

# JANUARY 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**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 - JAN 4—JAN 9, 2022

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+Deceased Members of Lenz Family
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	+Ruth Kunzweiler
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	+Paul & LaVerna Schaffer
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Windom	+Lowell & Nancy Determan
<u>Sat.</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+Jean Schmitz
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Wyatt Henkels
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	Felix Gallegas

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
- Jermaine Grove
- 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:

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

Matthew 2: 1-12

### Next Weekend's Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-5; 9-11; Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7;

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22



# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## | Weekly Gospel Meditation

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**VOCATION VIEW:** The astrologers brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What treasures do I have to give to the Lord? Is he calling me to be a priest, brother or sister? (Matthew 2: 1-12)

**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.



### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - January 8th & 9th

Brewster Saturday   5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday   8:00am	Windom Sunday   10:00am
<b>LECTOR</b>	Carmen Rasche Lori Henkels	Heather Bristow
<b>CANTOR</b>		Nadine Forman
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Cathy Henkels	Tom Zimmerman
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<b>SACRISTANS</b>		Shari Kneeland Sherri Zimmerman
<b>ROSARY</b>	Marlys Olson	Mary Benson  Braxton Brown



### Fransican Mission

B - \$441  
HL - \$550  
W - \$669



### CHURCH SUPPORT (CONTRIBUTIONS NOT UPDATED DUE TO EARLY DEADLINE)

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 26/52	\$	\$	\$
YTD	\$30,471	\$ 60,799	\$63,195
Budget		\$ 102,154	
Total		\$(33,509)	

### 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	\$ 6,515	23

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### Wedding Feast & Epiphany

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

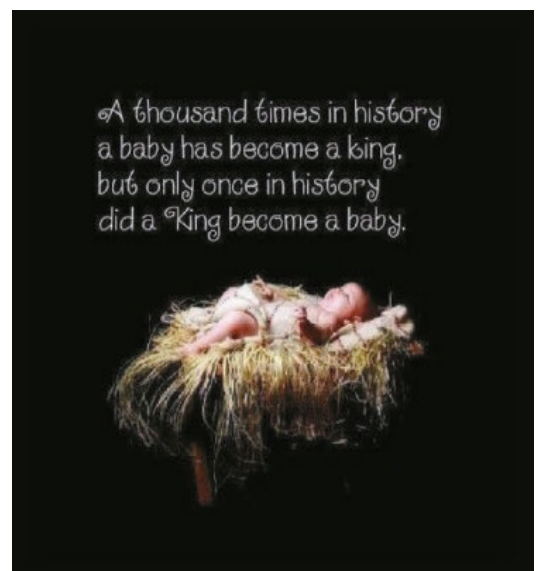
Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.



## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

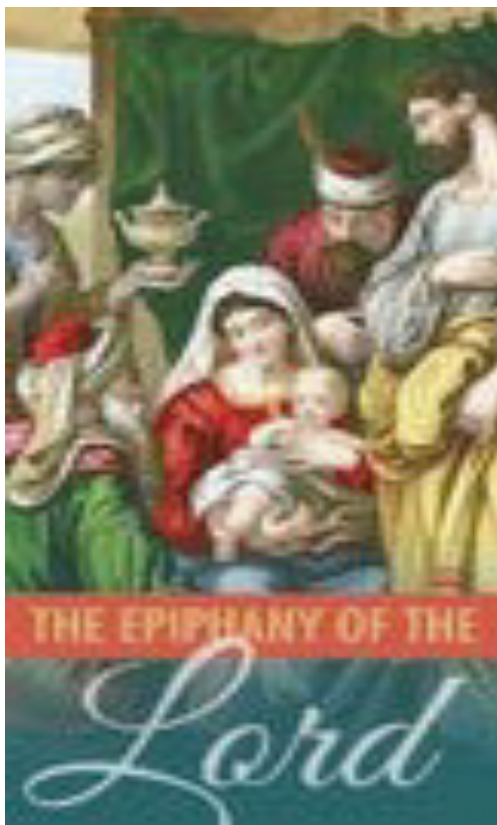
### BREWSTER

**CONGRATULATIONS!** in meeting our CMA goal of \$6148.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to check NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES and sign up for FORMED. There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

**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

**TOM & JERRY** refreshments will be served Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, to be included for this tax year. ALL contributions received after December 28, 2021, may be reported with 2022 giving statements. Please plan accordingly.

**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

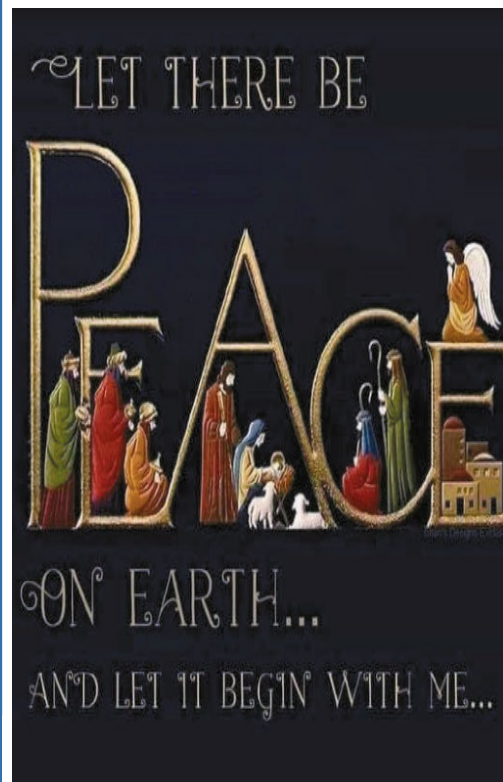
**CHECK THE NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES** for information on how to sign up for **Formed**. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, etc. There is something for every member of the family to help to grow closer to Christ.

**WE ARE STILL** in need of Liturgical Ministers, especially ushers. If you would be willing to volunteer, please fill out the form, which can be found on the tables in the entries, and give it to Vicki Ommen or turn it into the office.

**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.

**REMEMBER TO CHECK** the back page of the bulletin when looking for local services. And remember to thank the vendors who advertise on the back page for their support.

**COFFEE AND ROLLS** will be served following Mass today hosted by Tim and Sharon Jenniges. Everyone is welcome.



# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** and thanks to all who share their time and talent to make not only our Christmas, but all celebrations of Mass, such cause for great JOY! We applaud your effort and all the guidance we receive from Fr. Pratap. Please know that YOU are very much appreciated! Bless you in 2022.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRI-PARISH! ALL THREE PARISHES MET THEIR GOAL THIS YEAR FOR THE CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL!**

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## 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.

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

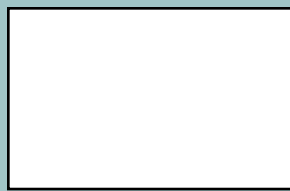
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For more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, visit [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org)

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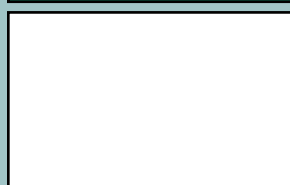
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