

FEBRUARY 9, 2025 | FIFTH 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 - FEBRUARY 11 – 16, 2025

11	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Lonnie Ahrens
12	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	Living/Deceased of the Bauman/Bonnell Families
13	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Paul & Laverne Schaffer
14	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff
15	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Jared Bohn
16	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Clayton & Ann Mathias
16	<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 Zschetsche
- Roxann Irwin
- Lupita Flores
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Briar Rose Smith
- Ben Byam
- Kent Frank
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Ed Smith
- Joe Rivera
- Joan Schafer
- Pat Weir
- For an end to abortion

This week's readings:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11

Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

I Was Once Presented...

When you hear the heading I just presented, one thinks many things. I was presented:

- A Gift.
- A Stern Warning.
- An Award.
- A Job Offer.

None of that is what I am going to present today. Last weekend celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem. The day marks forty days after Christmas. I was once "presented." No, it wasn't in the Temple. It wasn't a gift, stern warning, award, or job offer. I was presented "an offer."

In my undergraduate years at Saint John's University, during the month of January, we used to have what was called "J-Term." We took only one class and never received a grade. You either received a Pass or Fail. It was enjoyable because it was a much lighter load than semester work and one could spend time with friends. I recall two of my J-Term classes. The first was a business class. The second was a study in the ways of the Benedictines where one spent time with the monks in the monastery at St. John's. The third J-Term? For the life of me, I can't remember. St. John's implemented a change during my senior year whereby one only needed to graduate with three J-Term's completed. I had fulfilled my obligation thus decided I would take the month of January off and spend time with family. It was then that I was presented "an offer." My mother and father had never been away on vacation (just the two of them) since their wedding. In conversation together, my mother, father, and I batted around the idea of them taking a significant vacation while I was home during J-Term. I was finally asked, or presented, the question, "Would you (Peter) be willing to take care of the hogs, move snow, and take care of your brother while mom and dad took vacation?" I said, "Certainly." With that, they were gone on a tour of the southern part of the United States.

The task was in front of me. This was a time when we regularly received snow over the winter months. Fox hunting was a priority. I tried to go every day; however, I had to remember responsibilities. They were:

- Get my brother off to school
- Pick up his gun safe at school which he made in carpentry class.
- Check on the hogs.
- Bed them each night.
- Grind feed.
- Make certain the barns kept a warmth to them.
- Clean barns.

When it came to point (F) cleaning barns, my father used to wait until I arrived home for the weekend. We would together clean the hog barns and grind feed. While I was home over J-Term, I tried to do everything on my own. I wanted this to be a "vacation" for my brother too. That meant, along with hog chores, I had to cook for my brother each evening. Overall, things went well and I can't remember any hiccups. It was a fun three weeks.

The story reminded me of when I was younger and my father went away on either a hunting or fishing trip for three or four days. My mother stayed home still I was "presented" a responsibility. I would have to do the hog chores. I was really young and this was a big responsibility. It didn't entail grinding feed or cleaning barns. I was asked to:

- Check the waters.
- Make certain the feeders were flowing so the hogs could eat.
- Bed the hogs each night.
- Keep an eye on one hog which was ill.

When it came to the hog that was ill, the hog was really sick. My father told me that it might need a vaccination with penicillin. The first night I didn't think it necessary. By the second night, I knew something had to be done. I had never given a vaccination before to any hog. This was my first time. I did everything my father told me to do yet after I was finished, I didn't know if I had given the hog any penicillin or not. So, I did it a second time. Then a third time. Poor hog. It was so sick that it didn't really put up a fight. Yet, I had done it. The task had been done. Did the hog survive? Sadly, it didn't. It was too late by the time I had "done my duty" but I was proud I had done what I could.

When I think of the story of Jesus, the number of his healings were remarkable. Unlike me, when people were healed, healing happened. Such was the power of Jesus Christ. His healing power continues today. May he heal us of our frailties, sins, and hardened hearts so we may be ready when he comes in glory.

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to ordained or religious life do not be afraid. Jesus calls, and leads the way. (Luke 5:1-11)

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: May 31st St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato - To register, go to: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html>

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 - February 16, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Katherine Krumbach Aubrey Erickson	Josianna DeWall Marcus Hoppe
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VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		Lenny and Betty Thiner

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	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 31/52	\$ 703	\$ 1,833	\$ 5,356
YTD	\$	\$ 126,300	\$ 100,695

LATIN AMERICA / CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION (collection 1/25—1/26)

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 329
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$ 155
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 90

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday March 2nd
11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Saturday March 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

MINI REFLECTION

What does it mean to lower your net? I means to listen to God, even when you don't understand Him. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing. It mean to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you.

The Catch

I love today's Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I'm ready to call it quits. I'm ready to say it's too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk some sense into him. "It's not going to work, God," I insist. "I've been trying."

"You've been trying," Jesus agrees. "But you haven't asked for my help yet."

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I'm the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship Peter probably thought so, too—he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He choses to show you.

It means to listen to God's instructions, even when you don't understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn't born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us. – Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on this weekend, the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month **FEB 8** from 4:00-4:45.



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

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

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.

YOUR YEAR-END CHURCH SUPPORT STATEMENTS are on the table in the front entrance and the side entrance also. Please pick yours up. Thank you.

A SOUP AND PIE SUPPER will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025 at the Brewster Trinity Lutheran Church from 4-7pm. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults.



HERON LAKE

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

MEETINGS: CCW will meet on Tuesday, February 18th at 7 PM.

MISSION QUILT SEWING will be on Tuesdays, at Steger Hall, weather permitting, starting 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 the Rectory. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Fun Sunday has been set for February 23rd with a snow date of March 2nd. The theme this year is "Hooked on Jesus." 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.

FEB/MAR LITURGICAL ROLES are now available to pick up in the entrance of the church.

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, **MARCH 2ND** from 11:00-12:00.

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...

WE HAVE A PARISHIONER THAT WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE with driving a family member to Fairmont 1-2 times a week for dialysis. Please contact Judy in the office for the contact and for more information. Thank you.

THE ANNUAL KC VALENTINE'S SWEET-HEART DINNER is Saturday, February 15th, 6:30 Social and 7:00 Dinner at Jack Slades Steakhouse. All Knights and their guest are invited. RSVP to David Green, davetcgreen@gmail.com

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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.

DAY ON THE HILL:

Interested in joining people from faith communities around the state to share their values with our elected officials? Join us for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Day on the Hill! It will be held on February 27 at Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. We'll gather for fellowship, hear from speakers, learn about JRLC's policy priorities and get advocacy tips before heading up the hill to the Capitol for more programming in the Rotunda and visits with your lawmakers. Don't miss this incredible day of interfaith advocacy for social justice! More info at jrlc.org/day_on_the_hill_2025



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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EUCHARISTIC RIVAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION



Have you thought about being an Eucharistic Minister?

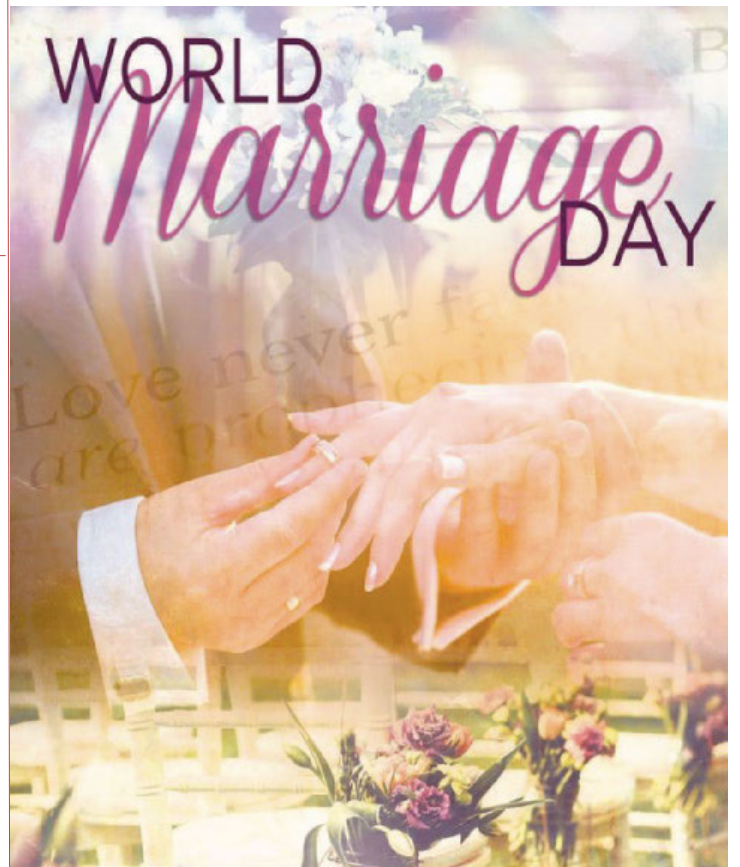
To culminate our assemblies in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy, we continue to call the People of God to minister both in the liturgy and beyond. Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are involved and an

important ministry within parish life. Consider volunteering to be one for your church. Thank you.

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>

FEB 9TH IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY.



Ash Wednesday Schedule March 5th

- 9:00 Am Sacred Heart Heron Lake
- 5:15 PM St. Francis Xavier Church Windom
- 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Church Brewster



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