

# JANUARY 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 7- JAN 12, 2025

7	<u>Tues</u>	6:00pm	Windom	✠ Joan Bregel
8	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Sam and Wyatt Henkels
9	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Freddy & Lois Haberman
10	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	Special Intention
11	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Joe and Rose Weinandt
12	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
12	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Orville Cook

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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 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



Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Maxine Frank
- Jane Wolff
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Margaret Juhnke
- Briar Rose Smith
- Shirley Wagner
- 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 YEAR OF MISSION
- For the victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land
- Linda Unger
- Mike Stone
- John Zschetszche
- Roxann Irwin
- Jim Stenzel
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Joe Rivera
- For our veterans & our police forces
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- For an end to abortion
- Ben Byam
- Kent Frank
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Lupita Flores
- Ed Smith

### This week's readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; 1 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### Next week's readings:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## Weekly Words from The Rock:

### Happy New Year

Happy New Year! This weekend marks the “new.” The first weekend of 2025. We enjoy that which is new. Here are a few:

1. Our new Christmas gifts.
2. A new school year filled with hope and expectation.
3. A new friend who has the voice of reason and challenges us to be a better person.
4. A new job which allows us to share our talents.
5. A new opportunity whereby the old is forgotten and forgiven.

A new year is often marked by resolutions. The church marks a new year with the word “peace.” One of the titles of the newborn Christ-child is the Prince of Peace. Take note, we don't say that Christ is a nice option regarding peace. He is **the** Prince of Peace. To find true peace one needs to find Jesus Christ. Christ came to establish peace.

- A. Peace amongst peoples.
- B. Peace amongst nations.
- C. Peace in areas torn by strife.
- D. Peace in relationships strained by sin.
- E. Peace where hope and forgiveness seem distant.

Christ's way to peace is simple. Follow me. Follow my teachings. Follow my way of life. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. Peace is found in Jesus Christ.

### Epiphany

The story of the birth of the Prince of Peace is the Christmas story. That God came to his people is marked by songs and hymns. The Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of the new-born child. Here are some examples of one's manifesting:

- The smile on a woman's face when her spouse appears manifests how much she loves him.
- A man's tears at the death of his spouse manifests how much he loved her.
- A challenge offered by a friend manifests their love for the friend.

The epiphany of Jesus Christ manifests Jesus' love for all people. Jesus didn't come solely for the Jews, intellectuals, wealthy, politically or religious noteworthy. Jesus can't be compartmentalized. Jesus' message of peace is for all people. Jesus desires people to live with him, to be with him. May our lives manifest Christ's peace and love to all we encounter!

### Father's New Year Resolution?

I mentioned above how with the new year resolutions are a common practice. People ask, “Father, do you have a new year's resolution?” I was never one to set a resolution. It isn't my cup of tea; however, for those of you who have formed a resolution and are determined to follow through, I wish you luck in this year.

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

## VOCATION VIEW

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem saying, “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him”. Let us do the same, and also be wise and worship Him. (Matthew 2:1-2)

## 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 FOCUS 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.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - January 12, 2024

<b>Brewster</b> Saturday   5:00 pm	<b>Heron Lake</b> Sunday   8:00 am	<b>Windom</b> Sunday   10:00 am
<b>SERVERS</b>	Samantha Krumbach Katherine Krumbach	Seth Hoppe Elijah Fossing
<b>LECTOR</b>	Thomas Krumbach Melanie Krumbach	John Duscher
<b>CANTOR</b>		Katelin Brown
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Melanie Krumbach Marsha Edwards Judy Anderson Carmen Rasche	Tim Jenniges
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<b>ROSARY</b>	Marsha Edwards Judy Anderson	David Bockelmann
<b>VIDEO STREAMING</b>		Tom Riordan
<b>GREETERS</b>		Barry and Vicki Ommen



### CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster 12/21	Brewster 12/24	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 26/52	\$ 1,156	2,787	\$	\$
YTD	\$		\$ 97,759	Correction \$ 72,498

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Goal	Donated
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 13,413	\$ 9,523
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$ 9,629	\$ 10,040
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 5,822	\$ 5,125



## ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday January 11th  
4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church, Brewster



Sunday February 2nd  
11:00-12:00



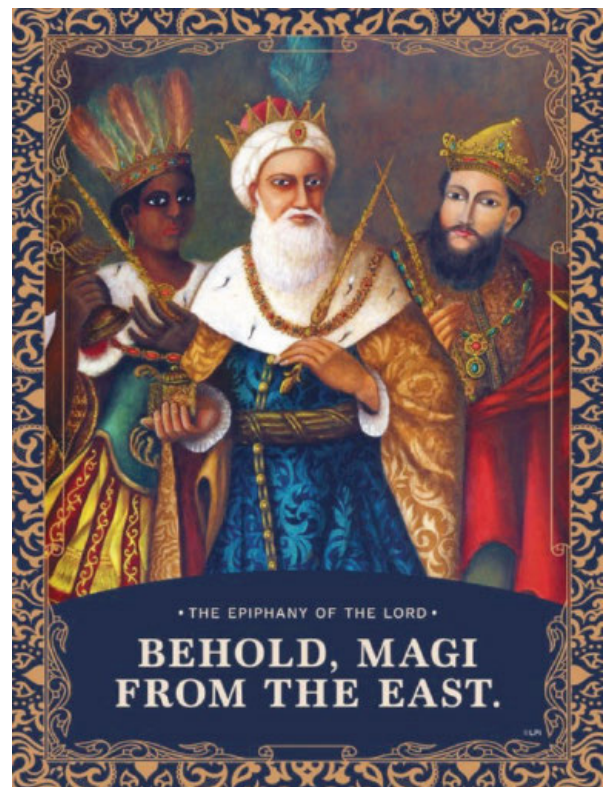
Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom

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

Confession is 1/2 hour before Sunday Mass (7:30 am) at Sacred Heart, Heron Lake, MN  
Confession is 1/2 hour before Saturday Mass (4:30 pm) at Sacred Heart, Brewster, MN

## DEATH NOTICE

Eternal rest grant unto.....  
Terry Fredin, Windom, MN who passed away on 11/7/2024. Arrangements for Terry's funeral are pending at this time. May his soul rest in peace. We remember his loved ones in prayer also, Especially Karen; and Kristen and Bill and their families.



## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### BREWSTER

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **JAN 11TH** 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.

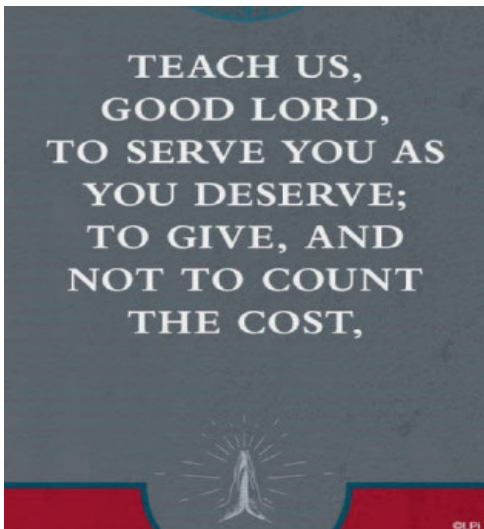
**CONGRATULATIONS SACRED HEART PARISH!** We have met and exceeded our **CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL** goal. Our goal was \$5822 and \$6575 was contributed. All money that was contributed over our goal, will come back to us. A huge thank you to our parishioners.

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

**THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF THE DIOCESAN COURIER** is available at the entrances of the Church.

**YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** have to be received by Dec. 31,2024 in order to be counted for 2024.

**THANK YOU, FATHER ANTONY** for the beautiful Mass, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. **THANK YOU TO MOLLY AND THE CHILDREN** for telling the Christmas story with word and song. **THANK YOU TO BIBI AND NADINE** for making the Mass so meaningful with your music and song. **THANKS TO ALL OUR TALENTED PEOPLE** who planned and decorated our Church, to be a warm and welcoming place, all dressed in magnificent glory. And **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED**, isn't coming back home to our Lord, a wondrous thing?? Thank you for being a special part of our Mass.



## HERON LAKE

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

**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 CLASSES:** Classes will resume again for the elementary on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> and high school on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A LITURGICAL ROLE FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS ON NEW YEARS DAY AT 9:00 AM.**

**THANK YOU TO LACANNE FUNERAL HOMES** for sponsoring the Catholic Extension calendars for 2025. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

**CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS** will be having their annual **TOM & JERRY** celebration on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. A light lunch will be served.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:** Sacred Heart's goal was \$9,629. **THANK YOU** to all who have donated as we have now met our goal. Any money put towards the appeal over our goal will come directly back to the church so there is still time to donate before the end of the year.

**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!**

**REMINDER:** If school is late or closed due to adverse weather, Wednesday Mass is also cancelled. Sunday Mass cancellation will be announced on KDOM and Worthington Radio Stations, along with being posted on Facebook.



## WINDOM

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered on each **FIRST SUNDAY** of the month. The next adoration is **JAN 5TH** 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.

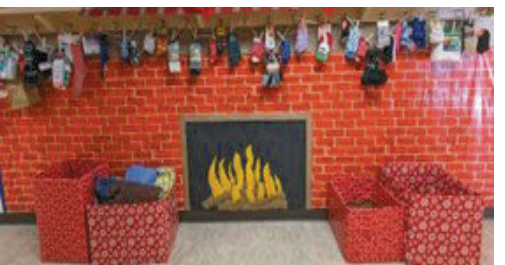
**THERE IS MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH** on 12/31/2024. There will be a **THANKSGIVING ADORATION** beginning at 5:00PM with **MASS TO FOLLOW AT 5:30.** This is a correction from a previous announcement.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

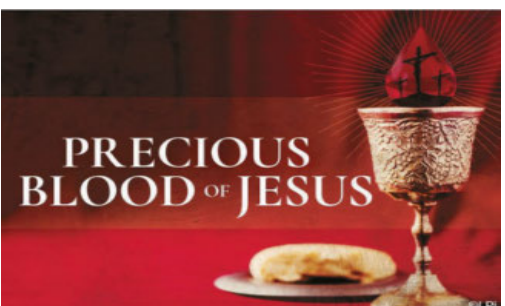
**PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS AND ROME LED BY FR. PRATAP.** If you are planning to take part in the tour, please sign up as soon as possible. The tour is scheduled for May 6—17, 2025. Sign up forms are in the brochures at entrances of the church.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2025 CALENDARS** from the entrances of the Church and **THANK YOU TO LACANNE FUNERAL HOMES** for sponsoring the Catholic Extension calendars for 2025. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

**PLEASE BRING IN SOCKS, MITTENS, GLOVES AND HATS FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION MANTEL** in the hall. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**THE REIMPLEMENTING OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST FOR THE FAITHFUL** will commence with scheduling of the next Liturgical Ministry List beginning February 2nd.



# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

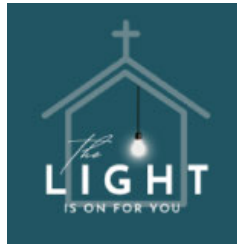
“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **THE NEXT WEEKENDS ARE FEB 14-16, 2025 IN WINDOM, MN** For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org. To register, visit our website:

<https://southmnwwme.org/applyWeekend.php?hl=en>  
choose Feb 14-16 Windom Shalom Hills Farm.

## THE LIGHT IS ON SOUTHWESTERN MN:

This resource continues to be available to encourage people to return to the sacrament of reconciliation throughout the year. Consider reading about the various witness stories, encouragements, and how-tos.

Visit [www.thelightisonsouthernmn.org](http://www.thelightisonsouthernmn.org) for more information.



## DON'T MISS THE JOY THE LORD WANTS YOU TO HAVE!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available in the tri-parish, during adoration, on the 1st Sunday of the month in Windom from 11-12 AM, also in Brewster on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 4:00-4:45 PM and in Heron Lake before Mass on Sundays at 7:30 AM and before Mass in Brewster on Saturdays at 4:30 PM.

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://catholicfsmn.org>



## MINNESOTA'S EXTREME LAW

In 2023, Minnesota lawmakers and Gov. Tim Walz enacted legislation making abortion legal for any reason and at any time

throughout pregnancy (HF 1). They also repealed a requirement that born-alive infants receive medically appropriate care that would save their lives (SF 2995).

Some legislators and advocates now want to permanently enshrine Minnesota's extreme abortion policy in the state Constitution. If they succeed, future lawmakers would be unable to protect unborn children—even viable babies late in pregnancy who can feel pain.

A proposed constitutional amendment (the so-called “Equal Rights Amendment”) was introduced in 2024, but it failed to pass the legislature this year after Minnesotans all across the state urged their lawmakers to reject it. A KSTP/SurveyUSA [poll](#) found that 64 percent of Minnesotans didn't want abortion included in the amendment.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Pray for our leaders
- Sign MCCL's petition against abortion extremism
- Donate to Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

Go to <https://www.mccl.org/extreme> for more information.

## The Greatest Love Story Created

You are not an accident. The God who created the universe, who set the moon and stars in place, loves YOU and chose YOU, even before the world was formed.

He knows you better than you know yourself, and he loves you simply because you are YOU. There are no conditions on his love: at every moment you are infinitely loved by him. You are dear to him.

## Fallen

The original harmony between us and God was shattered when sin entered the world. Even though God's understanding is beyond human reason, Adam and Eve refused to trust his omniscience and took it upon themselves to be their own gods, choosing themselves above their creator.

We continue to turn our back on God, selfishly distorting the good gifts he has given us. Our sin has torn at the very fabric of creation, allowing disease, darkness, and death to inundate our world. Our relationship with God has been ruptured. Refusing to follow God's plan of love, we have been enslaved to sin.

## Saved

God loves us so much that he became man and died for us. Christ outstretched his arms and submitted to death to reconcile us to his Father. Death and sin do not have the final word: Christ's Resurrection opens for us the doors to new life in him.

Christ's sacrifice and victory transcends space and time, and it is made present on the altar at every Mass! No one is excluded from his offer of love and mercy, no matter how great a sinner we might be! This includes YOU.

## Restored

Jesus has opened the door for you, and through his Church, he invites you into a personal relationship with God, but God won't force you to choose him. Christ comes to us in the Eucharist, offering himself to us: Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. He nourishes us, offering himself as “our daily bread.” It is easy for us to overlook this extraordinary gift. Even people who go to Mass each Sunday forget that Jesus is not merely symbolically present, but truly and substantially.

It's time for us to entrust ourselves to the One who gave his life for us and invites us to encounter him in the Eucharist. It's time for a Eucharistic Revival.



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