

JANUARY 12, 2025 | THE BAPTISM 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 14 - 19, 2025

14	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Jim Sotebeer
15	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Shirley Fisher
16	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	Living/Deceased of the Kirchner Family
17	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Francis Dewanz
18	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Howard & Beverly Damm
19	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Dick & Joanie Madsen
19	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	For The People

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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
- For our veterans & our police forces
- 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 YEAR OF MISSION
- For the victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land
- Linda Unger
- Mike Stone
- John Zschetszche
- Roxann Irwin
- Lupita Flores
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Briar Rose Smith
- Ben Byam
- Kent Frank
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Ed Smith
- Joe Rivera
- For an end to abortion

This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

John Micheal Talbot, on pages 160-161 in his book Nothing is Impossible with God, shares the following story.

How many of you saw the movie *Saving Private Ryan*? I found it quite moving. In the movie an army sergeant goes to pull Private Ryan out of combat because his brothers have just died in action, and the higher-ups in the U.S. Department of War will not leave a lone sibling in combat. The Tom Hanks character, the commanding officer, doesn't want to go and get Ryan. All he wants is to go home to his wife and family and get on with his civilian life. But he obeys orders, and he goes. They find Ryan, and he doesn't want to leave his platoon, for he is a patriot. In the battle that ensues, the Tom Hanks character is shot on a bridge. Ryan sees him, runs out onto the bridge, and sees the commander dying. The commander knows he is dying, so he reaches up, grabs Ryan by the collar, and says with his final breath, "Earn it. Go and live a good life."

The scene fades to an aged Ryan kneeling before the commander's grave in France. He is weeping profusely. His wife, who is there with his family, approaches him and says, "What's is the matter, dear?" He looks up through tears and manages to choke out, "Just tell me I've lived a good life." She assures him that he has, and points back to his children and grandchildren, who have made the trip with him. He is profoundly aware of what it means for one to lay down his life so that he could live. Most military people who have been through something similar, or even knows what it is to lose a brother or sister in arms, understand this intimately, and are often reduced to tears when I tell this story at missions.

That's what Jesus did for us on Calvary, and what he does sacramentally at every Mass. That's how much Jesus loves us. It is personal. And it is real. At every Mass Jesus is personally and fully present and gives his life as a sacrifice for us.

And here's the kicker: Jesus would have done all of this for each of us even if we were the only person ever to fully follow him. He would have come to earth, ministered everything in the Gospels, died on a cross, risen from the dead, ascended into heaven, and given the Holy Spirit. And he did it for each of us personally. He knows us from the beginnings of eternity, and planned this "great rescue" because he loves us.

Do you ever feel a tad unloved? Yes, I do too. But let's not dare say that we are not loved, or loved personally and intimately. That would cheapen the sacrifice of Jesus for us, and would reduce the Mass to utter nonsense. But it is not nonsense. We are loved!

Holy Humor

Here are two stories for you:

- Story 1 – A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"
- Story 2 – A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?" The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said. The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"
Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

Let's celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as brothers, sisters, priests, or deacons. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

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.

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - January 19, 2024

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Cora Haberman Nathan Madsen	Anthony Cruz Danna Flores
LECTOR	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	Linda Stuckenbroker
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SACRISTANS		Nadine Forman
ROSARY	Steve Hussong Barb Hussong	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		John and Tami Anderson



CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster 1/05	Heron Lake 1/1 & 1/05 together	Windom 12/29	1/05
Week 27/52	\$ 826	\$ 2,277	\$ 6,177	\$ 5,228
YTD	\$	\$ 115,093	\$ 83,893	

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Goal	Donated
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 13,413	\$ 11,342
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$ 9,629	\$ 10,040
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 5,822	\$ 6,578



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday February 2nd
11:00-12:00
Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Saturday February 8th
4:00-4:45



Sacred Heart Church, Brewster

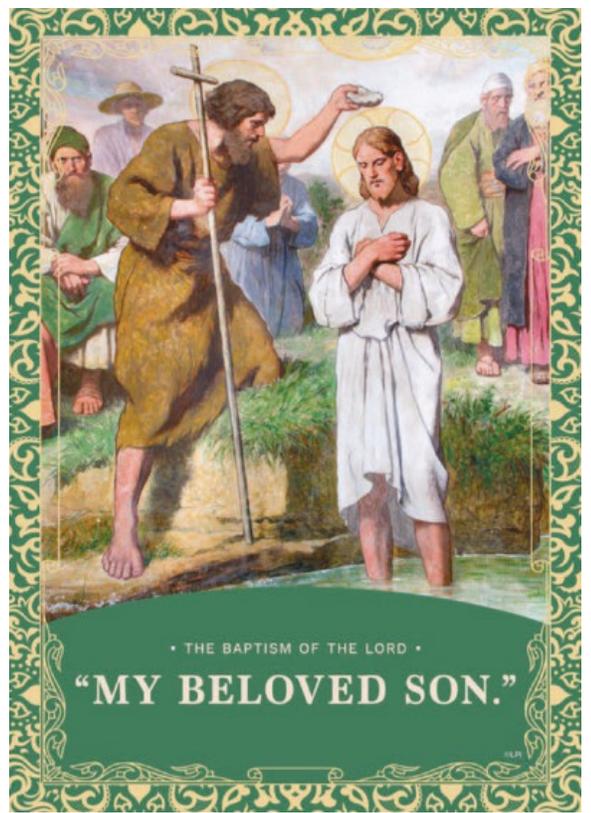
1st Sun - Windom - 11-12
2nd Sat - Brewster - 4-4:45

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

DEATH NOTICE

Eternal rest grant unto.....

James "Jim" Stenzel, who passed away on December 24, 2024. His funeral was held at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake on Friday, January 3, 2025. May his soul rest in peace. We remember his loved ones in prayer.



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

HERON LAKE

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **JAN TITH** from 4:00-4:45.

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 Loreta. We NEED you!

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

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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated to the Nobles County Family Christmas Gift Cards. Almost \$3000 was given for gifts and family necessities. Thank you everyone!



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

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

GREETINGS, SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY, I hope this message finds you well this Christmas Season! Seminary has been an absolute blessing. This past semester has been filled with so many new and life-giving experiences and I have learned much about myself along the way. The most foundational part of seminary formation for me thus far has been the intentional life of prayer with my brother seminarians, as it is the source in growing closer to the Lord. There are many moments in seminary that can feel overwhelming, however, when I remember God's constant presence in my own life, I am reminded that everything I work towards, and encounter is all for the greater glory of God. Our Father created each of us for a purpose, and he desires us to move forward in faith and to find that purpose. It may take time, and it may seem crazy at first, but we must be patient and move in God's timing, not our own. This past semester I began my studies with the Old Testament, the Catechism, and Latin. The latter being the most challenging and patience-testing course for sure. However, working with my seminarian brothers and relying on the Lord, I succeeded and grew in many ways. One of the greatest gifts the seminary has brought into my life has been the brotherhood that each brother seminarian brings to the table. In a seminary of 61 other men, it is full of every type of personality, however, our differences are what bring us closer together and we certainly learn from one another! I want to thank each of you for your prayers and generosity to me on this journey of formation, God is so very good, and with him we will find peace. Please know of my continued prayers to all of you here at Sacred Heart, and please pray for me! May the Peace of Christ be with you all!

- **Joseph Bartosh**

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.

MISSION QUILT SEWING will be on Tuesdays, at Steger Hall, weather permitting, starting on January 14th at 1:30 PM. 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!

WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each **FIRST SUNDAY** of the month. The next adoration is **FEBRUARY 2ND** from 11:00-12:00.

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.

CLAS (Catholic Ladies Afternoon Social) 2nd TUESday @ 2:00 each month

Tuesday, January 14 @ 2:00 in the church dining hall
Come for coffee and games.

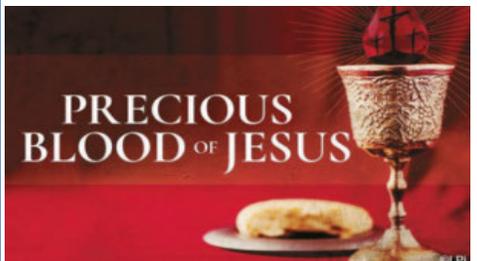
FAITH FORMATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE for your generous giving to our Advent mantel. We're going to continue this effort for a couple more weeks and we would really like to see our mantel filled back up again! We look forward to taking down a second bundle of hats, gloves and mittens for our less fortunate.

Thank you again for your generosity!!!



SPECIAL MASSES ARE ENCOURAGED AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER. If implementing extra music and/or additional languages into the Mass readings, the arrangements need to be in the book 6 weeks prior to the event to coordinate the Mass plan and get approval of the readings, music, etc...

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 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>

NINE DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN The U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities is sponsoring the Nine Days for Life campaign from **Jan. 16-24**. It is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life.

On January 16th, go to: <https://www.respectlife.org/day-1> for the first day of the Novena.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 16-24

Pray to protect human life!

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message.

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

EUCCHARISTIC RIVAL NEWS: THE YEAR OF MISSION What is a Eucharistic Missionary?

A Eucharistic Missionary is any Catholic who—inspired by an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist and fueled by the Bread of Life—allows God to use them as an instrument of his grace "for the life of the world." These missionaries embrace their deepest identity as a member of the Body of Christ and commit to living a Eucharistic life with a heart for those who are most in need, those who are lost, and those who are the "least." They follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel by word and deed.

Remember, you aren't doing this alone. The whole Church is walking on mission together, and is here to support you with resources, inspiration, and encouragement as you embark on this exciting journey. Just ask.

MCCL NEWS:

Did You Know? MCCL was founded by a small group of Minnesotans in 1968, MCCL has worked ever since to secure protection for innocent human life from conception until natural death through education, legislation, and political action. What can you do? **CONTACT LEGISLATORS NOW** You can help stop these extreme bills by contacting your state representative and state senator. Please do this right now! Tell your lawmakers: "Please do not vote for any upcoming pro-abortion bills. No more extremism. No more pro-abortion votes."

MNRL: (Minnesota Right to Life)

Mission Statement: As a non-profit, single issue advocacy organization we will fight relentlessly to ensure that politicians in St Paul, of both parties, support REAL pro-life legislation. If not, we will work to educate and inform grassroots pro-lifers all over the state about that politician's voting record. Our supporters are doctors, farmers, pastors, carpenters, students, housewives, and others. As a Pro-Life Minnesotan, you and I don't have a choice, we absolutely must act to save innocent babies right now.

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