

DECEMBER 26, 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 28, 2021—JAN 2, 2022

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+Helen Haugen
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	+Fr. Clayton Haberman
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	+Sylvester & Loralie Schmitz
<u>Friday</u> Solemnity of Mary—Holy Day	6:00pm - Vigil	Windom	+Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff
<u>Sat.</u>	8:00 am	Heron Lake	+Ben & Dorothy Becker
<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+MaryAnne McNab
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Clair & Bernie Habeman
	10:00 am	Windom	+Sotebeer Family –Living & Deceased

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
- For an end to abortion

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This Week's Readings:

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

Next Weekend's Readings:

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6;
 Matthew 2: 1-12



PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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.



All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - January 1st & 2nd

Brewster
Saturday | 5:00pm

Heron Lake
Sunday | 8:00am

Windom
Sunday | 10:00am

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HL - \$550
W - \$669

Retirement Religious/Catholic University

B - \$ 70
HL - \$ 10
W - \$145

CHURCH SUPPORT (CONTRIBUTIONS NOT UPDATED DUE TO EARLY DEADLINE)

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 25/52	\$	\$	\$
YTD	\$30,471	\$ 60,799	\$63,195
Budget		\$ 98,255	
Total		\$(37,426)	

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,970	\$15,200	58
SH-HL	\$ 9,531	\$ 9,855	34
SH-B	\$ 6,148	\$ 5,815	23

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BAPTISMS

Welcome to the Family of God

Stetson Lee Schroeder, son of Cory Lee and Amanda Mary Schroeder, who was baptized on Sunday, December 12, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.
Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.
For this we pray.
Amen.



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

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

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.

WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS--If the Saturday night Mass is to be canceled because of inclement weather, an announcement will be on the Worthington Radio Stations and also on Facebook. Thursday morning Mass will be canceled if there is no school in Brewster. I will either email or call the parishioners who usually come for morning Mass. There is a group message that parents receive if Faith Formation classes are canceled for Wednesday night.



HERON LAKE

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

TOM & JERRY refreshments will be served Sunday, January 9th, at 3:30PM in Steger Hall. This is an annual event sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Cyril's Court.

FUN DAY SUNDAY is scheduled for February 6th, 2022. Ask your guild chairs what you can do to help them this year. This event takes many hours of prep and planning. Mark your calendar and consider donating a raffle prize.

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.

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Windom—Fri., Dec. 31st VIGIL—6 PM
Heron Lake—Sat., Jan. 1st HOLY DAY—8AM

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

VOLUNTEERS are needed for the various Liturgical roles for The Solemnity of Mary Holy 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!

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AN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT has been set up for our church. You can follow us at [stfrancisxavierwindomn](https://www.instagram.com/stfrancisxavierwindomn). Thanks Jamie!

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.

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.

COFFEE AND ROLLS will be served following Mass On January 2nd, hosted by Tim and Sharon Jenniges. Everyone is welcome.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES apply 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.

Job Opening

The Diocesan Pastoral Center in Winona is currently accepting applications for an Information Technology/Communications Specialist. Interested applicants are encouraged to go to the Diocese of Winona/Rochester website (<https://www.dowr.org/about/employment.html>) for more information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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 lamps

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

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

Medium size baskets or decorative boxes

Fake flower arrangements

Small pitcher

Small soap dish

Hand towels

Katelin Brown - 507-621-8187, stfrancisff@gmail.com

For more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, visit cgsusa.org



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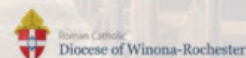
Heron Lake—Sat., Jan. 1st HOLY DAY—8AM



WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION? AND HOW DO I MAKE ONE?

This is an ancient practice that many have engaged in, a simple prayer where you state your desire to be spiritually united with Christ. Many saints have suggested that it is a powerful prayer to offer any time of day, whether you have weekly access to the Eucharist or not. But it is especially appropriate for those who cannot be physically present at the Mass and want to be. Perhaps while viewing the Mass, at the period when the priest consumes the Eucharist, you could pray:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already in my heart and unite myself to you completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from you. Amen.



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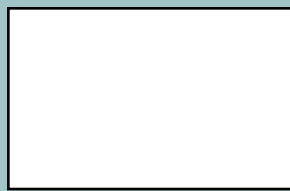
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