

APRIL 18, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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 - APR 20 - 25, 2021

TUES	5:30PM	WINDOM	+Greg Schoborg
WED	9:30AM	HERON LAKE	+Joe Salentiny
THUR	9:00AM	BREWSTER	+Brian Schmitz
FRI	9:00AM	WINDOM	+Brian Spencer
SAT	5:00PM	BREWSTER	+Joyce Konradi
SUN	8:00AM 10:00AM	HERON LAKE WINDOM	+Edward Freking, Sr. +Mark Elmer

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

FUNERALS

Eternal rest grant unto...
Gregory Appel, who died on October 17, 2020. A Celebration of Life will be held at the La-Canne Family Funeral Home on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 1 – 3 pm. Burial to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Heron Lake, 3:30pm.

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



This Weekend's Readings:
Acts of the Apostles 3: 13 -15, 17-19;
1 John 2: 1-5a; Luke 24: 35-48

Next Weekend's Readings:
Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12;
1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: *Peace be with you.* The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it. (Luke 24: 35-48)

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (here make your request). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator

*** All suffering from the Coronavirus**

- Healthcare , Law Enforcement & Emergency Personnel
- Mary Anne McNab
- Dennis Haberman
- Ken Ortmann
- Vicki Ommen
- Betty Harrington
- Lisa Carlson
- Lucas Hotzler
- Jim Stenzel
- Jim Salentiny
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the souls in purgatory
- For an end to abortion

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES – April 24th & 25th

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00am	Windom Sunday 10:00am
LECTOR	Andrea Christoffer	Heather Bristow
CANTOR		Mary Theesfeld
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Andrea Christoffer Donna Damm	Mary Benson Elaine Tasler
USHERS	Ryan Haberman Jeff Hotzler	David Green & Sons
CONTRIBUTIONS	Rhonda Damm Rose Freking Dave Freking	Judy Green Sherri Zimmerman Tom Zimmerman
SACRISTANS		Jackie Jurgens Joan Schafer
ROSARY	Steve & Barb Hussong	Mary Benson
BELLS		Braxton Brown

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 41/52	\$ 787	\$ 1,426	\$ 2,190
YTD	\$55,807	\$122,603	\$103,608
Budget		\$122,508	
Total		\$ 95	

FRANCISCAN MISSION—INDIA

SFX-W	\$330
SH-HL	\$774
SH-B	\$401

GOOD FRIDAY-HOLYLAND COLLECTION

SFX-W	\$175
SH-HL	\$625
SH-B	\$323

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$ 7,985	26
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$ 9,235	26
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$ 2,210	11



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

PLEASE LEAVE THE MISSALS in the pew holders following Mass. Do not take them home. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR second grade children for receiving their First Holy Communion. May Eli Ahlers, Landon Becker and Toby Grimmus always welcome Jesus into their hearts and know He is always with them.

SENIORS, PLEASE SEND your scholarship application to Bev McCarvel by May 1, 2021.

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped decorate the church for Passion Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The beauty of our sanctuary and the nave is only enhanced by your work.

FOLLOWING THE FINANCE AND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING, it was decided that as of July 1, 2021, cemetery lots will increase in price. The price of a full lot, four graves, will be \$600 and a single grave will cost \$200. If you would like to purchase a lot, please contact Ron McCarvel at 507-360-7984.

THE PARISH WOULD LIKE TO THANK the Ron McCarvel family for taking care of our cemetery, from purchasing lots, handling all aspects of preparing the ground for a funeral, the mowing/trimming, etc. Also, thank you to Robert and Charlene Kirchner for topping off the graves with sod and catching "varmint's" that take a toll in the cemetery. We have a beautiful cemetery and appreciate all the work that everyone is doing.

OUR 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL needs your support. Your donation is very important to help our parish receive the help and direction of the many programs the Diocese offers. All funds that go over our goal is returned to us in full. Last year we had \$700 returned. Our goal for 2021 is \$6,148. Our Parish needs your donation, please mail it in today.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY, the attendance is improving at Mass. Please remember to use your church support envelopes. If you aren't ready to come back to worship, please mail your support to Sacred Heart Church PO Box 187 Brewster. Thank you.

HERON LAKE

THE SCROLLED wall hanging of past members of Sacred Heart Parish clergy and religious was made and donated by Richard Freking. This beautiful reminder of our faithful servants hangs in the baptismal alcove. Thank you, Rich!

AT MASS, PLEASE MOVE in toward the center of the pew, if open. This will make the ends available so more people can be easily seated, and we can still remain distanced.

PLEASE LEAVE THE MISSALS in the church pew book racks. If you have one at home, please continue to bring it.

ANYONE INTERESTED in forming a committee of four to update the Sacred Heart "Walking Tour" booklet of the church interior, please contact the parish office or Doreen Sheda 507-360-7774. The goal is to have this available for our Centennial Celebration, which our Parish Councils have decided to postpone until 2022.

LITURGICAL ROLES for April and May are available on the 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.

YOUR CONTINUED financial support of our Church is so important. If you are not able to attend Mass at this time but wish to donate, please use the baskets in the Church or mail your contributions to Sacred Heart Church, PO Box 377, Heron Lake, MN. Thank you for your generosity!

THE QUILT RAFFLE winners were Jim & Lynne Liepold. Thanks again to Delores Pelzel for donating the beautiful quilt which raised \$1,227 for our CCW.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART? The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota. The Appeal funds ministries to invite more than 34,000 households each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church. Please make your donation now. To give online, visit www.catholicfsmn.org

Reminder: 100% of all funds raised over our goal are returned to our parish.

WINDOM

WE HAVE MISSALS in the pews again. Please leave them in the pew following Mass. If you have a Missal at home, please bring it so there are enough for everyone.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: St. Francis Xavier Church will award two scholarships in the amount of \$250 each. If you are interested, please contact the office asap to receive the application and a copy of the guidelines. Application deadline is May 1, 2021.

A BIG THANK YOU to Tom Zimmerman and Tom Riordan for all the work and hours you have put into getting the live streaming of our Masses set up. If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, 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.

ALSO, THANK YOU to Joe LaCanne for using your artistic talent around the Church—the Mary Jo Copeland trailer signs, the coffee and treats sign, the Church entry bulletin board, the updated bulletin board in the kitchen, and the beautiful writing on the First Communion certificates. Thank you, Joe!

PLEASE CONTINUE to support our church by using your weekly envelopes. If you aren't able to attend church, you can mail them to PO Box 39, Windom 56101. We would like to thank everyone for your generosity.

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MARY JO COPELAND trailer will be open on Saturday, April 17th, 9-11 am.

IF YOU WERE ARRESTED FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU?

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES



SACRED HEART—HERON LAKE
L to R—Bristol VandeKamp, Morgan Liepold, Fr. Pratap, Cora Haberman, Easton Holden



SACRED HEART—BREWSTER
L to R— Eli Ahlers, Landon Becker, Toby Grimmus



FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST APRIL 11, 2021

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER—WINDOM
L TO R— Esperanza Duron, Louis Duron, Illusion Duron, Izzak Duron, Keely Low, Sydney Low, Noah Adame, Xitaly Solis, Gabriella Jimenez, Seth Hoppe, Rogan Brown

Respect Life -

Have you or someone you know suffered a miscarriage? Couples often bear this grief in silence and confusion. The world seems to be telling them that a life was not lost, that a tragedy has not happened. And yet, parents know otherwise. Their hearts and minds cope with grief and sorrow that is no less real for going unaffirmed. To learn more, see www.foryourmarriage.org. Click on For Your Marriage, then Overcoming Obstacles and then Miscarriage for articles and resources.

REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS: If a Mass is cancelled, Fr. Pratap will include that scheduled Mass Intention at his private daily Mass. If you prefer it be rescheduled, please let Father or your respective parish office know.

PRE-CANA RETREAT DATES - 2021 - Saturday, July 17: St. John Vianney Parish, Fairmont

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY INFORMATION: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org.

Procedimientos diocesanos para hacer frente al abuso sexual de menores La Diócesis de Winona-Rochester se ha comprometido a proteger a los niños, los jóvenes y otras personas vulnerables en nuestras escuelas, parroquias y actividades apostólicas. Tenemos un cuidado especial y la intención permanente de atender eventuales víctimas de abuso sexual y sus familias. Para informarnos sobre alegaciones actuales de abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero o empleados laicos o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Winona-Rochester contacte: 507-454- 2270, Extensión 255 Víctimas de abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide de dirigirse a la diócesis para recibir asistencia pastoral. El Coordinado de Asistencia a la Victim le proveerá tal asistencia. <http://www.dow.org/offices/safe-environment/report-a-complaint.html>

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