

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 | TWENTY-SIXTH 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 28—OCT 3, 2021

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	Lonnie Ahrens
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	Milton & Tom Wolff
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	Howard Damm
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Windom	Wm "Woody" Ahrens
<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	Mary Anne McNab
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	Wm "Bill" Lohse
	10:00am	Windom	Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff

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
- Colleen Ortmann
- Gail Barlow
- Maggie Hill
- 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:

Numbers 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6;
 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Next Weekend's Readings:

Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord calls many to service in the church. How can you, in prayer, love, and action, support those who are called to service as priests and religious? (Mark 9:29-43)

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.



Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? "I could never serve on the Parish Council. That's for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years." "Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn't need my help." "I can't afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn't matter even if I did increase it."

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren't in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren't likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren't privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it's outside our comfort zone, even if it's something that never occurred to us before.

There's only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES October 2nd & 3rd

Brewster
Saturday | 5:00pm

LECTOR

CANTOR

EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

USHERS

CONTRIBUTIONS

SACRISTANS

ROSARY

BELLS

Heron Lake
Sunday | 8:00am

Larry Liepold
Kevin Leopold

Judy Anderson

Dennis Damm
Rhonda Damm
Marsha Edwards
Jeff Hotzler

Rhonda Damm
Dave Freking
Rose Freking

Rose Freking
Dave Freking

Windom
Sunday | 10:00am

Linda Ortmann

Tom Zimmerman

Nadine Forman
Debby Mau

Jean Hoppe
Joan Schafer
Gale Symens
Patty Symens

Judy Green
John Duscher

Sharon Jenniges
Tim Jenniges

Mary Benson

Braxton Brown

Fransican Mission

B - \$203
HL - \$162
W - \$320

CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 12/52	\$ 951	\$ 4,927	\$ 3,637
YTD	\$ 13,257	\$ 35,595	\$ 32,639
Budget		47,156 NA	
Total		\$ (11,561)	

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$12,422	53
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$ 9,855	34
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$ 5,240	22

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BAPTISMS

Welcome to the Family of God.....

June Lorraine, daughter of Jason and Anna Diemer, who was baptized on Sunday, September 12th, at Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake.

Ellie Rae, daughter of Joshua and Dawnelle Goblish, who was baptized on Sunday, September 5th, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Windom.

Erandy Johanna Santos Ramirez, daughter of Alfredo Santos and Gloria Ramirez, who was baptized on Saturday, September 11th, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Windom.



FUNERALS

Eternal rest grant unto

Brittany Lamote, who died on Sunday, September 12th. The funeral service was held on Monday, September 20th, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom, with burial at St. Dionysius Catholic Cemetery, Tyler, Mn.

Rita Zinnel, who died on Friday, September 10th. The funeral service was held on Saturday, September 18th at Sacred Heart Church, Brewster, with burial at Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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



That we may never take the presence of our priests for granted, as we cherish the celebration of the Mass and are nourished by the Eucharist, we pray to the Lord.

BREWSTER

SACRED HEART CHURCH is in need of a Faith Formation Coordinator. This is a paid position that will require you to lead and work in the different areas that form our children's faith in the Catholic Church. If you are interested in this position, please contact Father Pratap, Dawn Murphy or Loretta Smith.

OUR CCW WILL MEET on Thursday, Oct. 7th at 7:00PM. Please attend as we plan our monthly suppers and other items to be discussed. It's time to gather socially with good friends and great food.

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 chil-

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!

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.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY is October 3rd. Please pick up a baby bottle next weekend and fill it with your spare change during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies.

SACRED HEART PARISH is looking for someone to do the seasonal church decorating. Please contact the parish office or Fr. Pratap, if interested. We wish to thank Mary Mathias for her many years of service in making our church a beautiful place in which to worship and celebrate.

PLEASE TURN IN your child's Faith Formation registration form if you have not already done so.

REMINDER: Please return your filled Box of Joy by Oct 24th, to the back table in Church entrance. Thanks!

THE LITURGY ROLES for the months of Oct. and Nov. are available for you to pick up from the church entrance. They are also available for viewing on our website. Please visit us at <http://sacredheartheronlake.org> and click on Liturgy Roles under the Bulletins Tab.

COFFEE & ROLLS will be served following Mass on CCW Sunday, Oct. 10th. The Rich and Dianne Freking family will be hosting. Please come!

MEETINGS:
THE LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, October 4th, at 6:15 PM.

FAITH FORMATION classes begin today for our elementary students and on Wed., September 29th, for our high school students.

2021 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN begins on **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**, October 3rd. Empty baby bottles will be available at the church entrances. Please take one, fill with your spare change, and return. Money collected will be sent to Catholic Charities by November 30th. This is a perfect project to offer support to women who choose life over abortion.

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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in joining our Social Ministry Roundtable, which brings together people from all the parishes in our Deanery to network, share ideas, get to know one another and support each other, please let Pat know. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Debby Mau for Chairing the Festival this year, the various Committee Chairs and everyone who worked or donated items, food or time to make the Fall Festival a success. Your help and support are greatly appreciated!

RAFFLE WINNERS are posted on the bulletin board in the hall entry.

A BLACK TOTE full of toys was found on Monday. It has PLUM COOKING COMPANY written on it. It can be claimed at the office.

COFFEE AND ROLLS will be served following Mass next Sunday, October 3rd. Gale & Patty Symens and Mike & Sue Curley will be hosting. Please join us!

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

FR. PRATAP WILL BE GONE FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th, TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd. FR. WILL BE TRAVELING TO INDIA TO VISIT HIS FAMILY. PLEASE PRAY FOR A SAFE TRIP FOR FR. PRATAP.

Respect Life

The **Pro-Life Novena for Unborn Babies** takes place September 29—October 7. You are invited to offer a daily rosary for the protection of preborn babies in the womb. For information see www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org. The **National Life Chain** event is October 3 from 2:00 to 3:15 pm. Come join us for a peaceful hour of prayer to end abortion and to witness to the over 63 million pre-born babies lost to the holocaust of abortion. Signs are provided. Bring your family, friends, and lawn chair if you wish! **New Location this year:** Central Pack (corner of Main & Broadway), Winona. For a location near you: www.lifechain.net. Call Kathy Foerster at (507) 313-6880 for questions.

Is God calling you to be a Secular Franciscan? The Little Portion Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites you to Come and See. The Secular Franciscan Order is the Order established by St Francis for men and women who wished to live a life closer to Christ. Franciscans bring gospel to life, and life to the gospel. The sessions are an opportunity to learn more about the Order and decide if you may be called to this way of life. The first Session will be held Sunday, September 19th at 1 p.m. at the Campus Religious Center at SMSU in Marshall. We will hold additional sessions October 17th and November 21st. It isn't necessary to attend all three sessions, so plan to come when you can.

If you would like more information, please contact Sandy Tuszynski 507-763-3184 or Annette Rohlik 507-747-2181.

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.

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.

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!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN GIVES ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION: Help Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 3rd, and filling it with your spare change during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. If you prefer, mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate donation to Baby Bottle Campaign in notes section.

HELP SAVE LIVES in Jackson, MN You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! Here's how to take part: • Vigil location: 821 3rd St (Autos on 71) Jackson, MN 56143 • Vigil hours: 6am to 6pm daily (sign up for 1 hour time slots) • Local contact: (Holly Nestegard 507-841-0633, bradholly2000@yahoo.com) • Upcoming events: --September 23rd, 7pm, Robin Sertell (abortion survivor) Good Shepherd Hall, Jackson, MN --October 21st, Jason Gray concert 7pm at JCC High School **Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:** 40daysforlife.com/JacksonMN

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

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