

JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM 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 11—JAN 16, 2022

Tues	5:30pm	Windom	+Geronimo & Maria Rivera
Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	+Msgr. Francis Galles
Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	+Jack Strouth
Friday	9:00am	Windom	+Dec. Members of DeCramer Family
Sat.	5:00pm	Brewster	+Laurie Haberman
Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Lucy Ferguson
Sun	10:00a	Windom	+Brian Spencer

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
- Barb Frank
- Jermaine Grove
- Harold "Sam" Hill
- Rosella Ormsberg
- Colleen Ortmann
- Tammy Ahlers
- 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 40: 1-5; 9-11; Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7;
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22**

Next Weekend's Readings:

**Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11;
John 2: 1-11**

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons. (Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact the priest 6 to 12 months in advance of the date of marriage to fill out the forms, to do FOCUS 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 WE GO TO MASS

-*Braxton Brown*

All throughout ancient cultures there is very often found worship of some pagan god or gods. This gives proof that worship was carved into our very nature. Who else could have carved worship into our nature other than Him who has made all things, God himself? Therefore, we must be made to worship Him who made us! We do not go to Mass every Sunday just because the Church says we must, but because God made us to! The Church realizes that skipping Mass on Sunday harms us because God made us to worship Him. Anyways, what better way to follow the third commandment of keeping the sabbath day holy than by going to Mass? Did you know that studies have shown that those who go to church once a week are healthier than those who don't?

The Church sees that it is so bad for us to skip Mass on Sunday that it classifies it as a mortal sin (a really bad sin. You will go to hell if you don't go to confession and truly repent). If you've skipped Mass on a Sunday before, knowing it was a mortal sin, remember God still loves you so much! And also, go to confession! If you've skipped Mass before not knowing it was a mortal sin, go to Mass this Sunday!

Jesus said at the last supper, when he offered bread and wine as his body and blood, "Do this in memory of me." Every time we go to Mass we are able to offer his body and blood in memory of Him.

Skipping Mass doesn't really hurt God (for he is unchangeable) as it hurts us, leading our souls farther from Him, the all loving God. So, GO TO MASS THIS SUNDAY!

If you have any questions about this article, another article, or any teaching of the Church, send us an email at:

stpolicarpacademy@gmail.com

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - January 15th & 16th

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00am	Windom Sunday 10:00am
LECTOR	Diana Madsen Joanne Waldron	Linda Ortmann
CANTOR		Tom Zimmerman
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Joanne Waldron	Debby Mau
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SACRISTANS		Shari Kneeland Sherri Zimmerman
ROSARY	Cleo Miranowski	Mary Benson Braxton Brown



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CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 27/52	\$ 9,965	\$ 19,208	\$13,449
YTD	\$40,436	\$ 80,007	\$76,644
Budget		\$ 106,110	
Total		\$(26,103)	

FUNERALS

Eternal rest grant unto

Leonard Russell Rehnelt, who died December 31, 2021. The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 8th at La-Canne Funeral Home., with burial at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen. We remember his loved ones in our prayers.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the Family of God

Barrett Nicholas Riordan, son of Nicholas Lynn and Emily Elaine Riordan, who was baptized on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom



LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION—JAN. 23, 2022

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION—JAN. 23, 2022

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.

INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

MEETINGS:

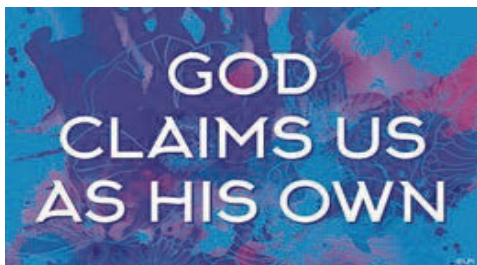
Our Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs. January 13th at 6:30pm. The Finance Council meeting will follow at 7:15pm. Members please attend.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA). We went over our goal of \$6148 by \$365, which will be returned to us. It's an extra sacrifice to give to the CMA, but as a parish, we can help the poor, support marriage and family, religion programs for our children, campus ministry, life long faith formation, seminarians and so much more. Thank you!

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 9th, at 3:30PM in Steger Hall. This is an annual event sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Cyril's Court.

PLEASE WELCOME Melanie Krumbach as she trains for the position of new Parish Office Administrator of Sacred Heart in Heron Lake. Office hours are listed on front page of weekly bulletin.

FUN DAY is February 6th, from 9AM -1PM. CCW asks each family to donate \$5.00 to help cover expenses, which can be dropped in collection in envelope marked as such. Guild chairs will be soliciting for pies, cakes and workers. Please contact Lisa Carlson 507-221-0234 or Cheri Rademacher at 507-842-5345, if you have a raffle item or cash prize you wish to donate. You may also drop your raffle prize donations at LISA'S HAIR-STYLING during regular business hours. This year's theme is "You Are a Piece of God's Plan". The "Snow Date" will be Feb. 13th, if need to reschedule.

MISSION QUILT SEWING will begin again on Tuesday, January 11th at 1:30PM in Steger Hall, weather permitting. Extra hands make light work; please join us on Tuesdays! Do you have any old drapes, mattress pads or blankets that could be used for batting? We could also use good used sheets or fabric for the quilt backs. Please drop these items at Church or Steger Hall. Thank you!

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.

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

WINDOM

MEETINGS:

Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7pm Tuesday, January 11th

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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU Sharon and Tim Jenniges, Sue and Mike Curley, and Debby Mau for the beautiful Christmas decorations. Your time and talent are appreciated!

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.

BE SURE TO READ Braxton Brown's article on Page 2, "What Happens At The Mass". And be sure to send him a note to let him know what you thought. You might even give him an idea on more articles.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe You are present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I
desire
to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You as if You were al-
ready there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
from You.
Amen*

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

RESPECT LIFE - Clip and Save!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday - Sunday, January 16th. Offer a Rosary and/or prayers for the sanctity of life today. For more information, see www.sanctitysunday.com

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 19-27 is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. Join to receive the novena through the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts. For information, see www.9daysforlife.com.

National Prayer Vigil for Life on Friday, January 21st at the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. A Mass will be offered at 7:30 am followed by guests Bishop Joseph Coffey, and Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life. For more info, see www.NationalPrayerService.com. The Vigil Program will be televised by EWTN and livestreamed on the Basilica's webpage so millions can participate remotely.

The **2022 MCCL March for Life (MN Citizens Concerned for Life)** is planned for 11:30am on Saturday, January 22 with a program at noon. Please see www.mccl.org for more details.

March for Life Washington DC on Friday, January 22, the 49th Anniversary of the Roe V Wade decision, which has led to the tragic loss of nearly 63 million pre-born babies to surgical abortion and heart break for countless mothers, fathers, and others. For national coverage on the **March for Life**, see www.ewtn.org. For information, see www.marchforlife.org.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on Saturday, January 22. The Church in the United States sets this day aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. See respectlife.org/january-22 for more information. *"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all."* —Josiyah Martin

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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: Holy Family, Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Fake flower arrangements, Hand towels

****We really need some more help with building small models of items seen in a church (altar, tabernacle, etc.) and small dioramas of events that happened in the bible (the visitation, the annunciation etc.) I have instruction manuals and diagrams for all items. Just need someone who can cut to size and put them together!****

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

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

Nacel Open Door is needing a host family for Erik of Germany who arrives to attend the second semester. Please contact Julie Anne Antes at 507-304-2143 for more information.

My motivation to do an exchange year is my Interest in the USA which started after my cousin did an exchange year and told me a lot about his great experience in the USA. I'm mostly interested in daily life, because it seems to be so different from what I saw from the USA until now. Because of this, I wanted to experience life as a student and family member in the USA. My father is a principal and my mother is a teacher, I have a twin brother as well. We are a musical family and we make music together. I play the saxophone and would like to continue doing this in my exchange experience. Most times of the day I like being around other people a lot, but sometimes I need some time for myself. In the evenings, I often cook or help my parents cook and then I go to bed around 10-11 pm. On the weekends, I normally meet my friends or do something with my family like hiking, playing table tennis or we do a BBQ in our garden. I would like to be a teacher or police officer once I graduate from high school. Looking forward to meeting you soon! -

-Erik of Germany, Male, 17 Yrs

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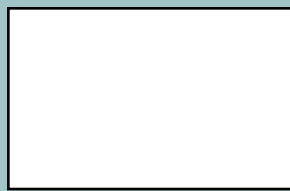
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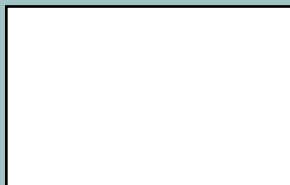
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