

MARCH 19, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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 - MARCH 21—26, 2023

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+Al Purrington
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	+Ed Freking Jr.
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	Special Intention for Health
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Windom	+Thomas Brown
<u>Sat.</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+Joe & Rose Weinandt
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Karen Mathias
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	+Jim Sotebeer

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASSES:
 Brewster— Thurs. and Sat.; Heron Lake —Wed. and Sun.; Windom—Tues.
 and Sun.

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

- Margaret Juhnke
- Miguel Angel Esquivel
- Dennis Haberman
- Jill Freking
- Jim Salentiny
- Jim Stenzel
- 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
- For the victims of war in Ukraine

This week's readings:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Next week's readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

4th Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: *"How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?"* Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. *"I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,"* announces the Lord, *"for I have chosen my king from among his sons."* Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: Clear the mud from your eyes and see! The one who heals also calls us to follow. Live your life as a witness to God's healing, saving touch. (John 9:1-14)

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.



The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - March 26, 2023

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Katherine and Samantha Krumbach	Sydney Low Marcus Hoppe
LECTOR	Judy Stenzel Melanie Krumbach	Mary Theesfeld
CANTOR		Katelin Brown
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Melanie Krumbach	Nadine Forman
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CONTRIBUTIONS	Dennis Damm Rhonda Damm Kemo Leopold	Rod or Mary Theesfeld Tom Zimmerman
SACRISTANS		Tim and Sharon Jenniges
ROSARY	Judy Anderson Marsha Edwards	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMNG		Tom Riordan



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CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 37/52	\$ 978	\$ 1,120	\$ 3,463
YTD	\$56,371	\$ 120,862	\$81,593
Budget		\$ 127,058	
Total		\$ (6,196)	



7 Reasons You Should Go to Eucharistic Adoration

Saint Alphonsus Liguori proclaimed, "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." Sitting before the Eucharist in awe and wonder is something faithful Catholics have been doing for centuries.

1. Unites you to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." *St. Mother Teresa*

2. Increase in Holiness by Bathing in the Light of the Son. "Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him." *St. Clare of Assisi*

3. Removes You from Temptations. Simply being before the Blessed Sacrament takes you away from worldly things.

4. Helps you to Examine your Conscience. The longer you remain in the presence of God, the more you will reflect on your failings.

5. Provides a Reboot to your Spiritual Life. We all need a reset; our lives get busy. Busy lives lead to tiredness, and tiredness causes us to give into temptation and sin.

6. Prepares You for Sunday Mass. Praying before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration reminds you of the primary focus of the Mass.

7. Because the Church Recommends it. The 7th reason is simple – the Catholic Church tells us to go. According to the Catechism, the Church and the world have great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us be generous in our time with Him. May our adoration never cease.

Excerpts taken from the Simple Catholic Blog, 2020

BREWSTER

AS WE CONTINUE our Lenten journey with Christ, join us on Tuesday, March 21st, beginning at 6:00 pm. The rosary will be prayed, stations of the cross after the rosary, followed by the readings of the day and a meal served by the KC's. Please join us.

WE ARE IN NEED OF Communion ministers, lectors and ushers. Please become an essential minister of the Mass. Contact Loretta. Thank you.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to take part in the **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**. Our diocese will be offering opportunities to deepen our love for the Eucharistic Lord. Our parish contact is Bev McCarvel. She will be leading us with opportunities on how to renew and heal ourselves and the United States.

PLEASE REMEMBER to sign up for the **HOLY LAND & JORDAN TOUR**. The tour is scheduled for Sept. 18-29, 2023. The deadline to sign up is June 20th.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWLS are available at the entrances of the Church. Your donations will help support local and global hunger and poverty. Please use them.

FAITH FORMATION classes will end on March 29th. Thank you to all the catechists for volunteering their time and knowledge of our faith, parents for bringing their children to class, and the students we got to



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

MEETINGS: Pastoral Council will meet at 6 PM and the Finance Council will meet at 6:45 PM on Thursday, March 23rd.

COFFEE AND ROLLS: Coffee and rolls will be served by Jody Madsen family on Sunday, March 26.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be led by the 5th/6th grade students on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7 PM. There will not be Mass. FF classes will meet immediately after Stations.

CONFESSION for Faith Formation children will be Wednesday, March 22nd beginning at 6:30 PM. First Reconciliation will be Saturday, March 25th starting at 11 AM.

DITTY BAGS: Please participate in this worthwhile CCW Lenten project, helping the less fortunate with the list of personal hygiene items attached to the bag. Filled ditty bags should be returned to the tubs at church by Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

GROWING IN FAITH: The Southwest Area Council of Catholic Women invite you to attend Growing In Faith on Saturday, April 1, 2023. RSVP's are due by March 20, 2023. Registration sheets available in church entrance. Sacred Heart will pay the registration fee for any CCW member that signs up to attend.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to take part in the **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**. Our diocese will be offering opportunities to deepen our love for the Eucharistic Lord. Please see the bulletin boards for information about registration. Early registration is available until March 31st. Please see our parish contact John Stenzel if you have any questions.

FAITH FORMATION Lenten project will include each family taking a Rice Bowl home for their donations. **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl** is a Lenten Almsgiving Program to support their work in over 100 countries each year. 25% of donations to the Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The other 75% benefits those suffering overseas. Please support project Rice Bowl; you may also use the envelope available in your packets.

WINDOM

HOLY LAND & JORDAN TOUR—If you are planning to take part in the tour, please sign up as soon as possible. The deadline to sign up is June 10th. The tour is scheduled for Sept. 18—29, 2023.

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD in the Church Entries for information about registration for the **EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**. See Judy Green for early registration which is until 03/31.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR Good Friday and Easter Sunday Liturgical Ministries Roles. Sign up sheets are in the main church entry.

WINDOM ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES are continuing to be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church at noon on March 22 and 29. Please join for service followed by lunch.

"NO GREATER LOVE" MOVIE SERIES will be presented in the church hall at 6:15 pm on Tuesdays during Lent from Feb 28th—March 28th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be Wednesday, March 22, 29 and April 5th at 6:30 pm.

LENTEN SUPPER will be Wednesday March 22. 5:30—6:30 pm in the parish Hall.

RICE BOWLS have been placed at the church entrances. Please use these to collect money during lent and utilize the Rice Bowl Envelope in your Church Offering Packet.

THE MINNESOTA KNIGHTS FOUNDATION is selling Raffle Tickets. See Tim Jenniges if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A RCIA COORDINATOR. Please see Fr. Pratap or Judy if you are interested.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet at 6:00 pm and the **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet at 7:00 on Tuesday, March 21st.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S KITCHEN HAS A NEW REFRIGERATOR. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the refrigerator, see Fr. Pratap or Judy to place your donation.

THANK YOU to all who planned, attended, donated and participated in the fundraiser for Miguel Angel Esquivel. Your gifts were greatly appreciated.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

INFORMATION ABOUT THE LITTLE PORTION SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY from Marshall, Minnesota:

Secular Franciscans are members of the Franciscan family who have the vocation to follow Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis himself began this lay order over 800 years ago. At that time men were joining him in a holy life separate from the world, and those men later became the Order of Friars Minor (Fr. Pratap is a priest of the OFM). Women came to live a cloistered life with St. Clare of Assisi, and this order is now known as the Poor Clares. But laypersons who couldn't leave their families and stations in society also came to St. Francis and asked for a rule of life. And so, the Secular Franciscans (third Order) was born and continues to this day. You can go to: <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org> to learn more about this particular path of faith for laypersons to "bring life to the gospel, and the gospel to life". Brochures with more information will be available at the parishes of the cluster.

UPCOMING ENGAGING IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK AND PRAY FOR.

Adoration: Join us on the First Fridays from January to May any time from 9 A.M.– 4 P.M. at the Capitol in the Governor's Dining Room. In April, Adoration will take place on the 14th due to Good Friday. Pray for our legislators and state to promote the common good. (Next opportunity, April 7, 2023).

Capitol Thursdays: Happening on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00-11:30 AM. You'll learn to advocate for policies that pursue a consistent ethic of life, have a Capitol tour, and meet with your legislators. (Next opportunity March 23, 2023).



JUNE 10TH, IN MANKATO, MN. EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. For more information, see your respective Parish Galvanizers; Brewster—Bev McCarvel, Heron Lake—John Stenzel, and Windom—Judy Green. Please pick up the Eucharistic Prayer Cards at the entries of the Churches and pray for the Eucharistic Revival of the Diocese of Winona. **Early Registration is March 31st** for parishioners in the Winona Diocese. Please consider coming to the Eucharistic Revival Congress.

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ECUMENICAL NOON LENTEN SERVICES IN WINDOM

You are invited to join your sisters and brothers in Christ at the First Presbyterian Church at noon during Lent for worship and lunch. This year the theme revolves around the 250th anniversary of the hymn "Amazing Grace." The worship service will start at noon followed by lunch. The schedule is as follows:

March 22—Mary Theesfeld from St. Francis Xavier Church will lead worship and SFX will serve lunch.

March 29—Adam Roberts from the American Lutheran Church will lead worship and the FPC will serve lunch



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, March 25th Fr. Pratap will hear confession 11:00 – 12:00 in Heron Lake.

Saturday, April 1st Fr. Pratap will hear confession for 1st Reconciliation in Windom from 11:00—12:00 all are welcome

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