace of God, gives way to Easter. To be an Easter People in a Good Friday world means that we, though humiliated by all that is wrong, still take the hand of Jesus to be led to an empty tomb, where all is right.

-The Catholic Spirit | Father Charles Lachowitzer

## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### 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,** the Rosary and Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30pm each Tuesday evening. Please join us.

**MANNA FOOD PANTRY, INC.,** located at the Presbyterian Church, 230 Clary Street, Worthington, is asking for our help. They are again participating in the Annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign that runs from March 1st until April 11th, 2021. They will be receiving matching funds, dollar for dollar from the First State Bank Southwest in Worthington and Greater MN Council of Churches a 3% matching funds. For every \$10.00 donated, they can purchase food for approximately 30 meals. Please send your donation to the Manna House Pantry. There is also a drop box at the entrance of our church that you can put in non perishable items. There is a Hunger Facts sheet posted on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.

**THROUGHOUT THE YEAR,** many works of charity have been done by our parishioners. Some works are made present to all and some are behind the "scenes". For me to continue to keep track and thank everyone individually in the bulletin, is a task to behold. Please to everyone, and you know who you are, except our deepest gratitude for everything you have done and may continue to do. May God bless you abundantly. Sacred Heart Parish thanks you.

**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

**HERON LAKE** Fire Dept Relief Assn is holding a **Drive Thru Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>,** from 9 to 11 AM (or until gone) at the HL Fire & EMS building. Support your fire department with a free will donation.

**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.

**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.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** have been mailed out to parishioners for the beautiful handmade quilt donated by Delores Pelzel. CCW will also be hosting a Virtual Bake Sale. Parish families are asked to donate \$10 instead of a bake sale item. This can be placed in a marked envelope in the collection basket, or mailed to the parish office along with your sold tickets and money.

**FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN** runs March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>. This is Minnesota's largest food and fund drive, now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year! Please help meet the needs of the hungry in your community. Support your local food shelf by dropping off food or monetary donations. Heron Lake Food Shelf (PO Box 232) is in the Catholic School and open from 2 - 4 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month.

**THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT,** the Catholic Ministries Appeal funds diocesan-led ministries throughout the 20 counties of southern Minnesota. Thank you for providing opportunities to thousands of people to draw closer to Christ because of your generosity. If you haven't already contributed, please return your pledge card now. Sacred Heart-H L's goal is \$9,531.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS** to the Sacred Heart School. The Elementary Classes should return them on March 14, and the High School Classes on March 17. Thank You! The last Faith Formation classes will be held for Elementary on Sunday, March 21 and for High School on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### WINDOM

**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 during Lent. 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.

**DITTY BAGS** will not be given out this year due to Covid. Last year they were given out before the lockdown and consequently only half of the ditty bags were returned. I hope they were not discarded and will still be returned as it is very time consuming to make all those ditty bags. Thank You, M. Benson

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** 7:00 Tuesday March 9th. Please submit 2021 annual membership dues.

**THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:15 pm.

**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.

**SHARE IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW,** would like to be added to the prayer list, please let Pat know.

**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—**St. 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.**

"Love is never defeated."

St. John Paull II

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

**Respect Life 40 Days for Life** is an internationally-coordinated 40 day campaign that aims to end abortion locally, through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion facilities. Since 2007, when it began, 18,003 pre-born babies have been saved, 107 abortion centers have closed, and 211 abortion workers have quit, plus mothers and fathers have been spared the heart ache of abortion. The current campaign is February 17-March 28. For a location near you, see [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

**First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in each parish at regularly scheduled times on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Divine Mercy.**

**MercyInMotion Campaign:** “Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent) - Visit the Sick: “There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. . . She said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.’ Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction’ (Mk. 5:25, 28-29). This week, answer Christ’s call to Visit the Sick by 1) Meditating on the story of the Woman with a Hemorrhage; 2) Fasting from sweets, desserts, and/or junk food; 3) Calling or sending a card to someone in a nursing home. For more ideas on how to put Christ’s Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit [www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion](http://www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion).

**PRAY:**

Use Lectio Divina to pray with Mark 5: 25-34 (The Woman with a Hemorrhage)

USCCB COVID-19 Prayer of Solidarity

**FAST:**

Fast from sweets, desserts, and/or junk food.

**GIVE:**

Call, or send a card to those in nursing homes.

Give Blood.

**LEARN:**

‘The pain of watching my daughter suffer caused crushing exhaustion and a sharp pain in my chest, making it hard to get through the day. As I passed strangers enjoying drinks in the Spanish sun, I wondered how they could chat and laugh, when our lives felt like they had been ruptured’. Read about Christine’s Experience.

Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for your many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ’s Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts. Amen. To give online, visit [www.catholicfsmn.org](http://www.catholicfsmn.org)

**THE MARY JO COPELAND TRAILER is open on the 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of the month. PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS IN THE CHURCH ENTRY.**

St. Francis Xavier will now be live streaming our Sunday Mass. To view the Mass live, go to our website at <https://www.sfxwindom.org/> and on the upper portion of the website, click on the tab that reads “Online Mass”. That will open a webpage that gives you the option of watching our Mass live or watching a previously recorded Mass.

We are using the Zoom app for this service. If you have used Zoom in the past, you will be taken directly to the meeting. If you have not used Zoom before, you will be given instructions on how to install the app. More detailed instructions will be posted on our website.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS next weekend. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday, March 13th.**

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