

# SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | TWENTY-THIRD 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

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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - SEPT 7—SEPT 12, 2021

<u>TUES</u>	5:30PM	WINDOM	+Clara Bartosh
<u>WED</u>	9:00AM	HERON LAKE	+Bill, Kelly & Paul Fest
<u>THUR</u>	9:00AM	BREWSTER	+LeRoy & Catherine Starner
<u>FRI</u>	9:00AM	WINDOM	+Dorothy Becker
<u>SAT</u>	5:00PM	BREWSTER	+Laurie Haberman
<u>SUN</u>	8:00AM	HERON LAKE	+Marilyn Burns
	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
- Colleen Ortmann
- Gail Barlow
- Deb Schmit Grote
- 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

## This Week's Readings:

Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1 -5;  
Mark 7: 31-37

## Next Weekend's Readings:

Isaiah 50: 4c-9a; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## | Weekly Gospel Meditation

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of “Ephphatha!” echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 7:31-37)

**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 during Mass.

**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 light candles?

There are many instances in sacred Scripture in which the Divine Presence is communicated by means of fire. These include the burning bush of Exodus, where God speaks to Moses in and through the fire that rages but does not consume, as well as the great battle on Mount Carmel between the prophet Elijah and the evil prophets of Baal, in which Elijah proclaims prior to victory that “the god who answers by fire is the true and living God.” And then of course there is the fact that Christ speaks of himself as the light of the world, which at the time of the Messiah's earthly ministry would have presumed fire of some kind (no incandescent bulbs in 33 A.D.). And don't forget the Holy Spirit himself, who appears to the Apostles on Pentecost as tongues of fire. The burning of candles during sacred worship or private devotion and prayer is therefore a reminder of the presence and power of God. In addition, a candle, like Christ, gives light and life through death — as the candle provides light, it is destroyed, as its wax and wick are burned up. Candles are therefore a powerful reminder of the mystery of Christ himself, who saves through self-gift, and invites us all into this same mystery.

### 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.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES – September 11th & 12th

**Brewster**  
Saturday | 5:00pm

**LECTOR**

**CANTOR**

**EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS**

**USHERS**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**SACRISTANS**

**ROSARY**

**BELLS**

**Heron Lake**  
Sunday | 8:00am

**Diane Madson**  
**Andrea Christoffer**

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**Dennis Damm**  
**Rhonda Damm**  
**John Volk**  
**Mark Wagner**

**Marty Henkels**  
**Cathy Henkels**  
**Jason Freking**  
**Tracy Freking**

**Judy Anderson**

**Windom**  
Sunday | 10:00am

**John Duscher**

**Tom Zimmerman**

**Debby Mau**  
**John Duscher**

**Malon Thompson**  
**John Zschetzsche**  
**Dave Green & Sons**

**Joel Riordan**  
**Mary Theesfeld**  
**Rod Theesfeld**

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**Sherri Zimmerman**

**Mary Benson**

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Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 9/52	\$ 168	\$ 1,147	\$ 2,311
YTD	\$ 9,834	\$ 22,965	\$ 24,316
Budget			
Total		\$	

### THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$12,157	51
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$ 9,685	33
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$ 3,290	30

## KILEN WOODS OUTING—2021



**BREWSTER**

**PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS** will meet on Thurs., Sept. 9th. Pastoral meeting will be at 7:00pm, followed by the Finance at 7:30pm.

**THE WINONA CCW CONVENTION** will be held on Saturday, September 25th in Winona. Registration forms are on the entrance table of the church. Please call Bev McCarvel at 360-6906 if you are interested in going. Our CCW will pay your registration fee.

**A BOX OF JOY** is waiting for you to fill for a Haitian child. With the devastating earthquake Haiti has just experienced, your gift may be the only bright spot for this child at Christmas. Please pick up a box or two from the table at the entrance of the church and return it by Oct. 24th. A list of gift items will help you fill your box for either a boy or girl. The CCW will pay the postage, so please do not include your check. Thank you.

**HAVE YOU RUN OUT** of notecards for Sympathy, Thinking of you, Get Well, Birthday and other occasions? Remember the beautiful notecards with Aiden Remme kneeling at St. Mary's chapel in Rochester? They are still available. Please contact Loretta, at her office and she would be very happy to supply you with your needs. 10 notecards for \$10 is a great price to give these as gifts or to keep for yourself.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** will begin on **Wed., Oct 6**. There is an opening for a half-time 3rd grade catechist. Please young mothers/fathers, take this opportunity to help our young children develop their faith life. You will be pleasantly surprised how much you will learn and enjoy the time spent with children. Please call Dawn Murphy at 507-360-0401.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** in Heron Lake will be closed Sept 9 -15.

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** will begin in October. Elementary classes will begin Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, after Mass until 10:00 am. High School classes begin Wed., October 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

There will be no gathering at the beginning of classes at this time. Students will go directly to their rooms. We will follow protocols of the public school. If public school goes to wearing masks or distance learning, Faith Formation will do likewise.

**PLEASE CONTACT CARMEN** if you are ready to resume serving in a liturgical role as lector, usher, eucharistic minister or leading rosary. The parish lost many volunteers during the past 17 months and would so appreciate having past, and new, volunteers back. Thanks!

**THE CCW** is in the process of updating the 2021-2022 Parish Directory. Please let Collette Diemer know of any changes needed by contacting her at ckdiemer@mvtvwireless.com or 793-2582 by the September 15th deadline. You may also notify the parish office. Please update cell phone number if you've dropped your landline.

**CCW IS IN NEED** of members to fill the office of Vice-President and Secretary. Meetings are quarterly and we have 2 fundraisers per year; quilt raffle and Fun Sunday. If you could find it in your heart to consider donating a few hours of your time, it would be greatly appreciated by your parish.

**A BOX OF JOY** may be the only Christmas gift a Haitian child in need receives. Please help your CCW with this project by picking up a Box of Joy from the church; fill it and return it by October 24<sup>th</sup>. A list of gift item suggestions & instructions are attached to the boxes found on tables in the church entrance. The postage will be paid by CCW.

**WINONA-R CCW Convention** will be held in Winona on **Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to attend, the CCW will pay your \$30 registration fee. Contact Barb Hussong 853-4523, or Dianne Freking 793-2754, to car pool.

**MEETINGS:**

Parish Pastoral Council—9/7—6:15 pm  
Parish Finance Council—9/7—7:15 pm

**FAITH FORMATION** will start on Sept. 26th for PreK—6th, and on Sept. 29th for 7th—12th. **Registration is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 22nd at 6:30 pm** in the Church hall. **We need teachers for several of the classes.** Please contact Katelin Brown or Sue Curley if you are willing to help.

**MARK THE DATE!** The Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 19th.**

- Raffle tickets may be picked up in the Church hall.
- White Elephant items may be dropped off between **Aug. 29th to Sept. 12th**. Clean items only, no clothing, shoes or purses.
- The cutoff for Raffle donations is **Sept. 12th**. Raffle tickets have been mailed out.
- **PLEASE—Volunteers are still needed for the dining room**
- If you have questions, please contact Debby Mau at 507-831-5519. Thank you!

**CELEBRATE 80 YEARS** with CCW—Diocese of Rochester. **THE WINONA CCW CONVENTION** will be held on Saturday, September 25th in Winona. Registration forms are on the entrance table of the church.—

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LITURGICAL ROLES LIST** is available on the tables in the church entries. It is also available at [www.sfxwindom.org](http://www.sfxwindom.org). If you are unable to be here when scheduled, please find a substitute.

**YOU SHOULD HAVE** received your Sept/Oct contribution envelopes in the mail. If you should receive envelopes but didn't, please let the office know.

**IF YOU ARE NEW** to the Parish, please stop by the office to get a registration form. Also, if you no longer live with Mom & Dad, you should register. If your email address or phone number has changed, please let the office know so your record can be updated.

**SINCE THERE ARE** no volunteers for **COFFEE AND ROLLS** on September 5th, it is cancelled.

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

## Respect Life

The 9th annual **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** will be Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bishop John Quinn will preside. Solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at these gravesites of which there are 56 across the United States, as well as at dozens of other sites dedicated in memory of the more than 63 million lives of children lost to abortion. This is sponsored nationally by *Priests for Life*, *Pro-Life Action League* and *Citizens for a Pro-Life Society* and locally by the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart's prolife group - *Hearts for Life*. **In Winona**, a prayer vigil will be held at **St. Mary's Cemetery from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**. For questions, call Kathy Foerster at (507) 313-6880. For other locations of gravesites and more information, see [www.AbortionMemorials.com](http://www.AbortionMemorials.com).

The **Rosary Coast to Coast** event began on Sunday, August 15, on the *Feast of the Assumption*. It was also the start of the **54-Day Novena**, ending on October 7, the *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary*. Join our country in offering a Rosary, with the intention of returning our nation to God and to holiness. For info, see [www.RosaryCoastToCoast.com](http://www.RosaryCoastToCoast.com).

**YOU'RE INVITED!** All couples, regardless of their anniversary milestone, are invited to attend the **Marriage Anniversary Mass at 2:00, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 - St. John the Baptist, Mankato, MN**. Register at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org)

**IF YOU'VE EVER** baked a cake for a funeral, served a parish meal, marched for Life, or written your congressman, you have been a part of the Council of Catholic Women. Come and celebrate a wonderful history, a great organization, a hopeful future! **"Celebrate 80"** Fall Convention on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona, MN. Registration forms available from tables at church entrance. Sign up by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

## POSITION OPENING:

**Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake is seeking a Parish Administrator for this Fall. The preferred candidate will have experience in basic accounting / payroll, be a practicing Catholic willing to learn the church accounting system, have basic computer knowledge including Microsoft programs, and be willing to work in an office setting. An employee benefit package is offered. The office is located at 321 9<sup>th</sup> St., in Heron Lake, MN. A job application may be obtained from the church office or by calling 507-793-2357. Send resume and credentials by October 1, 2021 to: Fr. Pratap Salibindla at PO Box 377, Heron Lake, MN.**

**Bulletin announcements should be submitted by 2:00 PM on Tuesdays. Send your requests to your respective parish office administrator.**

**Fall Festival Dinner at IHM Catholic church in Currie, MN on Sunday Sept. 12th 2021**

**Time : 11am - 1 pm**

**Menu: Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, pie and desserts.**

**Handicapped accessible, everyone welcome!!**

**MARY JO COPELAND trailer will be open on Tues., Sept. 14th from 5 pm—7 pm and Sat., Sept 18th from 9 am—11 am.**

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