MAY 14, 2023 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER







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 - MAY 16 - 21, 2023

| <u>Tues</u> | 5:30pm | Windom | +Jim Sotebeer |
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| <u>Wed</u> | 9:00am | Heron Lake | +Willie Kaufman |
| <u>Thurs</u> | 9:00am | Brewster | +MaryAnne McNab |
| <u>Friday</u> | 9:30am | Sogge Home | +Helen Haugen |
| <u>Sat.</u> | 5:00pm | Brewster | Lois Haberman |
| <u>Sun</u> | 8:00am | Heron Lake | +June & Jill Freking |
| <u>Sun</u> | 10:00am | Windom | +Thomas Brown |

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
- 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:

Melanie Krumbach: Office Administrator Phone: 507-793-2357 Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30AM-4:30PM E-mail: hlsacredheart@gmail.com Website: http://sacredheartheronlake.org Judy Stenzel: FF Coordinator E-mail: sacredhlff@yahoo.com FB: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

WINDOM OFFICE:

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This week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 Next week's readings: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: If you love me you will hold to my words and my Father will love you and will come to you. Where does God come to you? (John 14:15-21)

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.



Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - May 21, 2023

| Brewster Saturday 5:00pm | Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am | Windom Sunday 10:00 am |
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| SERVERS | Nolan Madsen Nathan Madsen | Josie DeWall Marcus Hoppe |
| LECTOR | Andrea Christoffer Diana Madsen | Nick Riordan |
| CANTOR | | Dave Carroll |
| EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Andrea Christoffer | Tim Jenniges |
| USHERS | Marty Henkels Cathy Henkels Jeremy Janssen Katie Janssen | Dave Green family |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | Marty Henkels Cathy Henkels Jason Freking Tracy Freking | Kevin or Heather Bristow Elaine Tasler |
| SACRISTANS | | Nadine Forman |
| ROSARY | Larry Wagner Shirley Wagner | David Bockelmann |
| VIDEO STREAMNG | | Jamie Symens |
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| | CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| Brew | ster Heron Lake | Windom |
| Week 45/52 \$ 99 | 97 \$ 2,045 | \$1,528 |
| YTD \$67,5 | 82 \$ 149,798 | \$96,815 |
| Budget | \$ 154,530 | |
| Total | \$ (4,732) | |

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023 Parish Goal \$ Received From # of Parishioners SFX-W \$14.788 \$ 6.690 43 SH-HL 9.912 7.360 18 SH-B 5,833 4,960 12 **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** W—\$100 HL-\$25 Catholic в—\$ harities The Mothers' Day Weekend, May 13/14 Special Collection is for Catholic Charities. 3 _____



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.



INSIDE OUR PARISHES HERON

BREWSTER

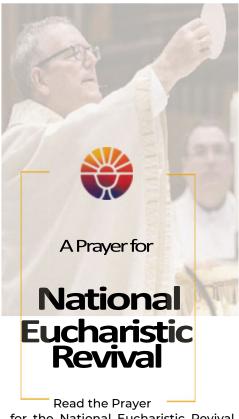
WE ARE IN NEED OF Communion ministers, lectors and ushers. Please become an essential minister of the Mass. Contact Loretta. Thank you.

PLEASE CONTACT Bev McCarvel at 360-6906, our parish contact, if you would like to sign up for the **NA-TIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**, held at the Mayo Center on June 10th. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and unite in Christ's love.

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 10th.

VBS!!! JUNE 5TH—JUNE 8TH. Please email Molly at <u>Sacredheartbrew-</u> <u>sterff@gmail.com</u> or message Molly on Facebook by May 20th to register your child.

THE MAY COURIER is available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and read what is taking place across our diocese.



for the National Eucharistic Revival on page 5 of the bulletin.

HERON LAKE

BEGINNING ON MAY 27TH the *last* Saturday of each month, **ADORATION** will be in Heron Lake from 11-12. Please spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome. Fr. Pratap will also be available for anyone who would like to attend confession.

CONFIRMATION will be held on Wednesday, May 31st at 7PM at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to every single Mother. Thank you for everything you do!

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. Please see our parish contact John Stenzel if you have any questions.

LITURGY ROLES: Looking to become more involved in church? Please contact Melanie or Father Pratap if you would be interested in helping out with the rosary readings, serving, ushering, eucharist minister, lector, or contribution steward.

THE DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER MAY COURIER is now available. Please pick up a copy on the back tables in Church.



WINDOM

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ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Continuing June 3rd and on the **IST SATURDAY** of each month, **ADORA-TION** will be in Windom from 11-12. Please spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome. Fr. Pratap will also be available for anyone who would like to attend confession.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY is May 21st.

ON MAY 28TH, MEMBERS OF THE LIT-TLE PORTION SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY FROM MARSHALL, MN will be at the 10 am Mass at St. Francis Xavier, and after Mass in the Church Hall. All are welcome for coffee and rolls on May 28th.

There will be a sending off blessing of the **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** on May 28th during Mass.

FRIDAY MORNING, MASS HAS RE-SUMED AT THE GOOD SOGGE HOME AT 9:30 AM. All restrictions have been lifted and all are welcome.

TOTUS TUUS is scheduled for July 30th – Aug. 4th. The cost is \$25. Talk with Katelin about ridesharing. Come for a grace-filled week of Catholic learning for your children grades preK – 6th grade. Registration forms are available in the church entrances.

In order to have a successful **CAT-ECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM**, we are looking for at least a couple of people to get trained in CGS Level I. There are several options available for training including one in Lakefield starting this July. Not only is the training helpful in running the CGS program, but it is just an amazing experience to learn more about our Faith. Contact Katelin Brown if you are interested or for more information.

Saint Francis Xavier is hiring a new **FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR** for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year. Duties include planning and implementing all programs for 1-10th grade, sacraments, as well as adult and family programming throughout the year. Other varying duties are also performed as needed. If interested, see Judy for an application, hours required and job description.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WEEKEND renews the promises you made each other on your weddina to day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! The next available Weekend is Nov 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229

<u>SAVE THE DATES:</u> July 30-August 4 TOTUS TUUS THIS SUMMER IN FULDA -ALL ARE WELCOME!

Totus Tuus is Latin for "Totally Yours"! During this fantastic week, four college-aged missionaries will be on hand to teach about the great truths of Catholicism in a fun and engaging way. There'll be a day-time elementary program (preK - 6th grade); and an evening session for high school students.

When God blessed us with children, He gave us the tremendous responsibility to teach them about Jesus and to do everything we can to help them reach Heaven someday! This program does a wonderful job of teaching our children great truths that will guide them through life and into Heaven! This grace-filled week will help your child grow in faith and knowledge of our beautiful Catholic Faith! July 30 - Aug 4, cost is \$25 per student \$50 max per family, checks made to St. Gabriel. Talk with Katelin about the possibility of forming carpools so your child(ren) can attend. Registration forms available at the churches upon request and in the church entrances of Saint Francis Xavier, Windom.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER:

Confirmation for the tri-parish of St Francis Xavier, Sacred Heart Heron Lake and Sacred Heart Brewster is May 31st at Sacred Heart Church Heron Lake at 7:00 pm. God bless our Confirmands. Please keep these students in your prayers.

MCCL NEWS:

Did You Know? MCCL was founded by a small group of Minnesotans in 1968, MCCL has worked ever since to secure protection for innocent human life from conception until natural death through education, legislation, and political action. What can you do? **CON-TACT LEGISLATORS NOW You** can help stop these extreme bills by contacting your state representative and state senator. Please do this right now! Tell your lawmakers: "Please do not vote for any upcoming pro-abortion bills or for defunding the Positive Alternatives program for pregnant women. No more extremism. No more proabortion votes."

MNRL: (Minnesota Right to Life)

MISSION STATEMENT: As a non-profit, single issue advocacy organization we will fight relentlessly to ensure that politicians in St Paul, of both parties, support REAL pro-life legislation. If not, we will work to educate and inform grassroots pro-lifers all over the state about that politician's voting record. Our supporters are doctors, farmers, pastors, carpenters, students, housewives, and others. As a Pro-Life Minnesotan, you and I don't have a choice, we absolutely must act to save innocent babies right now.

JUNE 10TH, IN MANKATO, MN. EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. For more information, see your Parish Galvanizers; Brewster—Bev McCarvel, Heron Lake—John Stenzel, and Windom—Judy Green. Pray for the Eucharistic Revival of the Diocese of Winona.

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, present to us in the Most Holy Eucharist. In Your unfathomable love you sent Your Only Son, so that by His Passion, Death, and Resurrection He might free us from sin and gain for us eternal life. Through baptism we become Your adopted sons and daughters, members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Lord Jesus Christ, at the Last Supper You instituted the Eucharist, when You gave the apostles Your Body and Blood and commanded them to do this in memory of You. As we continue to celebrate this Sacrament at every Mass, enkindle in us a burning love for Your Real Presence. Increase our faith so that we may always believe that You are truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in the Most Holy Eucharist, and that through partaking in this precious gift You strengthen us to live as Your disciples.

Holy Spirit, pour out on us an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and to worship and adore Him with our entire lives. Help us to approach the Mass and Holy Communion with greater devotion, and to make time for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Enkindle in our young people a love for the Church and the Eucharist, and raise up many holy and faithful priests who by their service at the altar will continue to nourish the people of our diocese with the Bread of Eternal Life.

We ask for the intercession of all the angels and saints, especially Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, that this Eucharistic Revival may be a time of spiritual fruitfulness for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and the whole Church, so that all Hearts may be transformed by the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and come to know Him as the Source and Summit of their lives.

Blessed **C**arlo Acutis, patron of the National Eucharistic Revival, pray for us! **Amen.**



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