

AUGUST 1, 2021 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - AUGUST 3—8, 2021

<u>TUES</u>	5:30PM	WINDOM	+Jack Determan
<u>WED</u>	9:00AM	HERON LAKE	+Joe Salentiny
<u>THUR</u>	9:00AM	BREWSTER	+LeRoy & Catherine Starner
<u>FRI</u>	9:00AM	WINDOM	+Leona Farrel
<u>SAT</u>	5:00PM	BREWSTER	+Joe & Rose Weinandt
<u>SUN</u>	8:00AM	HERON LAKE	+Wyatt Henkels
	10:00AM	WINDOM	+Paul Maras

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

Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator

* All suffering from the Coronavirus

- Healthcare , Law Enforcement & Emergency Personnel
- Rose Boomgarden
- Dennis Haberman
- Rita Zinnel
- Gail Barlow
- Deb Schmit Grote
- Joe Rivera
- Lisa Carlson
- Lucas Hotzler
- Jim Salentiny
- Jim Stenzel
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the souls in purgatory
- For an end to abortion

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This Week's Readings:

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15; Ephesians
4: 17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35

Next Weekend's Readings:

1 Kings 19: 4-8; Ephesians 4: 30-
5: 2; John 6: 41-51

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: If we trust Jesus' promise to feed us and quench our thirst, we can fearlessly give our lives in his service. Pray today for the men and women who will serve your local church as priests, brothers and sisters. (John 6: 24-35)

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.

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water when they enter and leave a Church?

Holy water reminds us of the waters of the baptismal font, the place where our existence changed forever. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the day of our baptism is one of the most important days of our earthly lives, if not the single MOST important. We are right to remember this moment! And when we were baptized, we entered the household of faith that is the Church, and we became members of a family. That family is what a church building represents — the community of faith, comprised of living stones. The whole act of entering a church building is meant to remind us of our obligations and our great dignity, which began in the waters of baptism.

Why do Catholic churches have a red lamp by the tabernacle?

The red light that continuously burns within the sanctuary of our Catholic churches reminds all who enter that Jesus is present within the tabernacle in the little form of the consecrated Host. While technically not required to be red, the use of this color is quite fitting as it reminds us of the burning love of Christ, who waits in the tabernacle for our own love and acknowledgment of faith. When a Catholic enters a church and notices a red lamp burning next to the tabernacle, a sign of reverence should be shown, which is generally a genuflection or a profound bow.

LITURGICAL LIFE



LITURGICAL ROLES – August 7th & 8th

Brewster
Saturday | 5:00pm

Heron Lake
Sunday | 8:00am

Windom
Sunday | 10:00am

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Lori Henkels
Judy Stenzel

Mary Theesfeld

CANTOR

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CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 4/52	\$ 248	\$ 7,420	\$ 2,586
YTD	\$ 3,716	\$ 15,439	\$ 11,354
Budget			
Total		\$	



THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$10,611	46
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$ 9,835	33
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$ 2,930	18

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

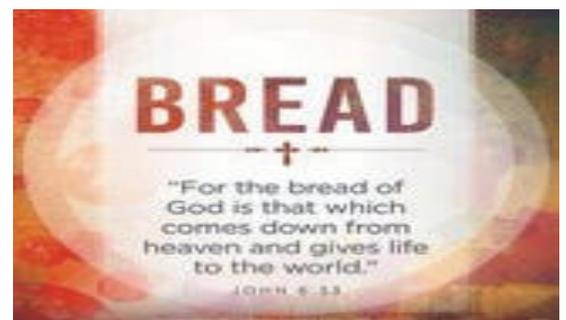
In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

CONGRATULATIONS to Lorraine Schmitz for being the Grand Marshall at Brewster's Fun Days. Lorraine, at 98 years of age, has the beauty, determination and spunk that allows her to continue to be a respectable community and church member. God Bless you, Lorraine.

THANK YOU TO THE CCW LADIES who so generously baked pies, and helped cut, serve and clean up after our Brewster Fun Days celebration! Many compliments were received on the delicious variety of pies. It was a VERY successful fund raiser for our Council. Again, thank you so much ladies!

OUR CCW will hold its meeting on Tues., Aug. 10th at 7:00pm. Please attend and give your opinion on whether or not to hold our Fall Dinner/Raffle in Sept. Other business will be attended to also. All ladies of the parish are CCW members. Please come and voice your opinions, you are needed!

PLEASE, if you haven't given your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please do so. Our goal is \$6148 and we are at \$2930. If we do not meet our goal, it will be paid by our parish funds. Please help with whatever amount is feasible for you. Thank you.

THANK YOU to Pam Clarke and Mary Hartlep for planting and taking care of the beautiful flowers in front of the church. Its so nice to have "them" greet us as we enter our Church.

PLEASE CONTACT LORETTA if you are ready to resume your Mass ministries. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bev McCarvel on her election to the National Council of Catholic Women Nominating Committee!

HERON LAKE

PLAN TO ATTEND our next quarterly CCW meeting on Tuesday, August 10th, at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. All ladies of the parish are members by virtue of belonging to Sacred Heart-HL.

THANK YOU Steve Hussong and Kevin Leopold for agreeing to be appointed as members of the Finance Council effective July, 2021.

COF RIBEYE FRY from 5 -7 pm, Wed. Aug. 25, Steger Hall. Contact Kevin Leopold at 507-793-2894 or 360-3048, to **reserve your 12oz ribeye by Aug. 19.** There's a \$5 charge this year. Alternate option offered is 1/3 lb. hamburger, no charge.

ALL YOUTH FORESTERS will receive \$10 towards bouncy house, paint ball or ride passes at the Jackson County fair. Please call or text Mackenzie Erickson at 605-376-6638 during the fair to receive your tickets.

LITURGICAL ROLES for August and September are available on the tables in church entrance or you may view them at <https://sacredheartheronlake.org>. Please find a substitute if you're unable to be there on your designated date. If you're interested in being added to our list of volunteers as usher, Eucharistic minister, Sacristan or lead the rosary, we would be so happy to have you. Please contact Carmen at 793-2357.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE who would like to be listed on our prayer intentions or would like to have the Holy Eucharist brought to their home, please let Carmen know.



WINDOM

THANK YOU to the Chordhustlers for stopping by last Sunday to sing for us. They lift everyone's spirits!

MARK THE DATE! The Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19th. Volunteer forms are available in the Church entries. Please consider volunteering for one of the committees. If you have questions, please contact Debby Mau at 507-831-5519. Thank you!

PLEASE CONTACT Pat or Vicki if you are interested in serving in a Liturgical role or are willing to resume serving— Lectors, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans and Stewards. If you are new, training will be provided. Teens, we would love to have you sign up!

COFFEE AND TREATS will be served following Friday Masses or Communion Services in the dining hall. Everyone is welcome!

COFFEE AND ROLLS will be served following Mass on the first Sunday of the month beginning August 1st. There is a signup sheet on the table in the hall. Please consider signing up to host.

THANK YOU to the ladies who have volunteered to serve on the funeral committee. If you are interested in helping, please call Cindy Reid at (831-1058).

THE MARY JO COPELAND trailer will be open on Tuesday, August 10th, from 5—7PM and Saturday, August 21st, from 9-11AM. Please have small items in a bag or box! If you are willing to haul the trailer to the Cities, please contact Linda Ortmann at 507-822-4249. You will be reimbursed for gas.

IF YOU KNOW of someone who would like to be listed on our prayer intentions or would like to have the Holy Eucharist brought to their home, please let Pat know.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

Respect Life: Pro-Life Action Ministries is celebrating 40 Years! "Pro-Life Action Ministries has built one of the most comprehensive sidewalk counseling programs in the country. They peacefully reach out to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy with love, truth and support as they enter abortion facilities. Tens of thousands of babies are alive today due to God's grace moving within sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters. It is an effective and legal ministry (unanimously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court)." To learn more, see www.plam.org.

Confident Pregnancies and Stable Beginnings

Whether a pregnant woman is excited to bring her new baby home or is choosing the loving option of adoption, Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings. Our social workers travel to new and expectant parents all across the Diocese to bring help and hope through financial assistance, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, baby items, and helping women throughout the entire process of placing a child for adoption. We are honored to work with those who are pregnant or have a child under 12 months old. We work with teens and adults, women who are single or married, those who are financially secure or living in poverty. Reach our social workers at 800-222-5859.

Retreat for Catholic adults desiring to share the gospel. *The Power of Spiritual Friendship: being a friend of Christ and others in a hostile age* retreat is for any Catholic adult who wants to deepen his/her friendship with Christ and offer it to others. Co-leaders are Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht and Dr. Deb McManimon, and the weekend is filled with talks, Mass, confession, prayer, and adoration. It runs from Friday evening to Sunday noon, Aug 13-15, at Shalom Hill Farm. Room and meals, \$110; commuters, \$55. For more information, please see <https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/retreats.html>. Reservation deadline is July 30th. Contact Rosalie Beyer (rbeyer@dowr.org).

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS FOR MARY JO COPELAND IN THE CHURCH ENTRY. Use boxes or bags for items to go in the trailer—NO LOOSE ITEMS. If you are willing to haul the trailer to the Cities, please contact Linda Ortmann, 507-822-4249. Thank you!

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? A Marriage Encounter Weekend allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Oct 15-17, 2021 in OWATONNA, MN and Nov 19-21, 2021 in WINDOM, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Looking for Catholic community? Don't know where all the single Catholics are hanging out? Come find them in Denver, CO August 20-22, 2021, and get the in-person experience with hundreds of other attendees, OR attend virtually with people from around the globe (registration for virtual option coming soon)! This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles from all over. Join us for dynamic presentations by Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others, as well as for music, socials, prayer, fellowship and more! If joining us in-person: be sure to register BEFORE AUGUST 6th to save \$30 AND use our special discount code: NCSC21 to get \$20 more off.

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