# JANUARY 28, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY







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 - JAN 30—FEB 4, 2024

<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	+ Brian Spencer	
<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	+ Ed C. Freking	
<u>Wed</u>	6:30pm	Brewster	<ul><li>+ Brewster Faith Formation students</li><li>+ Sister Joan Bartosh</li></ul>	
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster		
<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	+ Mary Jane Pudenz	
<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	+ Joyce Mormann	
<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+ Donna Henkels	
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	+ Donald Hoppe	

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
- **Ed Smith**
- Ben Byam

- Aiden Remme
- Jill Freking
- **Kay Moulder**

- **Jackie Jurgens**
- Jim Stenzel
- Pat Bonnell

- Jim Salentiny
- Mike McCarvel
- Maxine Frank
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Margaret Juhnke
- Miguel Angel Esquivel
- For our veterans

- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For an end to abortion •
- For the souls in purgatory
- Residents of Sogge Home
- 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

#### **PARISH PRIEST**

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#### This week's readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (71B); 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Next week's readings:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (74B); 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

# | Weekly Gospel Meditation

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

# SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 1:21-28)

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.

#### **Embracing Change in Christ**

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

# LITURGICAL ROLES - February 4, 2024

Brewster Saturday   5:00pm	Heron Lake Sunday   8:00 am	Windom Sunday   10:00 am	
SERVERS	Braeden Erickson Aubrey Erickson	Thomas Green Josianna DeWall	
LECTOR	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	Shari Kneeland	
CANTOR		Mary Theesfeld	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong Suzanne Iverson Larry Liepold	Elaine Tasler	
USHERS	John Wagner Marsha Edwards Dave Brunk Alan Freking	Laurie Redmond Pat Spencer Tom and Sherri Zimmerman	
CONTRIBUTIONS	Kemo Leopold Dennis Damm Rhonda Damm	Candy Riordan Rod or Mary Theesfeld	
SACRISTANS		Tim and Sharon Jenniges	
ROSARY	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	David Bockelmann	
VIDEO STREAMNG		Tom Riordan	
GREETERS		Barry and Vicki Ommen	

#### CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 30/52	\$ 794	\$ 7,056	\$ 1,840
YTD	\$ 42,342	\$ 88,182	\$ 92,137
YTD Budget	\$ 61,731	\$ 95,340	\$ 147,115
Total	\$ (19,389)	\$ (7,158)	\$ (54,978)
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 \$ 50.00

#### **Funeral Announcements**

Eternal rest grant unto Mikayla McCarvel. Mikayla's parents are Dan and Hillary McCarvel and her grandparents are Mike and Bev McCarvel. Mikayla's funeral Mass was held on January 23rd at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Prior Lake, MN. Her burial was at Sacred Heart Brewster on Wednesday, Jan. 24. May God grant peace for the McCarvel families at this time of loss and may the soul of Mikayla McCarvel rest in eternal peace.

# REST IN PEACE



**FERDINAND JAMES HABERMAN** was baptized at Sacred Heart Brewster on January 20, 2024. His parents are Ted and Jordan Haberman. Welcome to God's family, Ferdinand.

### Pre Cana Dates for 2024

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

#### **Adoration Schedule**

Saturday January 27th 11:00-**1**2:00 Sacred Heart Church Heron Lake

Saturday February 3rd 9:00-12:00 Saint Francis Xavier Windom

Saturday Feb 10th 11:00-12:00 Sacred Heart Church Brewster

PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY Merciful and Loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

# **BREWSTER**

THE SACRISTY DRAIN froze while the weather was severely cold. The floor was saturated, and it leaked down into the Thanks to some hardbasement. working men, the water was eliminated with wet dry vacs. The basement floor was swept up and pots were set up to catch the drips. We lost several ceiling tiles. Our insurance agent was contacted and advised us what to do next. Please DO NOT switch the kitchen lights on and please stay out. An electrician will be looking at the electrical wiring, etc. Thank you to everyone who came last Wed. to help and everyone who has continued to help in the clean-

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MIKAYA MCCARVEL was buried here at Sacred Heart Brewster on Wednesday, January 24. Her funeral Mass was held on January 23rd at St. Michael Catholic Church in Prior Lake, MN. Mikayla's parents are Dan and Hillary McCarvel and her grandparents are Mike and Bev McCarvel. Let us pray for the McCarvel families.

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each SECOND SATURDAY of the month continuing Feb 10th 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 pravers, 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 EUCHA-RIST 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 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. Thank you.

# INSIDE OUR PARISHES | WINDOM

## **HERON LAKE**

CONTINUING ON FEBRUARY 24TH the last Saturday of each month, **ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be in Heron Lake from 11-12. 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.

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 can be given to the office or CCW. We are asking for \$5 donation from each family for bingo prizes, as well.

**ALL YOUTH FORESTERS** will receive \$10 worth of game tickets on Fun Sunday, February 4th. See Mackenzie Erickson at the ticket sale booth to receive your tickets.

There is a SCHOLARSHIP available for any CATHOLIC ORDER OF FOR-ESTERS member that is due by February 16th. Please contact Dennis Salentiny with any questions.

MISSION QUILT SEWING will be on Tuesdays, at Steger Hall, weather permitting. 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!

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.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATE-MENTS have been mailed. Thank



ADORATION IS THIS SATURDAY FEB 3RD, 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.

YOUR 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATE-MENTS were mailed out on Mon 1/22.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE COL-LECTING MITTENS AND GLOVES for the needy and homeless. Please donate any size for any age, for men, women and children. Hang your donated mittens and gloves on the mantel in the church hallway. Thank you.

WINDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is in need of adult volunteers to be Lunch **Buddies:** 

When:

February 7th & 21st March 6th & 20th April 3rd & 17th

Times:

Second Grade 11:00-11:55 First Grade 11:40-12:35 Third Grade 12:20-1:15 Fourth Grade 12:25-1:20

Windom Elementary School's Library You can bring a lunch or buy a school lunch (\$5)

PLEASE GIVE TO THE CATHOLIC MINIS-TRIES APPEAL. By doing so, Saint Francis Xavier parish will meet their annual parish goal. You can go to Catholic Ministries Appeal www.dowr.org/donate.html

Ash Wednesday Schedule for the Tri parish of Sacred Heart Brewster, Sacred Heart Heron Lake and Saint Francis Xavier Windom.

Remember that You Are Dust, and to Dust You Shall Return. **ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14** Brewster—9:00 am Windom-5:30 pm Heron Lake—7:00pm

Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás.

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

#### 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 Congress, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. 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 's Pilgrimage is full. Consider attending the National Eucharistic Congress with a group of friends or family. THE CONGRESS IS ONLY SIX MONTHS AWAY. We're approaching a HUGE moment for the Church in the United States! In exactly six months, Catholics from every corner of America will gather for a National Eucharistic Congress for the first time in 83 years. At this historic event, God has promised to provide his people with the healing we long for, shower us with a massive outpouring of new grace, and anoint us for a new missionary chapter that will set the world on fire with Eucharistic love! Are you ready for a new moment of Eucharistic encounter and mission in America? Coming is an act of deep faith—we promise you will be sent out with undeniable hope and joy! To register go to: www.eucaristiccongress.org and click on the register button.

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: MCCL

Minnesota does not currently have a ballot initiative in the upcoming election cycle. In January, 2023, Gov. Tim Walz signed into law legislation that protects both abortion providers and out-of-state patients. Abortion is legal at any point during pregnancy in Minnesota. Now, abortion supporters in the legislature have said they are planning to put a pro-abortion amendment to the state Constitution on the ballot in either 2024 or 2026 according to MCCL. Pro-abortion legislators have said they could vote to put the amendment on the ballot during the upcoming legislative session which begins Feb12. The bill to do so could specify that the amendment would be voted on by the people either in 2024 or 2026. In the coming weeks and months, please follow MCCL on their website at mccl.org, on social media, and through their email newsletters (sign up at mccl.org/email) for updates on what pro-life citizens can do to defeat this grave new threat to live in Minnesota. Pray for Minnesota legislators to stand down on their efforts to pass extreme abortion legislature. Pray also for the unborn.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org">communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org</a> 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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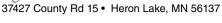




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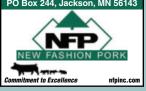
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