

JANUARY 23, 2022 | THIRD 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 - JAN 25—30, 2022

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+Donald Frank
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	+Helen Becker
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	+Judy Ouellette
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Windom	+Al Purrington
<u>Sat.</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+Brian Schmitz
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Edward Freking Sr.
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	+Greg Schoborg

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
- Jermaine Grove
- Harold "Sam" Hill
- Rosella Ormsberg
- Tammy Ahlers
- Jim Salenty
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Mikkelsen Manor, Remick Ridge, Pine View Assisted Living
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the souls in purgatory
- For an end to abortion

This Week's Readings:

Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 or 12: 12-14, 27; Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Next Weekend's Readings:

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13 or 13: 4-13; Luke 4: 21-30

PRAYER & WORSHIP

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: The Spirit of God is upon you! Through baptism and confirmation God sends you “to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord.” Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? (Luke 1:1-4, 14-21)

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.



Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - January 29th & 30th

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00am	Windom Sunday 10:00am
LECTOR	Doreen Sheda Nick Sheda	Tim Jenniges
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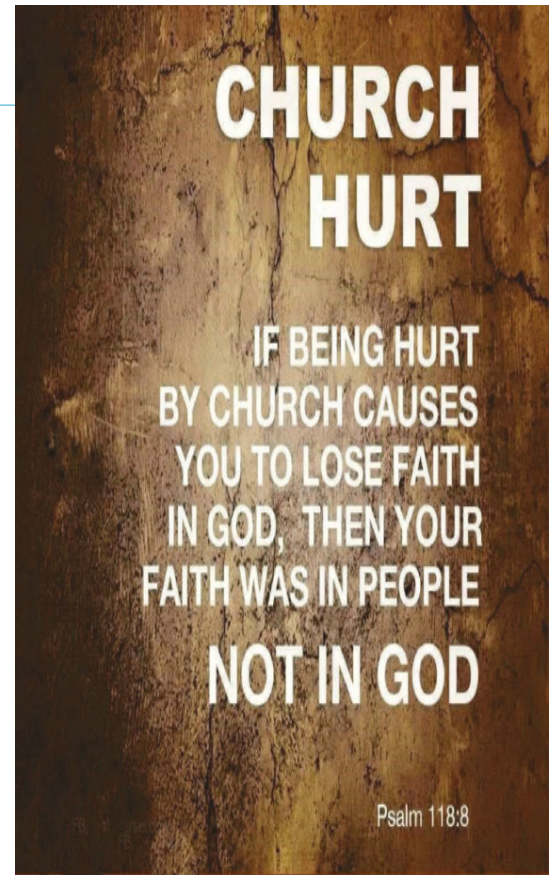
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CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 2/52	\$ 2,629	\$ 1,082	\$ 3,643
YTD	\$43,065	\$ 87,597	\$ 81,655
Budget		\$113,970	
Total	\$	\$(26,373)	



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

FOLLOWING THE ROSARY on Thurs. morning and Sat. night Mass, we will be praying the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. This prayer is on the back of the Breaking Bread issue in the pew. Please join in and pray this prayer that our world may be rid of all the wickedness and replaced with God's love and peace.

PLEASE READ the information on the "SYNODAL", in NOTES FOR ALL. This program will start soon and we need your input and attendance. Please pick up the information at the entrances of the Church.

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.

PLEASE PICK UP your Church Support Statements at the entrances of the Church.



HERON LAKE

MEETINGS:

CCW MEETING will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00PM in the church hall.

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!

THE LENTEN GROUP learning about "The Consecration of St. Joseph" will meet at Steger Hall, Heron Lake on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge for the book needed for the six sessions. Please register soon if interested, so we can order books by calling Colleen Freking 507-329-0747.

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FUN DAY: Due to the increase in cases of covid we will cancel Fun Day this year including the raffle. Sorry if this caused an inconvenience to anyone.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE the time and talent of Dianne Freking and Mackenzie Erickson on Advent and Christmas decorating; however, **SACRED HEART PARISH** is still looking for someone to do the seasonal decorating. Please contact the parish office if interested.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROLES for the months of February/March 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. Just visit us on <http://sacredheartheronlake.org> and click on Liturgy Roles under the Bulletins Tab.

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.

SEE PAGE 5 for information on the Centennial Celebration of Sacred Heart Church, Heron Lake

WINDOM

THANK YOU to Ken Knigge for the new missal stand for the Altar. Check it out, it is beautiful.

THANK YOU to Sue Curley as you retire from your position as Faith Formation Director. And **THANK YOU** to Joan Hunter for agreeing to take over the position.

THANK YOU to Sherri Zimmerman as you retire from your position as head of Stewards. And **THANK YOU** to Candy Riordan for agreeing to take over the position.

All of you are greatly appreciated!

EACH YEAR the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Council sponsors a fund raising raffle. Proceeds are used by the local council for projects that serve the parish. This year the raffle is open to everyone, not just K of C members. Proceeds go to the state council and half of it comes back to the local council. There are \$20,000 worth of prizes to be given out statewide, 25 of the them of various amounts. Tickets are \$5 each. If you are interested in supporting the work of the Knights, contact Tim Jennings at 831-1380.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Sunday Mass is being live-streamed again. To view, go to <https://www.sfxwindom.org/> and on the upper portion of the website, click on the tab that reads "online Mass". That opens a webpage that gives you the option of watching our Mass live or watching a previously recorded Mass.

PLEASE, IF YOU are the last to leave Church, make sure the lights are off and the door is locked. Thank you!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to be part of St. Francis Xavier Prayer Network, please fill out a Time and Talent sheet (**Spiritual Growth Ministries, Prayer Network**) and return to the office.

2022 CATHOLIC CALENDARS are now available in the Church entries.

The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue that will conclude in 2023. Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to take an active part in the synod, inviting people from all walks of life and from all around the world to gather together for prayer, sharing experiences, listening, and seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. For more information, visit <https://www.dowr.org/synod/index.html>.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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SYNOD 2021 -2023 Pope Francis and Bishop Quinn invite you to participate in... A two-year preparation process for the 26th Ordinary Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in the fall of 2023, has begun. The topic of the Synod will be "synodality", a term which Pope Francis uses to describe our Church's "journeying together" – prayerfully listening to the needs and experiences of God's people in order to faithfully discern the best way forward. Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to take an active part in the synod, inviting people from all walks of life and from all around the world to gather together for prayer, sharing experiences, listening, and seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. During this diocesan phase of the Synod, these gatherings will include parishioners, consecrated men and women, people of other Christian communities, and those "on the margins" of society and church life. There will be listening sessions held in each parish/cluster in the new year which will include prayer, reflection, and discussion on the life of our Church today, and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to continue our mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world.

The "vital pillars" of the synod process are: • Communion: "God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God's call for his people." • Participation: "A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another." • Mission: "The Church exists to evangelize.... Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family." [From the "Handbook for the Synod"] The goal of the Synod is for the Church "to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God."

Please join us by participating in your local synod listening session!

As we head into National Catholic Schools Week, let us remember that Catholic education solidifies our students' character and ethical framework for life as well as their personal relationship with and love for Christ. At Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, the state's Lasallian Catholic university, each student receives an education that nourishes their intellect, body, and spirit and offers an incomparable community with committed faculty who seek to have each student thrive.

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Learn more about Saint Mary's at smumn.edu/admission/undergraduate.

Give the best St Valentine's Day gift possible by signing up for the February 12-13 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org to register, for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more. We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

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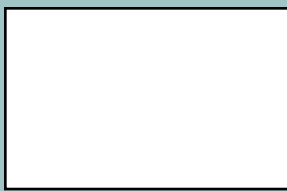
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