

JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 - JANUARY 9-14, 2024

Tues	5:30pm	Windom	+ Vonnice Volk
Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	+ Ben & Dorothy Becker
Wed	7:00pm	Heron Lake	Heron Lake FF children
Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	+ Jack Strouth
Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	+ Thomas Brown
Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	+ Joyce Mormann
Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	+ Donna Henkels
Sun	10:00am	Windom	+ Richard Krueger

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
- Aiden Remme
- Margaret Juhnke
- Miguel Angel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Maxine Frank
- Jackie Jurgens
- For our veterans
- For an end to abortion
- 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
- Ed Smith
- Jill Freking
- Jim Stenzel
- Pat Bonnell
- Mike McCarvel
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Kay Moulder
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For the souls in purgatory
- Ben Byam

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This week's readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC); Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Next week's readings:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B); 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Medita-

The Epiphany of the Lord

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother, or sister? (Matthew 2:1-12)

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.



Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - January 14, 2024

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Nolan Madsen Thomas Bartosh	Thomas Green Danna Flores
LECTOR	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	Candy Riordan
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SACRISTANS		Nadine Forman Judy Green
ROSARY	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMNG		Gale Symens
GREETERS		Lenny and Betty Thiner



CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom	
			12/24	2/31
Week 27/52	\$ 1,498	\$ 1,261	\$ 6,229	6,537
YTD	\$ 40,653	\$ 71,855	\$ 74,300	80,837
YTD Budget	\$ 55,558	\$ 85,806	\$ 127,500	132,404
Total	\$ (14,905)	\$ (31,951)	\$ (53,200)	(51,567)
Budget	\$ 107,000	\$ 165,242	\$ 255,000	255,000

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

Parish	Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$14,788	\$ 9,706	54
SH-HL	9,912	8,760	28
SH-B	5,833	5,911	15

4th Quarter Franciscan Mission special collection

Brewster \$ 424 HL \$ 616 Windom \$ 4,261

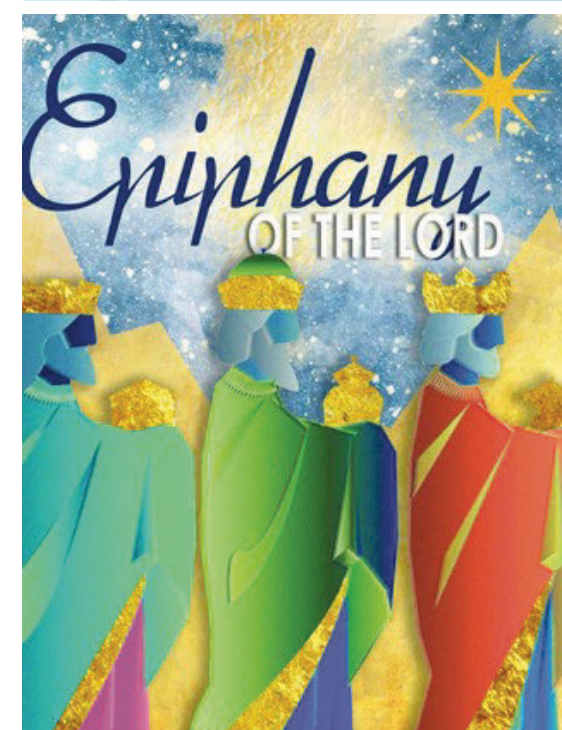
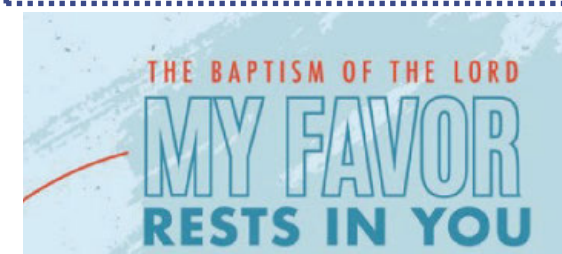
Retirement Fund for Religious

Brewster	\$ 132
HL	\$ 299
Windom	\$ 453

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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



Adoration Schedule

Saturday January 6th
9:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Windom

Saturday January 13th
11:00-12:00

Sacred Heart Church Brewster

Saturday January 27th
11:00-12:00

Sacred Heart Church Heron Lake

Campaign for Human Development

Brewster \$ 261 HL \$ 224 Windom \$ 225

INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

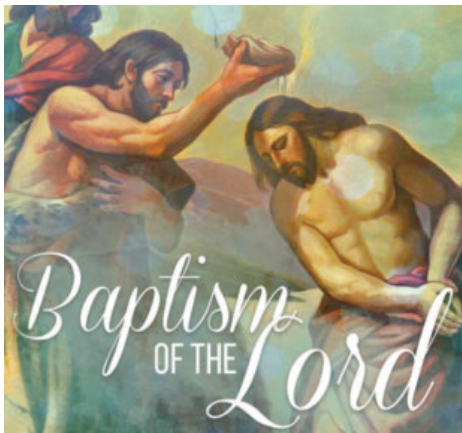
ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **Jan 13th** at 11-12. Windom is the 1st Sat. of the month from 9-12 and Heron Lake is the last Sat. of the month from 11-12. Please come and spend some time with our Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

SACRED HEART PARISH sends our prayers, healing thoughts, and love to **MIKE MCCARVEL** and his family. Please go on Caring Bridge to follow Mike's progress and send him healing wishes. If you would like to send Mike a card, please send it to his home address, 39574 160th St. Brewster.

There are copies of **BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST** at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and take one to a friend or family member. This is a Christmas gift from Sacred Heart.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our parishioners for donating cash or purchasing gift cards for families we sponsored this year through Nobles Co. Community Services. Left over gift cards were given to Nobles Co. Services and Catholic Charities to distribute at their discretion. A total of \$2215.00 was donated. Thank you so much for making it a very Merry Christmas for those less fortunate.

THE MANNA FOOD PANTRY would like to thank the Faith Formation for collecting and donating 207 lbs of needed food and other products. A big **THANK YOU** to Molly, the catechists and children for this much needed endeavor.



HERON LAKE

CONTINUING ON JANUARY 27TH the last Saturday of each month, **ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be in Heron Lake from 11-12. Please spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome. 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.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS will be having their annual **TOM & JERRY** celebration on Sunday, January 7th at 3 PM in Steger Hall. A light lunch will be served.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fun Sunday has been set for February 4th with a snow date of February 11th. Raffle donations can be given to Lisa Carlson and raffle tickets will be in the mail very soon. We are asking for \$5 donation from each family for bingo prizes, as well.

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Christmas season shine bright in our parish, including Father Pratap, the choir, the organist, the decorators, the sacristans, and ALL the parishioners. Thank you for everything you do and we want to wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

THANK YOU to Bonnie Henkels who has retired as Choir Director. We appreciate all your years of service and dedication to our parish. May God bless you in your retirement.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOME BOUND: We are looking for individuals that are willing to bring communion to the home bound weekly. Also, if you or someone you know is home bound and would like to receive communion please let the office, Melanie, Fr. Pratap, or a council member know.



WINDOM

ADORATION IS ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9-12. Adoration is also available at Brewster the 2nd Saturday of the Month and in Heron Lake, the last Saturday of the month. Spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome. Confession is available from 11-12.



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A LITURGICAL ROLE . Your participation is welcome. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in your decision to be a resource for bringing the celebration of the Holy Mass to our parishioners.

The **PARISH TEAM** of St. Francis Xavier's will meet on January 16th at 6:05pm after Mass. All parishioners are welcome to come and learn about our mission and events leading up to the National Convention.

WINDOM'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet 7:00pm, Tuesday Jan 9th. Insurance Agent David Goedtke is planning to attend.

DITTY BAGS AND FOOD DONATIONS: Please keep in mind that this is an ongoing project so please fill a bag or bring food donations when you can. Again, thank you to all who have already donated!

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, January 11th. Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 6:00 and the Parish Finance Council will meet at 7:00pm.

THANK YOU to Wayne and Debby Mau and Tim and Sharon Jenniges for beautifully decorating the Sanctuary for Mass. Also to Wanda Stone and Sherri Zimmerman for beautifully decorating the church hall.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

The **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** on the 4th Sunday in January, 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.

Also on the 4th Sunday in January, is the collection for the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC)**. 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.



THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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

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.

RESPECT LIFE 2024 MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 22ND 2024

MCCL's annual March for Life will take on a renewed importance in 2024—and you are needed there! The March will kick off a pivotal year for Minnesota's pro-life movement. But it will also serve as a sobering commemoration of unborn children and a powerful message to the public and to elected officials at the Capitol. Plan now to attend. Further information will be forthcoming at <https://www.mccl.org/march>

EWTN WINTER HIGHLIGHTS The Winter Highlights newsletter is available by picking it up in the entrances of St. Francis Xavier's Church. You may subscribe to donate to EWTN at <https://www.ewtn.com/missions/program-guide-236>

BIBLE IN A YEAR:

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-bible-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1539568321> You will need iTunes on your device.

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