

MAY 5, 2024 | 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 7 -12, 2024

7	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Richard Krueger
8	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Benny Seifert
9	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Joe & Marie McCarvel
10	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Ben & Dorothy Becker
11	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ George & Agnes Shirkey
12	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Wyatt Henkels
12	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Helen Haugen

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO MASS-ES: Brewster— Thurs. and Sat.; Heron Lake —Wed. and Sun.; Windom—Tues. and Sun.

Know that our pastor includes all of us in his daily prayers and private Mass intentions.

If a Mass is cancelled, our pastor will include that scheduled Mass Intention at his private daily Mass. If you prefer it be rescheduled, please let your respective parish office know.

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Triparish Intentions

Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Mike Redmond
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Maxine Frank
- Margaret Juhnke
- Briar Rose Smith
- Mike McCarvel
- Mike Stone
- Ed Smith
- Jill Freking
- Jim Stenzel
- Lisa Rothenberger
- For our veterans
- For an end to abortion
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For the souls in purgatory
- Luke Borsgard
- Ben Byam
- Residents of Sogge Home, Mikkelsen, Manor, Remick Ridge
- Residents of Pine View and Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC Revival & PARISH YEAR
- For the victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land

This week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (56B); 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 (58B); Ephesians 1:17-23 OR Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 16:15-20

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Bodies in Heaven!

During the Easter season, we hear many resurrection stories. Speaking of the resurrection and resurrection life, let us look at a couple of questions from Matthew Pinto's book, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons? And 199 Other Questions From Catholic Teenagers.

Question 108 (pages 141-142): What does the Catholic Church teach about what our bodies will be like in heaven?

Answer: We are told in Scripture and in Sacred Tradition that our bodies will be perfected (1 Corinthians 15:40-58; Philippians 3:21). Theologians have suggested four characteristics that best describe what they will be like in heaven: impassable, subtle, agile, and possessing clarity. Our glorified bodies will be *impassable*. They will experience no pain, suffering, weariness, hunger, or thirst. Scripture says, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). We will also have the gift of *subtlety*. We will have a human body with the characteristics of a spirit. Just as Christ could walk through walls after His resurrection (John 20:19-20), it follows that we should be able to walk through walls. God will assimilate the characteristics of a spirit to the body without destroying the body's material characteristics. We will possess the gift of *agility*, which means we will not be subject to the forces of nature as we were on earth. Our playground will not be limited to the small area we can presently cover with our human powers. Rather, the farthest reaches of the universe will be accessible with the swiftness of a thought. Our bodies will also respond to the saintly direction of the soul, whereas on earth they fought against the good intentions of the will. Finally, our bodies will have *clarity* (1 Corinthians 13:12) in thought and appearance. We will have glorified bodies without the ailments and infirmities of our earthly bodies. Amputations will be mended. Those who are blind will regain sight. Our immortal souls will have a more glorious home in our new bodies (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1042).

Question 113 (pages 145-146): Can you see things in heaven?

Answer: Yes, and there seems to be two different types of sights in heaven: the "sight" of the mind and soul, and actual physical sight. We will see God "face-to-face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). However, the sight will be different from the sight experienced with our material bodies. If I ask you, "Do you see what I mean?" you are really "seeing" with your mind. This is similar to how we will know God, because God the Father does not have a body (John 4:24). We will experience God even more closely than we experience our own thoughts. We will know God in a much more direct way than the way we experience things here on earth with our senses. We will experience God without having anything block the experience (Revelation 7:9, 15). Even thoughts in our minds are "blocks" to "the real thing," because they are simply mental representations.

The second type of sight is the physical sight we experience on earth. At the end of time, after the general resurrection, we will literally see Jesus, Mary, and the saints, and our bodies will be rejoined to our souls. However, our "sight" will be different from our current experience because we will see God in all the creatures we gaze upon (1 Corinthians 15:41-44). And because God wants all of us to be happy in heaven, we will surely see everything necessary for our happiness (Psalm 36:8-10).

Based on the doctrine of the Communion of the Saints, we also believe the saints in heaven do have some knowledge of those on earth (Revelation 6:9-10; Hebrews 12:1). We will know and understand the human experience much more deeply than we do now.

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: *As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Live on in my love.* Bask in the love of God; ask how to respond. (John 15:9-17)

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. Please contact your parish office, if interested.

PRE CANA 2024

May 18, 2024 – St. Thomas More Newman Center, MSU, Mankato

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions.

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - May 12, 2024

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Thomas Bartosh Braeden Erickson	Josianna DeWall Marcus Hoppe
LECTOR	Carmen Rasche Lori Henkels	Nick Riordan
CANTOR		Mary Theesfeld
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CONTRIBUTIONS	Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Tom or Sherri Zimmerman John Duscher
SACRISTANS		Nadine Forman Judy Green
ROSARY	Marlys Olson	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		Laurie and Jake Redmond Pat Spencer



CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 44/52	\$ 1,345	\$ 7,656	\$ 2,511
YTD	\$ 61,005	\$ 136,853	\$ 129,564
YTD Budget	\$ 90,538	\$ 139,832	\$ 215,769
Total	\$ (29,533)	\$ (2,979)	\$ (86,205)
Budget	\$ 107,000	\$ 165,242	\$ 255,000

Franciscan Missions India 1st quarter collection since 03/03/2024

Brewster	\$ 271
Heron Lake	\$ 334
Windom	\$ 855

25th Jubilee! Fr. Antony Arokiyam



Fr. Antony celebrates his 25th year of ordination on **May 4th, 2024**.

May the grace and peace of our Lord be with you in all you do. There will be a reception after Mass in Windom on June 2nd in honor of his 25 years of priesthood. If you'd like to acknowledge his accomplishments with a card, Fr. Antony's address is P.O. Box 39, Windom, MN 56101

Adoration Schedule

Note

Saturday May 11th

4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church Brewster

**2nd Sunday
After Mass in
May**

Sunday May 12th

11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church Windom

Heron Lake's May 18th's

Adoration has been

cancelled

**2nd Sunday
After Mass in
June**

Sunday June 9

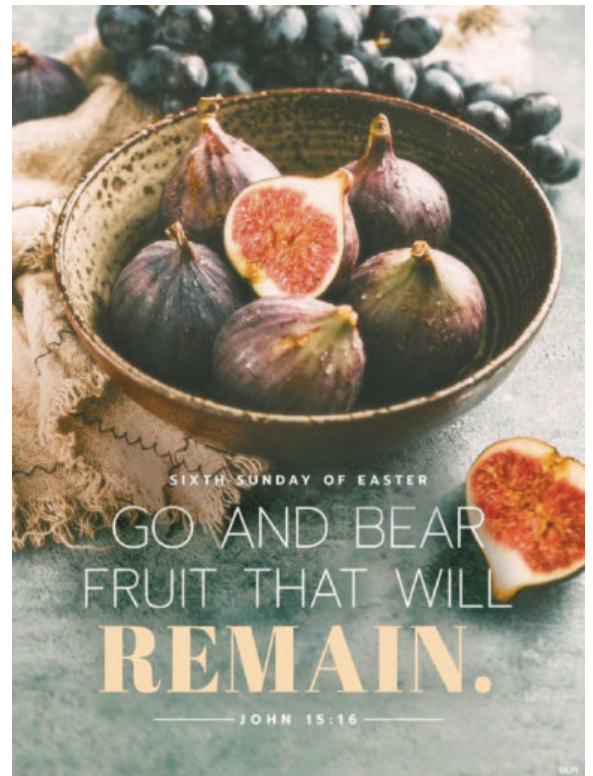
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Saint Francis Xavier Windom



2nd Sun- Windom - 11-12

2nd Sat - Brewster - 4:00-4:45



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **MAY 11** from 4:00-4:45. Adoration is in Windom on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 11-12 in May and June. Please come and spend some time with our Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS AND ROME. If you are planning to take part in the tour, please sign up as soon as possible. The tour is scheduled for May 6—17, 2025. Sign up forms are in the brochures at entrances of the church.

THE APRIL DIOCESAN COURIER is available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home.

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD", is the theme for this year's 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your gift supports ministries and services that carry forth the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's mission and vision, including faith formation, vocations discernment, Hispanic ministry and many more. Sacred Hearts goal is \$5822. Please be generous with your contributions. Thank you.

LIVVY JANE STENZEL, daughter of Derek and Mara Stenzel was baptized on April 20, 2024 at Sacred Heart Brewster. Welcome to the family of God!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mother's and to all women who cared for children. God's blessings upon you.

MASS STIPENDS will be \$10 beginning July 1st, 2024. Please read the **DECREE ON MASS STIPENDS,** in the **NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES.**



HERON LAKE

MAY 18TH'S ADORATION IN HERON LAKE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

There will be **CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS.** (7:30 am—8:00)

MEETING: CCW will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM.

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS would like to **THANK** everyone for coming and supporting them for the Pancake Breakfast. They were able to achieve matching funds from the event. They would also like to say **THANK YOU** to HL Fire Department, especially, Andrew Rasche and Chad Diemer who cooked the pancakes. **THANKS** to Dennis Damm for cooking sausage and Samantha Krumbach for being the runner.

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IN PREPARATION for spring cemetery mowing please remove, as soon as possible, anything that is not attached to the headstone. This specifically means anything that is on the grass of your descendants gravesites. Thank you.



WINDOM

ADORATION IS ON THE 2ND SUNDAY IN MAY AND JUNE FROM 11-12. ADORATION WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY, 12TH FROM 10-12.

Adoration is also available at Brewster the 2nd Saturday of the Month from 4:00-4:45. Spend time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST COMMUNICANTS, Maximus Maras, Theodore Maras, Alfredo Rios-Garcia, Eliana Smith, Christopher Mendoza Hernandez, Olivia Higley, Avery Wolf, Geraldo Melgoza Ruiz, Gavin Buhler and Josiah DeWall who make their first communion this Sunday, May 5th.

THE FORM FOR THE 2024 GRADUATING SENIORS TO RECEIVE A SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH scholarship is in the main entrance of the church. Please return them to the church office by May 14th.

WE WELCOME FATHER SCHUSTER, FATHER ANTONY AND FATHER TOJY, who will be rotating Masses with us until July. God Bless these wonderful priests.

THANK YOU TO MAXINE FRANK for donating the new handicap parking signs that are currently being installed. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

THERE WILL BE A PARISH TEAM MEETING at 6:00 pm on May 7th following Mass. All are welcome.

LaVonne Donahue's new address is: Birchwood Cottages
1630 Lor Ray Drive
N. Mankato, MN 56003
Her family said she'd welcome your cards and letters and to send any well wishes and correspondence to her, helping her transition to her new home.

Address Update

Many people change address, email and phone numbers and we don't have correct information for our parishioners. Please share your information with us so we can keep communication up to date.

Name

New Address

New Email

New Phone

Turn in to the Parish Office or drop in the Sunday Collection.

Thank you

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

THE PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS AND ROME

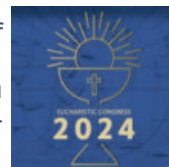
Consider visiting the cities of Paris, Lourdes, Rome, and Assisi. This is an opportunity to explore the rich Catholic tradition of these places and experience the miracles of our Faith. If you are planning to take part in the tour, please sign up as soon as possible. The tour is scheduled for May 6—17, 2025. Sign up forms are in the brochures at entrances of your church.



THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC 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. If you wish to go as a procession with the diocese, click here, [THIS LINK](#), (for digital bulletin readers.) Or contact Zach Rawson, zrawson@dowr.org.



Diocesan Mass at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester - June 2, 2024: Bishop Barron is inviting the whole Diocese to come celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the close of the Parish Year, and the beginning of the Year of Mission with Mass at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. There will be a Eucharistic procession from the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist to the Civic Center before Mass, and from the Civic Center to St. Francis of Assisi after Mass. All are invited and welcome to participate in the Mass on June 2nd. Mass is scheduled to begin at 2 pm at the Mayo Civic Center.

Where to Go When Times Get Hard

Supporting Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is your way to help people struggling in our diocese. We offer rental assistance programs, diaper banks, prescription access assistance, counseling, and many other services meant to provide a place to turn to when times get hard. Learn more at www.ccsomn.org.

Please help us put our faith into action and consider supporting our mission on **May 11th and May 12th for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Mother's Day Weekend**. Your support makes all the difference in our local communities! *All donations stay in our diocese.



CARE stands for *Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience*

We are having trainings for Worthington area CARE volunteers on May 15th and May 22nd, and we are looking for new volunteers. We train volunteers from all faiths who have a heart for immigrants and wish to accompany those in the US Immigration system. Volunteers will have the opportunity to help in a variety of ways. Please contact Lisa Kremer – 507-360-3423 lkremer@ccsomn.org (English) or Martiza Orozco Gaytan 507-760-0142 maritza@kivulaw.com (Spanish). You may also contact Maritza if you are an immigrant looking for assistance.

Ministry Days June 18-19, 2024 at Saint Mary's University in Winona:

You are the Salt of the Earth: Baptized for Mission

Register by May 20. This year's focus will be the third year of the Eucharistic Revival: The Year of Mission. It will place our attention on the role each of us is called to play in sharing the Gospel. Our theme comes from the Gospel of Matthew 5:13, "You are the salt of the earth." Our keynote speaker on Tuesday morning will be Deacon Keith Stroh, Executive Director of M3Ministries. We will pray with and hear from Bishop Barron as well as he will be celebrating Holy Mass both days. Finally, on Wed., we will be offering breakout sessions that are ministry/ apostolate-specific and will be led by diocesan staff and other great leaders. All clergy, parish staff, parish volunteers, and apostolate leaders are encouraged to attend. Learn more and register on the Ministry Days webpage: dowr.org/offices/lay-formation/ministry-days.html

DECREE ON MASS STIPENDS

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass recalls the Paschal Mystery and makes it new in every celebration. Celebrating the Eucharist is the highest form of liturgy celebrated by the Church. As such, it is effective for those who take part in the offering as well as for others who are not present at the Mass.

In particular, it is the immemorial custom of the Church to ask that priests apply the celebration of each Mass for a particular intention. Intentions may be persons who are living or deceased. Intentions may also be made for a particular cause, a group of people, or for a commemoration (e.g., a wedding anniversary). Specific details of private intentions should always be made known to the priest. Pastors are also expected to offer one Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation for the people of the parish (canon 534).

The Christian faithful themselves are encouraged to make known to priests the intention for which they wish the priest to offer the Mass. In doing so, those who are able may contribute a stipend that would be attached to the particular intention. Priests are encouraged to review canons 945-958 to ensure Mass stipends are treated appropriately and fulfilled in a timely manner.

Jesus tell us in Matthew 10:10 that "the laborer deserves his keep." The church has interpreted this statement to refer to, among others, the priests of the Church. It is fitting, therefore, that a priest receives a stipend from the Christian faithful who are able to give it, not as a payment for a sacrament, but as part of his wage for the most important work that priests do: confect the Eucharist so that the people of God may benefit.

Therefore, I hereby decree that, in accord with the decision of the bishops of the province:

A Mass stipend to which an intention is attached is ten (10) dollars.

This decree is effective July 1, 2024

The 2024-2025 *Compensation Policy for Priests* will reflect this decree. Any intentions made prior to July 1, 2024 will be honored according to the number of Masses intended with the original offering. All Masses celebrated after July 1, 2024 will be afforded the stipend at the new rate.

The Most Reverend Robert Barron
Bishop of Winona-Rochester

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