

# DECEMBER 19, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**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 - DEC 21—26, 2021

<b>Tues</b>	5:30pm	Windom	Delores Daggett
<b>Wed</b>	9:00am	Heron Lake	Edward J. Freking
<b>Thurs</b>	9:00am	Brewster	Brian Schmitz
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	3:30pm 5:00pm 7:00pm	Brewster Heron Lake Windom	For The People
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9:00 am	Windom	For The People
<b>Sat</b>	5:00pm	Brewster	Judy Nelson
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am 10:00 am	Heron Lake Windom	Church & Laurene Henkels Arlene Bartosh

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
- Dennis Haberman
- Norine Bockelmann
- Rosella Ormsberg
- Colleen Ortmann
- Barb Frank
- Lisa Carlson
- Jim Salentiny
- Jim Stenzel
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the souls in purgatory

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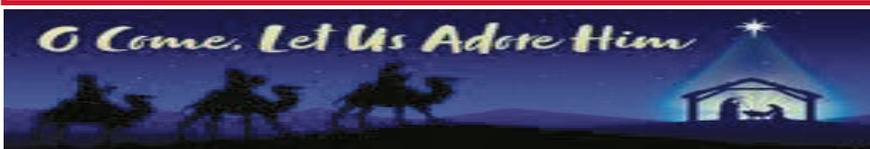
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### This Week's Readings:

Micah 5: 1-4a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

### Next Weekend's Readings:

1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24; Luke 2: 41-52



# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## | Weekly Gospel Meditation

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we

look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. (Luke 2: 41-52)

**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.



### Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?



## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### BREWSTER

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** will not be held on Wed., December 22nd and 29th due to Christmas vacation.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** will be at 3:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church, Brewster.

**NOBLES COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES** and Catholic Charities in Worthington has reached out to our parish for assistance to help local families have a merrier Christmas by being able to purchase food and gifts for their children. A letter explaining what you can do to help these families was mailed out last week. If you did not receive a letter, please call Mike/Bev McCarvel at 360-6906, Gerard/Karen Weinandt at 360-9324 or Darol Schmitz at 360-7331 and they will help you. Your generous donations in the past have been so appreciated by many families. Please help our less fortunate families have a brighter and happier Christmas. Thank You.

**WE ARE ALMOST THERE** in meeting our CMA goal of \$6148. We are \$333 short. If you have not given, please do so. Our year ends Dec. 31. Please send your donation in ASAP.

**THE OFFICE** must receive your final Church Support contribution by 12/28/21 in order for it to be included in your 2021 church support statement.

**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.



### HERON LAKE

**ALL STUDENTS** preschool-6th grade are welcome to attend a Christmas party in Steger Hall from 9:30-10:00am on Sunday, Dec 19th. Students will have a shortened religious ed class from 9-9:30.

**FAITH FORMATION** classes for Grades K-12 will not be held December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to Christmas break. Happy Holidays!

**CHRISTMAS EVE** Mass will be at 5:00PM at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED** in attending a Lenten Group learning about the *Consecration of St. Joseph*? The group would meet at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake for 6 weekly sessions, beginning mid-Feb through mid-March. Please contact Colleen Freking for details and registration by calling 507-329-0747, so that books can be ordered ahead. We will learn stories influenced by St. Joseph and why he became a favorite saint.

**REMINDER:** If school is late or closed due to adverse weather, Wed. Mass is also cancelled. Sunday Mass cancellation will be announced on KDOM and Worthington Radio Stations.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Please use the envelope from your packet for your donation toward decorating for the Advent/Christmas season. Thank you for choosing to help enhance the beauty of our Church environment.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2021** must be received by Tuesday, December 28th, to be included for this tax year. ALL contributions received after December 28, 2021, may be reported with 2022 giving statements. Please plan accordingly.

**CATHOLIC EXTENSION 2022 CALENDARS**, compliments of Osterberg Funeral Homes, can be found on the tables at the entrance of the church. Please remember to pick one up and be sure to thank our sponsors for providing them!

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROLES** for the month of December and January are available for you to pick up from the church entrance. Please find a substitute if you are unable to be there on your scheduled dates. Roles are also available for viewing on our website. Visit us on <http://sacredheartheronlake.org> and click on the Liturgical Roles tab.

**SACRED HEART PARISH** is looking for someone to do the seasonal church decorating. Please contact the parish office if interested.

### WINDOM

**FR. PRATAP** will hear confessions on Saturdays from 11 AM to Noon.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** will be at 7PM at St. Francis Xavier Church. **CHRISTMAS DAY MASS** will be at 9AM at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the various Liturgical roles for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. **Signup sheet is in the main entrance.**

**BULLETINS** will need to be submitted early from now thru January 2nd due to holidays. Please submit announcements to the office as early as possible. Thank you!

**AN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT** has been set up for our church. You can follow us at **stfrancisxavierwindomn**. Thanks Jamie!

**CONGRATULATIONS!** St. Francis Xavier Church has met our goal for Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021. Thank you for your donations!

**THE MARY JO COPELAND** trailer is still in need of repairs that can't be completed until next Spring. We will not be accepting donations until the repairs are done. A big thank you to John Hubley for the repairs that he has already made.

**REMINDER—PreSchool** thru 6th Grade Faith Formation students will present their Christmas Nativity Play today following Mass. Please stay and support our children. Cookies and juice will be served following the program.

**THE OFFICE** will be closed the week of December 20th.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT** to get your 2021 Church contributions in. The deadline is Tues., Dec. 28th, in order to be counted for this year. All donations received after December 28th, 2021, will be reported with the 2022 giving statements. Please plan accordingly.

**WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS—**If we are forced to cancel a Sunday Mass due to weather, it will be announced on KDOM and posted on our FB page—**Saint Francis Xavier Parish**. If we cancel a meeting, you will be notified by email or phone call. If school is cancelled due to weather, weekday Mass is also cancelled.



# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES apply from now through JAN 2, 2022. Please plan ahead and submit announcements to your parish office coordinator early. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Respect Life

**Pornography** has become increasingly more available and accepted in today's society. Both men and women of all ages have become entangled in the lies and pain of pornography use and addiction, which has devastating effects on the user and his or her spouse and family. A new program by Covenant Eyes is available for men who are struggling with pornography. It is free, anonymous, and full of videos, resources, and exercises for men. Essentially, it is a 21 Day Porn Detox regimen that will change lives. **To learn more, text STRIVE to 66866 to join today!**

## 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, free 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 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**THE MARY JO COPELAND trailer needs more repairs, which won't happen until next Spring. It will not be available for donations until the repairs are done. Thank you to John Hubley for the repairs that he has already made.**

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are excited to start the process of beginning a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Atrium at St. Francis Xavier. What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? From their website: "CGS is a common religious experience involving children and adults in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the Atrium."

But we need your help! It takes a lot of work and materials to set up an atrium. If you can help with any of the items listed below please contact Katelin. Also, if you are able to sew, do carpentry, or love doing crafts (we need many small shelves, items built or sewn, and put together) please contact Katelin.

**Needs list:** (Please check back each week as we continue to grow our Atrium)

Small low tables (think for preschool age children to sit on floor or small chairs)

Small lamps

Basic child sized cleaning tools (broom, mop, dustpan, hand brush, duster)

Small kneeler or cushion

Small/Medium statues: Blessed Mother, Holy Family, Jesus as the Good Shepherd

Small stand or easel (to hold small prayer cards)

Katelin Brown - 507-621-8187, [stfrancisff@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisff@gmail.com)

For more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, visit [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org)



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Brewster— 3:30 PM

Heron Lake—5:00 PM

Windom—7:00 PM

Christmas Day Windom—9:00 AM

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Windom—Fri., Dec. 31st VIGIL—6:00 PM

Heron Lake—Sat., Jan. 1st HOLY DAY—8:00 AM



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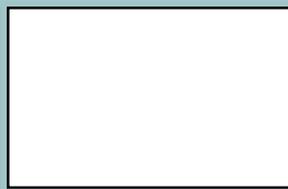
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