

JANUARY 14, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 16-21, 2024

Tues	5:30pm	Windom	+ Colleen Ortmann
Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	+ Living/Deceased Members of Bauman/Bonnell Families
Wed	6:30pm	Windom	Windom Faith Formation students
Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	+ Howard Damm
Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	+ Greg Schoborg
Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	+ Rita Zinnel
Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	+ Earl & Theresa Kaufman and Clarence & Ruth Moliter
Sun	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

- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Jackie Jurgens
- Jim Salentiny
- Maxine Frank
- Margaret Juhnke
- For our veterans
- For an end to abortion
- Ed Smith
- Jill Freking
- Jim Stenzel
- Mike McCarvel
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Miguel Angel Esquivel
- 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 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC Revival
- 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:

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

Next week's readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (68B); 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

PRAYER & WORSHIP

| Weekly Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: *Speak Lord, your servant is listening.* Listening to the Lord requires silence. Make time each day to be quiet, so that you can hear God's call. (1 Samuel 3:3-10)

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.

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

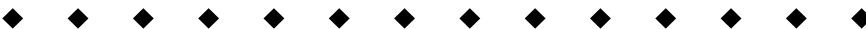
Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - January 21, 2024

Brewster Saturday 5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Katherine Krumbach Brynn Erickson	Marcus Hoppe Seth Hoppe
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ROSARY	Cleo Miranowski	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMNG		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		David and Judy Green



CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 28/52	\$ 895	\$ 9,271	\$ 3,137
YTD	\$ 41,548	\$ 81,126	\$ 83,974
YTD Budget	\$ 57,615	\$ 88,984	\$ 137,308
Total	\$ (16,067)	\$ (7,858)	\$ (53,334)
Budget	\$ 107,000	\$ 165,242	\$ 255,000

The Church in Latin American and Catholic Communications Campaign Collection on 4th Sunday in January

Brewster Heron Lake Windom \$ 20.00

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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Adoration Schedule

Saturday January 13th

11:00-12:00

Sacred Heart Church Brewster

Saturday January 27th

11:00-12:00

Sacred Heart Church Heron Lake

Saturday February 3rd

9:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Windom

WHAT DO YOU DO DURING

Adoration?

*Be there

*Pray on your own

*Read

*Pray the Rosary

*Write in a prayer journal

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.

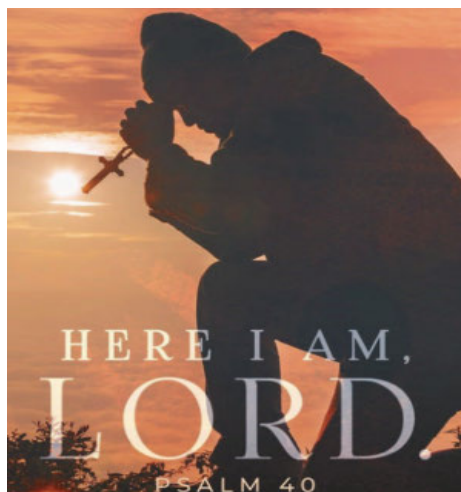
SACRED HEART PARISH sends our prayers, healing thoughts, and love to **MIKE MCCARVEL** and his family. Please go on Caring Bridge to follow Mike's progress and send him healing wishes. If you would like to send Mike a card, please send it to his home address, 39574 160th St. Brewster.

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.

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.

The **JANUARY ISSUE OF THE DIOCESAN COURIER** is available at the entrances of the church. Please take one home to keep updated to what is happening in the area churches.

YOUR YEAR-END CHURCH SUPPORT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available at the entrances of the church. Please pick yours up.



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.

MISSION QUILT SEWING will be on Tuesdays, at Steger Hall, weather permitting, starting on January 16th. Extra hands make light work! Do you have any old drapes, mattress pads or blankets that could be used for batting? We could, also, use good used sheets or fabric for the quilt backs. Please drop these items at the Church, Steger Hall or Rectory. Thank you!

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 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.



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. Sign up sheets are in the main entrance of the church or call the church office 8:30—1:30 Monday—Friday.

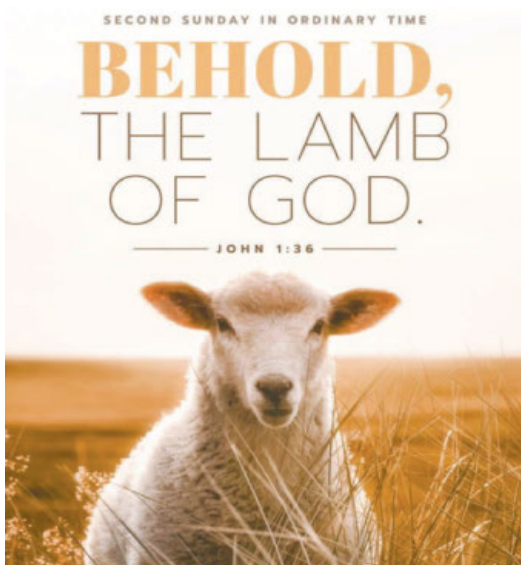
The **PARISH TEAM** of St. Francis Xavier's will meet Tuesday, January 16th after Mass at 6:05pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and learn about our mission and events leading up to the National Congress. A light meal will be provided.

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. Thank you!

THERE IS MASS THIS WEDNESDAY, January 17th at 6:30pm for the Faith Formation students. All are welcome.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS after Church on 01/14 and on 01/21. They will be mailed out the following Monday.

THANK YOU DAVID BOCKELMANN for one year of leading the Rosary before Mass. We appreciate you.



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES



Please support the **COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** on the 4th Sunday in January. Also on the 4th Sunday in January, is the collection for the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC)**. See last week's bulletin for details about each organization.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - MAY 31-JUNE 7

A procession is being planned involving 10 churches in the Rochester-Winona area. View the route by scanning the QR code. More information about how to participate will be made available as we get closer to May. Contact Aaron Lofy at alofy@dowr.org with any questions.



THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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

THE DIOCESE OF WINONA- ROCHESTER will be offering a pilgrimage of about 50 people to the National Eucharistic Congress for individuals across the diocese. See the National Congress Pilgrimage Guide for more information at www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org. If you are interested in attending the National Congress with the group, submit your information via the National Congress webpage at <https://eucharist.dowr.org/eucharistic-revival/national-congress/>. No commitment is necessary at this time, they are simply building a list of interested pilgrims.

THE YEAR OF THE PARISH: We are in 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.

Revival Contact Person: If you have questions or concerns related to the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival or the National Congress, contact Zach Rawson, zrawson@dowr.org.

RESPECT LIFE:

MASS FOR LIFE - Sunday, January 21, 2024 Bishop Barron will celebrate the annual Mass for Life at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (221 First Avenue S., Mazeppa, MN) at 10:00am.

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>

LIVE YOUR FAITH:

Do you like to drive? United Community Action Partnership has a volunteer driver program in your community. Volunteer drivers help get people to appointments and social outings so they can continue to live independently and active within the community. Email Amanda at communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org or give her a call at 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 if interested.

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***No meeting on Easter Sunday**

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