MAY 12, 2024 | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (THE ASCENSION OF



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 14 - 19, 2024

| 14 | <u>Tues</u> | 5:30pm | Windom | ✤ Celestine "Sally" Ahrens | |
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| 15 | <u>Wed</u> | 9:00am | Heron Lake | 🕆 Don Vanderheiden | |
| 16 | <u>Thurs</u> | 9:00am | Brewster | Briar Rose Smith | |
| 17 | <u>Fri</u> | 9:30am | Sogge Home | 🕆 Leo & Arlene Bartosh | |
| 18 | <u>Sat</u> | 5:00pm | Brewster | 🕆 MaryAnne McNab | |
| 19 | <u>Sun</u> | 8:00am | Heron Lake | Deceased Members of | |
| 19 | <u>Sun</u> | 10:00am | Windom | Carl & Monica Bartosh Family | |

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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| , | Mike Redmond | ٠ | Mike Stone | Luke Borsgard |
| , | Travis Muller | ٠ | Ed Smith | Ben Byam |
| , | Aiden Remme | ٠ | Jill Freking | Sam Henkels |
| , | Miguel Esquivel | ٠ | Jim Stenzel | |
| , | Jim Salentiny | ٠ | Lisa Rothenberge | er |
| , | Maxine Frank | ٠ | For our veterans | |

- Margaret Juhnke For an end to abortion
- Briar Rose Smith •
- Mike McCarvel
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For the souls in purgatory
- 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

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| This week's readings: |
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| Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 (60B); 1 |
| John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19 |
| Next week's readings: |
| Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12- |
| 13 OR Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 OR John 15:26 |
| 27; 16:12-15 |
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Weekly Words from The Rock:

This is My Commandment...

What is a command? It is an authoritative order. When a drill sergeant gives the order to salute, those in training salute. There were commands that we were asked to follow around the house while I was growing up. Here are a few:

- 1. Don't wear your shoes in the house.
- 2. If you want something at the kitchen table, the word "please" is required.
- 3. No jumping on the beds.
- 4. Don't sit in dad's chair in the living room.
- 5. Pick up after yourself.

There was one command I learned outside the confines of the house. Here is the story. Every Saturday, I helped my father clean the hog barns and grind feed. I had my own set of boots for such a purpose. One Saturday, I decided to be a little mischievous. As I was washing my boots with the hose, I took the hose and aimed it at my father pretending I was going to squirt him with water. His command was clear, "Don't you dare." Such a warning only egged me on thus I did it. I drenched my father. My father's response? I can't write it in this column, use your imagination. Suffice it to say that I never did it again. The commandment was given: "Don't squirt dad with the water hose." We all have similar stories and examples.

Jesus in today's gospel asks us to follow one command, referred to as a commandment. We read in John 15:12, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." Pause and think for a moment of what is entailed in this commandment.

- A. Love is to know no bounds. We are to love "one another." This includes everyone friends, neighbors, family, and enemies.
- B. Love means we love as Jesus loved. Think for a moment about Jesus' love. He loved everyone <u>and</u> his love was sacrificial in nature. When the one sheep was lost, Jesus went in search. When people mocked and jeered at him from the cross, he returned no insult rather forgave. Ultimately, his love went to the point of a willingness to die for friend and foe alike. This is what makes the love of Jesus Christ the most intimate type of love ever known. The man without sin died for everyone who knew and experienced sin. Are we willing to die for those who hate us, persecute us, despise us? Jesus Christ did, and his command is clear "love as I love."
- C. Love has at its source the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In my twenty eight years as a priest, I have learned that it is one thing to say I will love yet another to actually love. For love to happen, I need to pray. To be grounded in prayer helps one to know that one is loved and when loved, one can love. Ever tried to love when you are full of bitterness and anger? It doesn't work. Pray and allow the voice of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to penetrate your heart and help you to know how much you are loved.

There you have it, the key to love. So let us truly love – friend, neighbor, family, and enemy. One more free piece of advice. Never, ever squirt your father with a water hose! You will save yourself a lot of pain and agony.

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

VOCATION VIEW: Here is where we are called to be servants of God's word in the world. Know that God calls you, and gives you what you need to serve. (Acts 1:15-17, 20-26)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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.

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

LITURGICAL LIFE

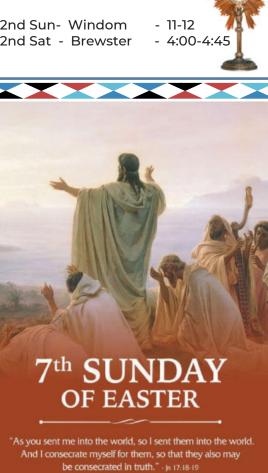
LITURGICAL ROLES - May 19, 2024

| LITURGIC | CAL ROLES - M | 1ay 19, 2024 | LOVES |
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| Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm | Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am | Windom Sunday 10:00 am | YOU! |
| SERVERS | Nolan Madsen Nathan Madsen | Rogan Brown Elijah Fossing | Adoration Schedule |
| LECTOR | Larry Liepold Loren Liepold | Heather Bristow | Saturday May 11th 4:00-4:45 |
| CANTOR | | Laurie Murphy | Sacred Heart Church Brewster |
| EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Larry Liepold Judy Anderson Sam VandeKamp Donna Damm | Mary Brown | Sunday May 12th 11:00-12:00 Saint Francis Xavier Church Windom |
| USHERS | Jeremy Janssen Katie Janssen Marty Henkels Cathy Henkels | Brian Busch Rod Theesfeld Gale and Patty Symens | Heron Lake's May 18th's Adoration has been cancelled Sunday June 9 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman | Keving or Heather Bristow Elaine Tasler | 11:00-12:00 Saint Francis Xavier Windom |
| SACRISTANS | | Nadine Forman Judy Green | 2nd Sun- Windom - 11-12 2nd Sat - Brewster - 4:00-4:45 |
| ROSARY | Cleo Miranowski | David Bockelmann | 2nd Sat - Brewster - 4.00-4.45 |
| VIDEO STREAMING | | Nick Riordan | |
| GREETERS | | Danna and Lupita Flores | |
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CHURCH SUPPORT

| | Brewster | Heron Lake | Windom |
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| Week 45/52 | \$ 2,987 | \$ 1,918 | \$ 2,434 |
| YTD | \$ 63,992 | \$ 138,771 | \$ 131,998 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 92,596 | \$ 143,010 | \$ 220,673 |
| Total | \$ (28,604) | \$ (4,239) | \$ (88,675) |
| Budget | \$ 107,000 | \$ 165,242 | \$ 255,000 |

Franciscan Missions India 1st quarter collection since 03/03/2024 Brewster 271 \$ **Heron Lake** \$ 334 Windom 875 \$



JESUS

INSIDE OUR PARISHES | HERON LAKE

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ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each SECOND SAT-**URDAY** 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 Please come and spend June. 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 MAY 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, ministry and many Hispanic more. Sacred Hearts goal is \$5822. Please be generous with your contributions. Thank you.

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.



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

There will be CONFESSION AVAILBLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUN-**DAYS.** (7:30 am—8:00)

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all mothers! May the Lord bless you today as you celebrate the great joy of motherhood.

BACCALAUREATE will be celebrated on May 19th.

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.

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OUR LADY

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

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.

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THANK YOU TO WANDA STONE AND BET-TY THINER for all of the wonderful help with decorations and the food preparations for the reception in honor of the 1st Communion students.

THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE would like to thank Joe and Barb LaCanne for their effort, time and the sacrifice they placed in teaching the 1st communion students about the faith which they themselves love so much. They also have purchased Bibles and had stoles made which were presented to the children on Sunday. You have made this day memorable for the children and their families. God bless vou Joe and Barb.

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



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL—YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

Being the light means doing your best to live each day on purpose and in a way that's pleasing to God. It means showing kindness and compassion to others and yourself. It's about looking for opportunities to be more like Jesus, to lift others up, and to do the right thing. Now is the time to come together as the body of Christ to support the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The Appeal supports specific ministries and programs in the diocese. Give generously as you are able.

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, <u>THIS LINK</u>, (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 Charites 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 <u>www.ccsomn.org</u>. 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 <u>Ikremer@ccsomn.org</u> (English) or Martiza Orozco Gaytan 507-760-0142 <u>maritza@kivulaw.com</u> (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 Strohm, 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 herby 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 Mases 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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