

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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 - NOV 28—DEC 3, 2023

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+ Colleen Ortmann + Living & Deceased Members of Rodney Miranowski family
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	+ Dennis Haberman
<u>Friday</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	+ Greg Schoborg
<u>Sat.</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+ Dr. Alolph and Mary Schmid
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+ Clair & Bernadine Haberman
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	+ Jess and Charlotte Bayliss

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

- Travis Muller
- Margaret Juhnke
- Miguel Angel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Maxine Frank
- Mary Mathias
- Jackie Jurgens
- For our veterans
- For and end to abortion
- Jill Freking
- Jim Stenzel
- Dorothy Menke
- Ed Smith
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Cindy Sullivan
- Kay Moulder
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For the souls in purgatory
- Residents of Mikkelsen Manor and Remick Ridge
- Residents of Pine View and Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the PARISH YEAR of the Eucharistic Revival
- For the victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land
- For our children and the faith formation year

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This week's readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;
 Matthew 25:31-46

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
 Mark 13:33-37

Second Collection next weekend
 The 4th Quarter Franciscan Mission India
 Collection is next weekend,
 Dec 2nd -3rd

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, “What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?”

I’m a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king’s most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, “this is our king” is to say, “we exist as a community, and we have a future.” Kingship isn’t primarily about the power of one person or family. It’s about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It’s not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let’s be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: What we’ve done to the least of our brothers and sisters we’ve done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister. (Matthew 25:31-46)

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.



There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew’s Gospel about how doing things for the “least of these” means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to “pay it forward.” They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else’s life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let’s spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - December 3, 2023

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Sam Krumbach Katie Krumbach	Rogan Brown Jorgie DeWall
LECTOR	Marlys Olson Melanie Krumbach	Heather Bristow
CANTOR		Dave Carroll
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Marlys Olson Melanie Krumbach Donna Damm Jeff Hotzler	Nadine Forman
USHERS	Ryan Haberman Dave Brunk Mark Wagner Alan Freking	Chad Brown Mary Brown Gale and Patty Symens
CONTRIBUTIONS	Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Tom or Sherri Zimmerman Kevin or Heather Bristow
SACRISTANS		Jackie Jurgens Vicki Ommen
ROSARY	Marlys Olson	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMNG		Nick Riordan
GREETERS		Tom and Sherri Zimmerman



CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 21/52	\$ 1,143	\$ 1,444	\$ 2,364
YTD	\$ 23,071	\$ 47,469	\$ 49,678
YTD Budget	\$ 43,212	\$ 63,560	\$ 98,077
Total	\$ (20,141)	\$ (16,091)	\$ (48,399)
Budget	\$107,000	\$ 165,242	\$ 255,000

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,788	\$ 9,706	54
SH-HL	9,912	8,360	26
SH-B	5,833	5,911	15

3rd Quarter Franciscan Mission special collection

Brewster \$ 205 HL \$ 487 Windom \$ 601

World Mission Sunday

Brewster	\$ 419
HL	\$ 783
Windom	\$ 366

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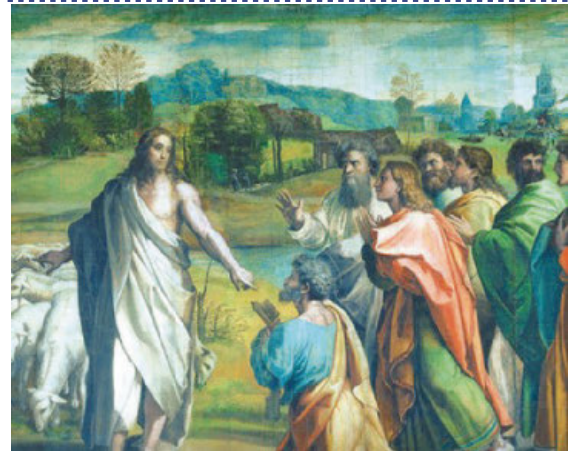
Funeral Announcements

Eternal rest grant unto Don Hoppe, age 81 who passed away on November 16th. A celebration of life was held Saturday, November 25th at 2:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Windom, with Father Pratap celebrating. We remember his wife Jean in our prayers at this time of loss.



Pre Cana Dates for 2024

- January 27, 2024 – St. Thomas More Newman Center, MSU, Mankato
- March 2, 2024 – St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles
- May 18, 2024 – St. Thomas More Newman Center, MSU, Mankato



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"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." - Mt 25:34

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Adoration Schedule

Saturday November 25th
11:00-12:00

Sacred Heart Church Heron Lake

Saturday December 2nd
9:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Windom

Saturday December 9th
11:00-12:00

Sacred Heart Church Brewster

Campaign for Human Development

Brewster \$105 HL \$ 5 Windom \$ 30

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **Nov 11th** at 11-12. Windom is the 1st Sat. of the month from 9-12 and Heron Lake is the last Sat. of the month from 11-12. Please come and spend some time with our Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

THE NOVEMBER DIOCESAN COURIER is available at the entrances of the Church. Please take a copy home with you.

THANK YOU TO OSTERBERG FUNERAL Homes for giving us the Catholic Extension calendars for 2024. We appreciate your generosity.

WE CONGRATULATE AND THANK MIKE MCCARVEL for accepting the appointment to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities.

CONTINUING ON DECEMBER 30TH 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. Adoration and Confession is also available on the 1st Saturday of each month at Saint Francis Xavier Church from 9-12 and the 2nd Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Brewster from 11-12.

MEETINGS: Thursday, November 30th the Pastoral Council will meet at 6 PM and the Finance Council will meet at 6:45 PM.

THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM names will be available to grab and take home on November 26th. Please have all unwrapped gifts to the rectory by December 15th. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION: There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 22nd or Sunday, November 26th due to Thanksgiving weekend.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN : Thanks for your generous donations to the Baby Bottle Campaign. We were able to raise \$1,250 to help impact the lives of new and expectant parents throughout the coming year. Thank you for supporting the gift of life!

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OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed from December 22nd—January 1st. Please plan accordingly.

SACRED HEART HL CEMETERY BOARD is looking to hire someone to mow the grounds for the 2024 year. Please contact Wayne at 507-360-3348 or the church office at 507-793-2357 if interested.

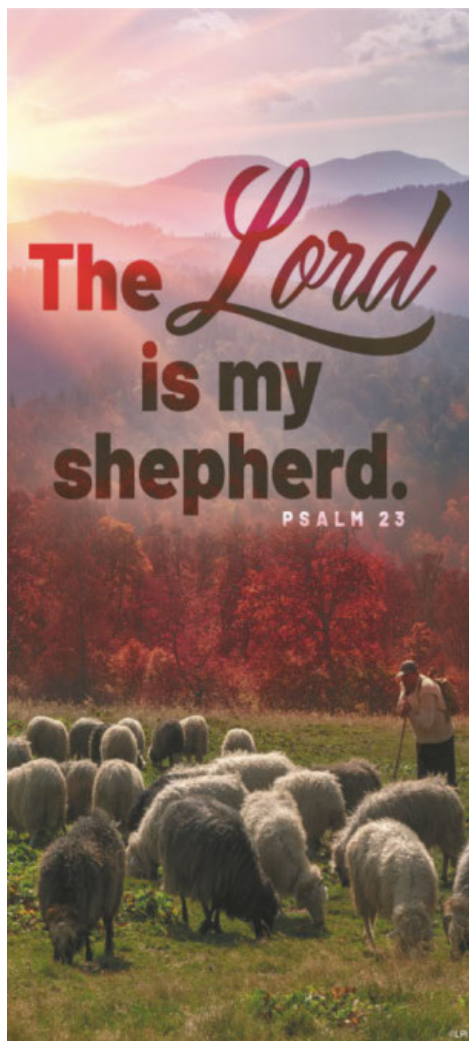
ADORATION AND CONFESSION is on the **1ST SATURDAY** of each month, from 9-12. Spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome. Confession is also available from 11-12. Adoration is also offered on the 2nd Saturday of each month in Brewster at 11-12 and in Heron Lake from 11-12 on the last Saturday of each month.

THE WINDOM AREA SHARING CENTER has seen a steep increase in requests for everything, including personal items such as soap, shampoo, etc. Ditty bags for the Windom Area Sharing Center are available on the table in the Church hall entrance, along with a list of needed items. Please consider taking a bag and helping the Sharing Center out. Any of the items listed will be greatly appreciated. There will be a box in the entry to return the bags and they will be taken to the Sharing Center once a week. There is always a box in the entry for food items which are needed also. This is a great way for St. Francis Xavier Church members to help our community! If you have any questions, please contact Sherri 221-0354 or Pat 831-4528. Thank you!

The Windom Chamber is planning a **CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT** event on Thursday, Dec 14 from 4-7pm around the square. As part of that event, the Ministerial Association is inviting carolers from the churches to participate and entertain those attending the event that evening. Anyone who would like to join in singing carols is welcome. We will know more as the date gets closer. Please let Mary Theesfeld 822-2443 know if you are interested in being part of the group.

THE WINDOM WOMEN OF TODAY CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX is in the hall by the kitchen. NEW hats, mittens, toys, stockings stuffers, clothes, stuffed animals, etc. are appreciated. Gift cards for teens and money donations are also accepted. Donations need to be turned in by Dec. 7th. Please make checks to CHRISTMAS CHEER BOX and send to Windom Women of Today, PO Box 222, Windom, MN 56101. Applications to acquire Christmas presents for your children are available on the table in the hall. The deadline for applications is 12/1. 1st.

Please pick up **The NOVEMBER DIOCESAN COURIER**, available at the entrances of the Church.



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

RESPECT LIFE - NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH.

We never outgrow the need for family. It's been said that adoption is not about finding children for families, rather it's about finding families for children. To learn more in Minnesota about adoption and kinship, go to:

<https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/services/adoption/>

ADOPTION AS LOVE

The whole story of our creation is an adoption story. "God, who 'dwells in unapproachable light,' wants to communicate his own divine life to the men he freely created, in order to adopt them as his sons in his only-begotten Son. By revealing himself God wishes to make them capable of responding to him, and of knowing him, and of loving him far beyond their own natural capacity" (CCC #52).

In Jesus, we learn that "God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (CCC #221).

Consequently, every time God comes to us in the Eucharist and we receive him worthily, we can once again rest with God and enter into intimate communion with him as his adopted sons and daughters in Christ.

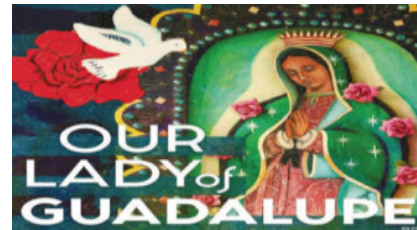
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - A special Mass of remembrance will be held for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child through any means including illness, accident, suicide, stillbirth, abortion, miscarriage, or suffered due to infertility. St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church, 419 W Lyon Ave, Lake City, MN will host the Mass on Thursday, November 30th at 7:00 pm.

WORLDWIDE CANDLE LIGHTING

The Compassionate Friends is sponsoring a candle lighting event on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm around the Globe. There will be a special time to honor/remember your children that have died. Come to the Cottonwood County Historical Museum, *Festival of Trees Gallery*, 812 4th Ave, Windom, MN. Doors open at 6:30 pm. There will be sharing, refreshments and the opportunity to make an ornament for your child to add to the Children's Tree. Or you may bring an ornament honoring your child, to add to the children's tree.

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent Dec. 3rd Feast day of Saint Francis Xavier Dec 12th Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe



MCCL NEWS : GIVE TO THE MAX: Celebrate the Double your Gift event at Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. Starting November 1st, go to GiveMN.org and enter MCCL on the search bar. Follow the prompts to have your donation doubled anytime you donate in November to MCCL.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Eucharistic revival- Consider going to the National Eucharistic Revival, Indianapolis, Indiana, in July of 2024 from the 17th-21st. For more information, go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/> and click on the Congress tab. Your parish Galvanizers are: Brewster—Bev McCarvel, H.L.—John Stenzel, Windom—Judy Green.

THE YEAR OF THE PARISH: The formation of the **PARISH TEAM** begins with you. Please consider joining others from your parish to be part of the founding members that pray for the parish, learn about and attend parish and diocesan activities, and get together to be disciples, who like the first disciples, were called by God. Ask the Lord to inspire you to be utilized and by doing so, have a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

HALLOW:

"Hallow is a powerful resource for Christians everywhere looking to grow deeper in their relationship with God and life of prayer." **Most Reverend Bishop Robert Barron** (Founder of Word on Fire)
<https://hallow.com/>

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"If God gives you the inspiration to do something, and it's a good thing worth doing, trust it. Trust Providence will take care of you" – **Most Reverend Bishop Robert Barron** <https://wordonfire.org/about/our-story/>

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