## MARCH 26, 2023 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT







Sacred Heart Church | 321 9th Street, P.O. Box 377, Heron Lake, MN 56137 | Sunday Mass: 8:00 amSacred Heart Church | 516 10th Street, P.O. Box 187, Brewster, MN 56119 | Saturday Mass: 5:00 pmSt. Francis Xavier Church | 532 17th Street, P.O. Box 39, Windom, MN 56101 | Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS - MAR 28-APR 2, 2023

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+Jerry "Jerel" Ahrens
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	+Judy Kass
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	+Sylvester & Loralie Schmitz
<u>Friday</u>	9:00am	Windom	+Brian Spencer
<u>Sat.</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+MaryAnne McNab
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Wm "Bill" Lohse
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	+Leo & Arlene Bartosh

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. <u>If you prefer it be rescheduled</u>, please let Father or your respective parish office know.

Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Salvadore Caballero
- 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

### PARISH PRIEST

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### **BREWSTER OFFICE:**

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### HERON LAKE OFFICE:

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### WINDOM OFFICE:

Judy Green: Office Administrator Phone: 507-831-1985 Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00AM–3:00PM E-mail: stfxavier@windomnet.com Website: www.sfxwindom.org Katelin Brown: FF Coordinator E-mail: stfrancisff@gmail.com

#### This week's readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Next week's readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

### | Weekly Gospel Meditation

5th Sunday of Lent

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: Untie him, and let him go free. It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too, can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest, sister, or brother. (John 11:1-45)

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 - Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

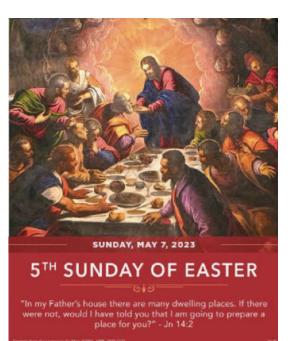
These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

## **LITURGICAL LIFE**

### LITURGICAL ROLES - April 2, 2023

Brewster Saturday   5:0		n Lake ay   8:00 am	Windom Sunday   10:00 am
SERVERS	Sama Kathe Krum		Dana Flores Thomas Green
LECTOR		Liepold Leopold	Rita Hacker
CANTOR			Nadine Forman
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Larry	Liepold	Dianne Beens
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### Dear Brother and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on apostolic zeal, the desire to share with others the joy of the Gospel, we now consider the calling of the twelve apostles, whom Jesus chose "to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the Good News" (Mk 3:14). Both aspects of that call are essential, for only by closeness to Jesus do we learn to proclaim him and not ourselves, his word and not our own. As Jesus sends the apostle forth on mission, he tells them to share the gift that they themselves received, the unmerited gift of God's redeeming love. Their message must be his own: that the kingdom of God is at hand and requires only that we receive it with open hearts. Jesus also tells the apostles that they are sent forth like sheep among wolves, to propose the Gospel above all by their witness of meekness, innocence and personal conviction, proclaiming Christ more by their actions than by their words. The Church, as "apostolic", is entirely missionary; each of us, in Baptism, is called by Jesus to live in closeness to him and to be sent forth, in union with all our brother and sisters, to bear witness to his Gospel before the world.

**Pope Francis** 

### **INSIDE OUR PARISHES**

## BREWSTER

AS WE CONTINUE our Lenten journey with Christ, join us on Tuesday, March 28th, 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 volunteers. Please join us.

THE KC'S will serve a spaghetti supper following the Palm Sunday Mass on Saturday, April 1st. Free will offering.

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 REVIV-AL. 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 see each night.



## **HERON LAKE**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC ORDER OF FOREST-ERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, April 2nd. They will receive matching funds of \$1 for every \$1 for the first \$1000 raised and \$0.50 for every \$1 for the next \$1000 raised. There will be a raffle for a beautiful quilt made by Delores Pelzel, as well. Raffle tickets have been sent in the mail with more available to purchase the day of raffle.

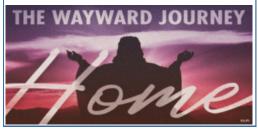
STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be led by the 11th grade Faith Formation class on Wednesday, March 29th at 7 PM. There will not be Mass. FF classes will meet immediately after Stations.

**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.

**REMINDER:** Today is the last day of class for K-6th grade Faith Formation students. Wednesday, March 29th will be the last day for 7th—12th grade students.

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 EUCHARIS-TIC 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 SER-VICES are continuing to be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church at noon on March 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 29th and April 5th at 6:30 pm.

**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 FOUNDA-TION is selling Raffle Tickets. See Tim Jenniges if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A RCIA COORDI-**NATOR.** Please see Fr. Pratap or Judy if you are interested.

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

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

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

**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.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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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