

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH 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 14—SEPT 19, 2021

<u>TUES</u>	5:30PM	WINDOM	+Comm Svc—Ed Grunewald
<u>WED</u>	9:00AM	HERON LAKE	+NO MASS
<u>THUR</u>	9:00AM	BREWSTER	+NO MASS
<u>FRI</u>	9:00AM	WINDOM	+Comm Svc—Brian Spencer
<u>SAT</u>	5:00PM	BREWSTER	+Francis Nau
<u>SUN</u>	8:00AM	HERON LAKE	+June Freking
	10:00AM	WINDOM	+Rob Patterson

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

Next Weekend's Readings:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3: 16—4: 3; Mark 9: 30-37

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord God opens our ears that we may hear. Lord, what are you asking of me? How do you want me to serve you? (Isaiah 50: 4—9)

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 kneel?

We are bodily creatures, and as such, bodily signs matter. Think of kissing, or hugging, or high-fiving or dancing — these are all bodily signs of something that is inside of us or that we want to express to others. All of our postures at Mass and at public prayer have meaning: We stand at attention to listen to the Word of God and to present ourselves as ready for mission, we sit to reflect upon the meaning of this Word in our own lives, and we kneel to give God worship and adoration. Kneeling is a sign of supplication and vulnerability. While kneeling, we plead with God for what we need and to offer him ourselves. It is especially appropriate to kneel in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Why do Catholics pay for Masses being said for loved ones?

We don't! Every sacrament is a celebration of grace, and as such, can never be refused for lack of funds. However, the fact is that parishes do rely upon donations to operate, to keep the heat on and to allow necessary staff to support their own families. And so parishes ask that when Masses are requested, a nominal donation be made to the parish as a sign of gratitude and support. The Mass has infinite value, and so no amount of money could ever be truly adequate, but a small donation is fitting and always appreciated.

As to why Masses are requested in the first place, we as Catholics believe that the Mass is the most powerful form of prayer there is, and can be offered for any number of intentions, including most often for a loved one, living or deceased. It is an awesome gift to give to someone, and the very best thing one can do for those who have died.

Father Erickson is pastor of Transfiguration in Oakdale.

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES September 18th & 19th

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00am	Windom Sunday 10:00am
LECTOR	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	Patty Symens
CANTOR		Rejoice/Festival
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	Elaine Tasler Jamie Symens
USHERS	Larry Wagner Jeremy Janssen Katie Janssen Dave Brunk	Malon Thompson John Zschetzsche Dave Green & Sons
CONTRIBUTIONS	Marty Henkels Cathy Henkels Jason Freking Tracy Freking	Joel Riordan Mary Theesfeld Rod Theesfeld
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ROSARY	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	Mary Benson
BELLS		Braxton Brown

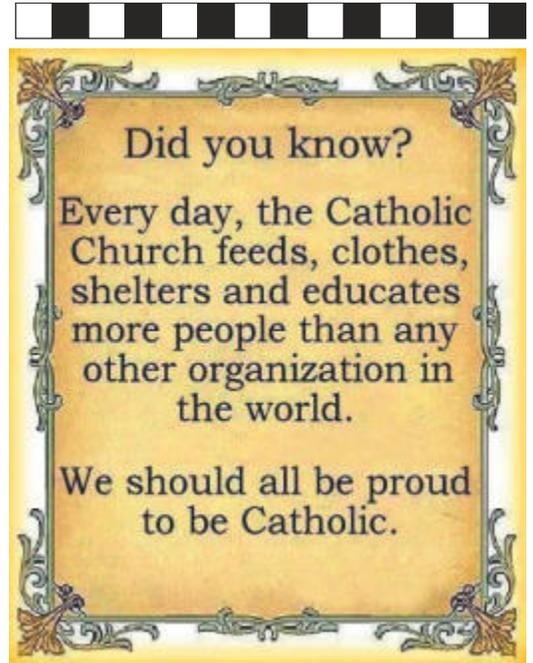
◆ Cath Home Missions/ Blk & Native Amer B - \$123 HL- \$130 W- \$183	◆ Missionary Co-op- Bogota, Columbia B - \$263 HL- \$515 W- \$904	◆ Fransican Mission B - \$ 183 HL - \$ 40 W—\$ 25
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CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 10/52	\$ 1,470	\$ 7,703	\$ 2,759
YTD	\$ 11,304	\$ 30,668	\$ 27,075
Budget		39,297 NA	
Total		\$ (8,629)	

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	20



The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

BREWSTER

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**.

PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS will meet on **Thursday, Sept. 23rd**. Pastoral meeting will be at 6:00pm, followed by Finance at 7:00pm, in the church hall.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will begin in October. Elementary classes will begin Sunday, October 3rd, after Mass until 10:00 am. High School classes begin Wed., October 6th 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 24th. 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. 25th**. 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:

The Knights of Columbus will meet in the parish hall Tuesday evening, Sept, 14, at 7 p.m. Main discussion will be on the food stand at the fair. There may also be other matters to cover. Your attendance is vital in case decisions have to be made. -- John Zschetsche, Grand Knight.

A REGISTRATION OPEN HOUSE for the St. Francis Xavier Parish Faith Formation Program will be held on **September 22nd at 6:30pm** in the parish hall. This will be an evening to register, ask questions, meet catechists, and enjoy socializing with other families from our parish. Please plan to attend this evening. All forms should be returned by then. **Classes will start on September 26th.** Forms were emailed out and we will have forms available at the open house as well.

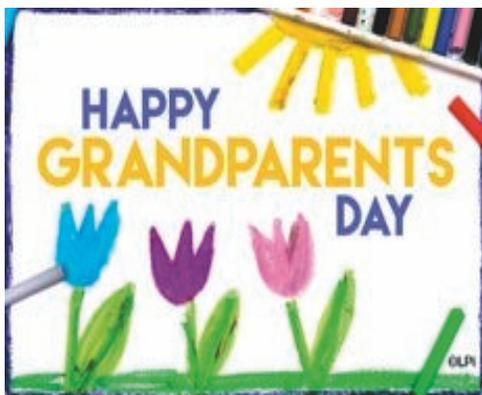
MARK THE DATE! The Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 19th**.

- 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!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LITURGICAL ROLES LIST is available on the tables in the church entries. It is also available at 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.** The office email address is: stfxavier@windomnet.com



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

FRANCISCAN MISSION INDIA: Please remember to use your September envelope to help support the lepers and poor of India. We can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters there.

Respect Life

The 9th annual **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** will be Saturday, September 18th. Bishop John Quinn will preside. This is a solemn prayer vigil in memory of the over 63 million preborn lives lost to abortion. 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 grave sites and more information, see 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.

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

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 15th.

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 9th 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.

A recent natural disaster has recently affected our brothers and sisters in Christ. A massive earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti has created widespread destruction. We are asking you to respond with the Catholic community across the United States to a special emergency collection. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water, and food of those affected by this disaster. Checks should be made payable to your local parish. For more information, go to www.usccb.org or to Catholic Relief Services at <https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake>

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - St. Francis Xavier Church has a gentleman who is seeking religious asylum in the U.S. His family will join him soon. He will be moving into an apartment and currently has nothing. He will need furniture, radio, kitchen utensils, beds and bedding, cleaning supplies, etc. If you have items to donate, please contact Jackie Jurgens or Pat Spencer. Thank you!

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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