

# DECEMBER 1, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 - DECEMBER 3 - 8, 2024

|   |              |         |            |                                     |
|---|--------------|---------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 | <u>Tues</u>  | 5:30pm  | Windom     | ✠ Leo & Arlene Bartosh              |
| 4 | <u>Wed</u>   | 9:00am  | Heron Lake | Intentions of Eugene & Kathy Walter |
| 5 | <u>Thurs</u> | 9:00am  | Brewster   | <b>NO MASS</b>                      |
| 6 | <u>Fri</u>   | 9:30am  | Sogge Home | ✠ Ed Grunewald                      |
| 7 | <u>Sat</u>   | 5:00pm  | Brewster   | ✠ Laurie Haberman                   |
| 8 | <u>Sun</u>   | 8:00am  | Heron Lake | ✠ Clair & Bernadine Haberman        |
| 8 | <u>Sun</u>   | 10:00am | Windom     | For the People                      |

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.

## TRI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS



### Triparish Intentions

Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Jane Wolff
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Maxine Frank
- Margaret Juhnke
- Briar Rose Smith
- Shirley Wagner
- Mike Stone
- John Zschetszche
- Roxann Irwin
- Jim Stenzel
- Lisa Rothenberger
- For our veterans & our police forces
- For an end to abortion
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For the souls in purgatory
- Ben Byam
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Lupita Flores
- Ed Smith
- Residents of Sogge Home, Mikkelsen, Manor, Remick Ridge
- Residents of Pine View and Lakeview Assisted Living
- For the NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC Revival YEAR OF MISSION
- For the victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land

## TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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This week's readings:

**Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Next week's readings:

**Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6**

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## Weekly Words from The Rock:

### The New...

Back in 2018, I had to make a decision. My 2004 Chevrolet Silverado clicked the odometer at 300,000 miles. My goal had been reached. What a pickup! We had traveled far and wide together. Rain, snow, sleet and sun, we had driven through it all. I thought about keeping the pickup with the dream of perhaps 400,00 or even 500,000 miles. My only difficulty was the pickup was beginning to nickel and dime me to death. In the shop one month only to call the shop again the next month. Thus, the decision was made. It was time to purchase a new vehicle. I knew I needed another pickup. Why? Two reasons.

1. When you have a fishing boat which is eighteen feet in length, you need something with pulling power.
2. Because of my hunting trips, I also needed something with some capacity to hold decoys, boat oars, etc...

I called around to various dealerships and finally settled upon a new 2018 Chevy Silverado. It is the pickup I drive to the present day.

Many people like trading vehicles on a far more frequent occasion than me. I don't like going through the hassle of trading so I keep driving my vehicle year after year. I dream my current vehicle could stretch to 500,000 miles. Pipe dream? Perhaps, yet I like to hope. There is a sense of excitement in purchasing a new vehicle. One thing being everything is new-a new engine, new transmission, new tires. Still, I never lose sight of the smell of a new vehicle. Open that door for the first time and the smell is nothing but "new". You wish that smell would never dissipate but with time, it always does.

Today marks "the new." It's a new liturgical year-the Year of Grace 2025. The season which marks the new, is that of Advent. Think of the unique story of the church seasons. We have:

- A. Christmas speaks to us of the birth of our Savior and his epiphany to the world.
- B. Lent is a forty-day, forty night journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It prepares us for the Paschal Mystery.
- C. Easter is the season of glory and victory. Jesus Christ is risen and ascends to the right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit is poured forth on Pentecost to mark the beginnings of your Church.
- D. Ordinary Time journeys us through the gospel stories challenging us to live the gospel.
- E. And Advent, it is about preparing ourselves for the story of God becoming man.

I would really encourage us in the days ahead to not lose sight of the call of Lent. To pray, fast and give alms is something which can mark our Advent journey. How?

1. Pray-Pray that the peace of Jesus Christ reign in our world. Our world is very divided. Our country is very divided. It is only the Prince of Peace who can establish peace.
2. Fast-The season can be about getting and giving. We get gifts. We give gifts. We are blest as people. Is there something we could fast from this season? Our language? Our impatience? Each of us should challenge our selves to become better, holier people.
3. Almsgiving-Be charitable this time of the year. I always give something to someone less fortunate. They appreciate it and I feel better about myself.

May God watch over us this Advent and may our new liturgical year find us filled with grace and peace.

Blessings to you!

Father Peter Schuster

## VOCATION VIEW

**VOCATION VIEW: The Lord is near! Am I able to read the signs of the times? What is God asking of me? (Luke 21:25-36)**

## 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.**

**Mankato Area Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation: Jan 25th.** St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato - To register, go to: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage>

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

**QUINCEANERA PREPARATION:** When booking a **QUINCEANERA** and needing a 1st Reconciliation and a 1st Holy Communion. There is a three month preparation time. Please schedule your Quinceanera 3 months in advance. Thank you. It is also required that the family is a member of the parish. **TENGA EN CUENTA:** Si reserva una **FIESTA DE** quince años y necesita una primera reconciliación y una primera comunión, el tiempo de preparación es de tres meses. Programe su fiesta de quince años con tres meses de anticipación. También se requiere que la familia sea miembro de la parroquia.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - December 8, 2024

|                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Brewster</b><br>Saturday   5:00 pm | <b>Heron Lake</b><br>Sunday   8:00 am                                   | <b>Windom</b><br>Sunday   10:00 am                               |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                        | Nathan Madsen<br>Bristol VandeKamp                                      | Josianna DeWall<br>Marcus Hoppe                                  |
| <b>LECTOR</b>                         | Kevin Leopold<br>Andrea Christoffer                                     | Tim Jenniges<br>Maria  |
| <b>CANTOR</b>                         |   | Mary Theesfeld   |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>         | Kevin Leopold<br>Andrea Christoffer<br>Cathy Henkels<br>Suzanne Iverson | John Duscher   |
| <b>USHERS</b>                         | Thomas and Melanie Krumbach<br>Dennis and Rhonda Damm                   | John Zschetzsche<br>Michael Bregel<br>Dave Green<br>Daniel Green |
| <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>                  | Kraig and Sharon Leopold<br>Marty and Cathy Henkels                     | Jackie Jurgens<br>Rod or Mary Theesfeld                          |
| <b>SACRISTANS</b>                     |   | Vicki Ommen<br>Jackie Jurgens                                    |
| <b>ROSARY</b>                         | Cleo Miranowski   | David Bockelmann   |
| <b>VIDEO STREAMING</b>                |   | Gale Symens  |
| <b>GREETERS</b>                       |   | Jackie Jurgens   |

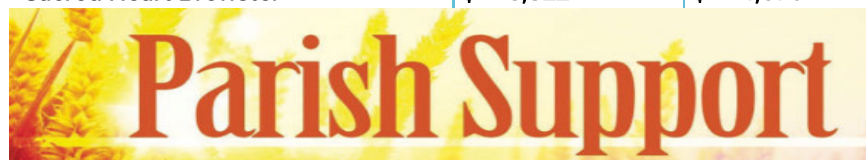


### CHURCH SUPPORT

| Correction | Brewster<br>&<br>11/9 11/16 | Heron Lake<br>11/24 | Windom<br>11/24 |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Week 21/52 | \$ 1,831                    | \$ 6,194            | \$              |
| YTD        | \$ 18,377                   | \$ 24,571           | \$ 77,095       |

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

|                         | Goal      | Donated  |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| St. Francis Xavier      | \$ 13,413 | \$ 8,523 |
| Sacred Heart Heron Lake | \$ 9,629  | \$ 8,940 |
| Sacred Heart Brewster   | \$ 5,822  | \$ 4,670 |



## ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday December 1st  
11:00-12:00  
Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Saturday December 14th  
4:00-4:45



Sacred Hearth Church, Brewster

1st Sun - Windom - 11-12 2nd Sat - Brewster - 4-4:45

Sacred Heart Heron Lake will have confession on Dec 15th at 7:00 am before Mass to accommodate additional Advent Confessions



You are asked to utilize the Advent Confession times during Adoration in Brewster and Windom to prepare yourself for the coming of our Lord. See the adoration schedule above. An Expanded Confession time for Heron Lake is at 7:00 AM on Sunday December 15th before Mass.

## 2ND COLLECTION

DEC 7-8

There will be a 2nd collection on Sunday December 8th for the Retirement Fund for the Religious/Catholic University.

The Collection raises funds for retired religious and helps religious institutes realistically assess their current retirement needs and implement planning, further educating religious institutes to allocate assets realistically and develop educational tools, programs, services and resource materials that enable religious institutes to address retirement wisely.

The Collection also underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

## Campaign for Human Development

(Collection November 16-17)

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Windom     | \$222 |
| Brewster   | \$204 |
| Heron Lake | \$168 |

## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### BREWSTER

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **DEC 14TH** from 4:00-4:45. Adoration in Windom is offered on the first Sunday of the month from 11-12. Please come and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR DONATION FOR THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**, please do so. Sacred Heart's goal is \$5,822. We are at \$4,475. You can send it in directly or drop it in the offertory basket. CMA donation envelopes are at the entrances of the Church. Please give your fair share. Thank you.

**WE NEED MONEY COUNTERS!!** Please contact Loretta. We NEED you!

**TOYS FOR TOTS** are asking for a toy donation during this holiday season. Last year Brewster Fire & Rescue came in second to Adrian EMS with collecting toys for children in Nobles County. Please donate for a happy Christmas to those less fortunate. There is a box at the entrance of the church.

**THERE WILL BE A JOINT PASTORAL AND FINANCE** meeting on Tues., Dec. 3rd at 6:30pm.



## HERON LAKE

There will be **CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS.**

**THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM** names have been distributed. Please have all unwrapped gifts to the rectory by December 15th. Thank you!

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations of \$1355.58 to the Baby Bottle Campaign! The gifts you provided will continue to impact the lives of new and expectant parents throughout the coming year. Thank you for supporting the gift of Life!

**GREETERS:** Looking for volunteers to greet parishioners as they enter for Sunday Mass. Please reach out to Melanie in the office or sign up on the sheet in the back of the church if interested! **THANK YOU!**

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please get all end of year contributions to the office by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

**NO FAITH FORMATION:** There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR DONATION FOR THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**, please do so. Sacred Heart's goal is \$9,629. We are at \$8,940. Anything over that amount comes directly to the church. You can send it in directly or drop it in the offertory basket. CMA donation envelopes are at the entrances of the Church. Please give your fair share. Thank you.

**LITURGY ROLES** for December/January are available. Looking to become more involved in church? Please contact Melanie if you are interested.



## WINDOM

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered on each **FIRST SUNDAY** of the month. The next adoration is **DEC 1ST** from 11:00-12:00. Adoration is also offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month in Brewster from 4:00-4:45. Please come and spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

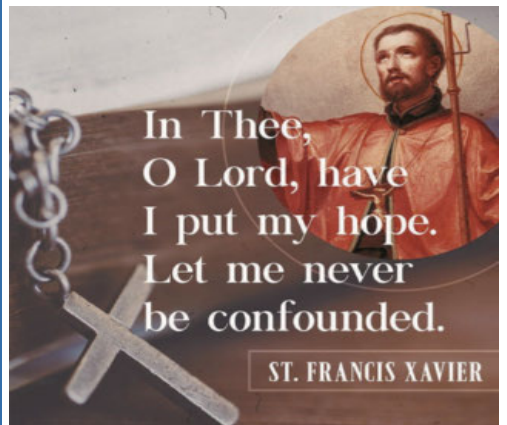
**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT TOOK PART IN THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN.** Our church raised \$370.00. It will provide help to expectant parents. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

**FAITH FORMATION** is in need of Substitute Teachers. If you are interested please contact Joan Hunter, Vicki Ommen or Sherri Zimmerman. Thank you.

**THE NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROLES** list for the next 10 weeks is available in the church entrances. If you are a liturgical volunteer, please pick one up. It is also available on St. Francis Xavier's Website. Thank you to all those who volunteer for these roles in bringing the Mass to the parishioners on Sundays and Holy Days.

**ON DECEMBER 8TH, THERE WILL BE A MEAL SERVED** by our Spanish members following Mass on Dec 8th. Everyone is invited. The Faith Formation Students are also having a **BAKE SALE** on Dec 8th.

**TUESDAY DEC 3RD IS THE FEAST OF THE MEMORIAL OF OUR CHURCH'S PATRON SAINT, SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER.** Mass is at 5:30 on Tuesday. Join us on that evening to acknowledge his contribution to our Church upon its founding in 1898 and its dedication in 1902. St. Francis Xavier is the patron saint of missionaries. Coffee and rolls will be served after Mass on 12/03.



### Tri-parish Christmas Schedule:

12/24 Sacred Heart Brewster 4:00 PM | 12/24 St. Francis Xavier Windom 6:00 PM | 12/25 Sacred Heart H.L. 9:00 AM

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES



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## DUELING PIANOS

Featuring Fr. Tim, Garrett Steinberg, Libby Slater & Friends

Sunday, December 1st

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Meal Served at 6:00pm

St. Mary's Catholic School - Worthington, Minnesota

Menu: Leafy Green Mixed Salad, Succulent Grilled Pork Loin, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable Medley, Scrumptious Dessert and Beverage.

Tickets are Pre-Sale, \$50 each  
Tickets are Limited.  
Contact St. Mary's Parish Office @ 507.727.2018

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NEWS: THE YEAR OF MISSION

Carlos Acutis, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He is a patron saint of the Eucharistic Revival. Pope Francis announced Wednesday that Blessed Carlo Acutis beloved for his vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized during the Jubilee of Teenagers at Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano which is held April 25-27, 2025. Carlos Acutis is remembered for saying: **"People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints."** Pope Francis encouraged young people to imitate Acutis in prioritizing "the great gift of the Eucharist" in his message for the upcoming diocesan World Youth Days last weekend, on the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King Sunday).

**THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL** offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up the Kingdom of God in southern Minnesota.

You may also give online at: <https://catholicismn.org>

### THE SYNOD / ADVENT BIBLE STUDY :

The Synod Fathers desire that the divine word 'be ever more fully at the heart of every ecclesial activity' (Verbum Domini,1). The gate to Sacred Scripture should be open to all believers. Every opportunity for the study of Sacred Scripture should be made available. The Scripture should permeate homilies, catechesis and every effort to pass on the faith. In consideration of the necessity of familiarity with the word of God and for the spiritual growth of the faithful, the Synod encourages dioceses, parishes, small Christian communities to continue serious study of the Bible and Lectio Divina, the prayerful reading of the Scriptures. (taken from cf. *Dei Verbum*, 21-22)

## Advent Bible Study Living Our Faith

### In-Person

9:00am Good Shepherd Church - Jackson

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 21

### Online

7:00pm "Microsoft Team"

December 2nd

December 9th

December 16th

December 23rd

Contact Maria Ahmed with Parish Social Ministries at 507-905-8602 or by email at [mahmed@ccsomn.org](mailto:mahmed@ccsomn.org) for more information.



### Address Update

Name

New Address

New Email

New Phone

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

Thank you

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. If you would like a registration form for your parish, contact the parish office of your church.





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