

JANUARY 19, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 21 – 26, 2025

21	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Jerry Haberman
22	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Dick Burns
23	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Joe & Alice Salentiny
24	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Jermaine Grove
25	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Mike McCarvel
26	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Ed Freking Sr.
26	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Jerry Rivera

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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 Zschetsche
 - Roxann Irwin
 - Lupita Flores
 - Lisa Rothenberger
 - Briar Rose Smith
 - For an end to abortion
- Ben Byam
 - Kent Frank
 - Larry Wagner
 - Magdalen Hill
 - Ed Smith
 - Joe Rivera
 - Joan Schafer
 - Pat Weir

This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Third Day

If I were to ask, what is the most familiar link to the “third day” in the pages of the Bible, what would be people’s response? It is a common phrase. Here are some examples:

1. Genesis 1:12 – On the third day, the land bears plants and trees which produce fruit.
2. Genesis 22:1-12 – On the third day, Isaac is spared being sacrificed and in his place a ram is offered as a burnt offering.
3. Genesis 19:11 – On the third day, Moses tells the people to be ready for the Lord will come down on Mount Siani for all to see.
4. Esther 5:1 – On the third day, Esther enters the presence of the king for the purpose of saving the Israelite people.
5. Hosea 6:2 – Hosea’s expectation is the Lord raising the people after they have been torn and struck down.

Most people’s response to the question I posed would be on the third day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. I wouldn’t put up an argument. This weekend is the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. How does the story begin? John 2:1 states, “On the **third day** there was a wedding in Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there.” There it is again, the “third day.” And with the phrase, we launch into the first miracle of Jesus Christ. Over my almost thirty years as a priest, I have officiated at many weddings. I like to remind couples your most important goal in life is to get your spouse to heaven. Fail at that and you have failed at your most important work.

What strikes me about the Wedding Feast miracle is the words of Mary. She makes two statements. Let us look at each.

A. In John 2:3, Mary makes the most obvious of remarks, “They have no wine.” Her words are meant to illicit a response. Jesus, do something about this. It is difficult for a son to refuse the request of his mother. Even while saying in John 2:4, “Woman (meaning his mother), how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.”, Jesus’ intention is to set to work.

B. In John 2:6, we have the final recorded words of Mary in the Bible. They read, “Do whatever he, Jesus, tells you.” Jesus tells the servers to fill the six jars with water and the rest is history. The water is changed into wine.

Sticking with the words of Mary, what does Jesus tell us? Ask a group of young children and they would list the following:

1. Obey your parents.
2. Don’t fight.
3. Share what you have.
4. Be fair.

As adults, we would add:

1. Learn how to love as Jesus loved – sacrificially not selfishly.
2. Seek the good of the other without counting the cost.
3. Forgive, with no exceptions.
4. Learn to be just.
5. Keep in mind the poor.

These are only a few. Others could be added. As a priest, I have learned:

- a. Serve your people. Don’t expect them to serve you.
- b. Treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- c. Ask forgiveness when you hurt someone.

And that is where Jesus leaves us this week. In every situation we encounter during the week ahead ask, “What is Jesus telling me.” He is speaking. What we need to do is listen. Pray that we be faithful in the task.

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

You are filled with the Spirit! What is your gift? What is your ministry? Pray for wisdom and knowledge, faith and healing power. Pray to know how God wants you to use your gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

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 26, 2024

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Brynn Erickson Aubrey Erickson	Rogan Brown Josianna DeWall
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ROSARY	Marlys Olson	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Nick Riordan
GREETERS		Chad and Katelin Brown & family



CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 28/52	\$ 436	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,973
YTD	\$	\$ 116,593	\$ 86,866

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL—FINAL 2024

	Goal	Donated
St. Francis Xavier	\$ 13,413	\$ 11,527
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$ 9,629	\$ 10,140
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 5,822	\$ 6,578



ADORATION SCHEDULE

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



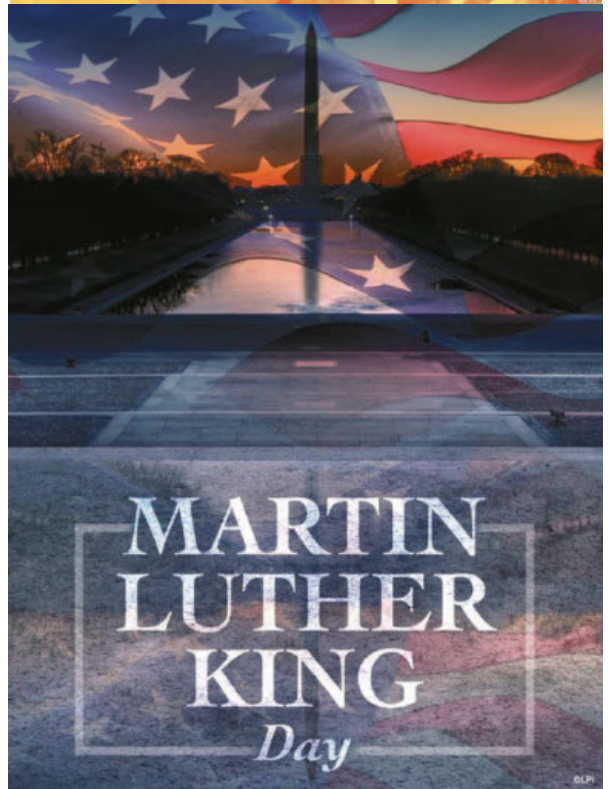
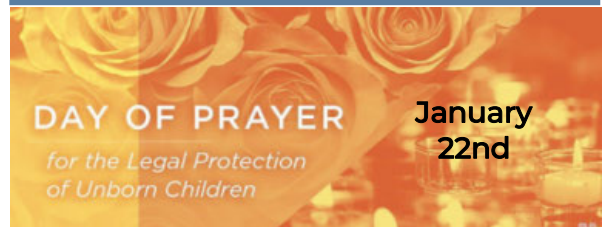
Saturday February 8th
4:00-4:45



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



Second Collection Notice:

There will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America (50%) and Catholic Communications Campaign (50%) next weekend on **JANUARY 25TH-26TH**. Please give as you are able. You may also give via mail:

CCC
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USCB
PO BOX 96278
Washington, DC 20090

CLA
Office of Nat. Collections
USCB
PO BOX 96278
Washington, DC 20090

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **FEB 8** from 4:00-4:45. thank you to our parishioners.

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

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

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!

IF SCHOOL IS RUNNING late or closed on Thurs, there will be no morning Mass. For Saturday Mass closing, please listen to the Worthington Radio Stations and the announcement will also be posted on Facebook.



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

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!

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**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fun Sunday has been set for February 23rd with a snow date of March 2nd. Raffle donations can be given to Lisa Carlson and raffle tickets have been mailed. We are asking for \$5 donation from each family for bingo prizes, as well.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS have been mailed. Thank you!

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

FAITH FORMATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE for your generous giving to our Advent mantel. We're going to continue this effort for another week 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.

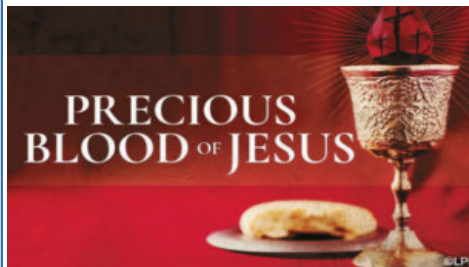
Thank you again for your generosity!!!

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...

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH. Pope Francis has reminded the Church that, "Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime." What does the Catholic Church and our faith say about Human Trafficking? How can we break the Bonds of Human Trafficking and keep each other safe? What can we as the church and you as an individual do to end human trafficking? Join Maria Stumpf-Ahmed from Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota on January 22 at 6:30pm to learn more about this topic at St. Francis Xavier Church. All are welcome.

COFFEE AND ROLLS: There will be coffee and rolls served after Mass this Sunday, 1/19/2025. Please join us.

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



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

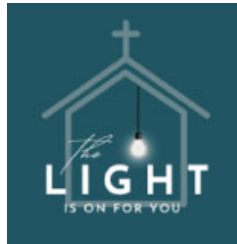
"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **THE NEXT WEEKENDS ARE FEB 14-16, 2025 IN WINDOM, MN** For more 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 19th, go to:
<https://www.respectlife.org/day-4> for the 4th 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: THE YEAR OF MISSION

What will you do to be the hands and feet of Jesus?

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."

MNRTL: (Minnesota Right to Life) (Correction)

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.

Editors Note: The acronym for MNRTL was corrected above. You are encouraged to research MNRTL via [MCCL.org/mrtl](https://www.mccl.org/mrtl) and <https://www.mnrtl.org/about-us/> to form your own decisions to where you wish to send your prayers and support.

NRLC, The National Right to Life's mission statement is: Protecting and defending the original masterpiece of life. See more at <https://nrlc.org/about/mission/>.

The MNRTL and the NRLC are not affiliated.

Breaking the Bonds
Of Human Trafficking

Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30pm at
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Windom, MN

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