

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 | SIXTH 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 18 – 23, 2025

18	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	Special Intention
19	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	Intentions of Eugene & Kathy Walter
20	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	NO MASS
21	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Greg Schoborg
22	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ MaryAnne McNab
23	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
23	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Thomas Brown

TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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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
- Pat Weir
- Ed Smith
- 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
- Margaret Juhnke
- John Zschetzsche
- Roxann Irwin
- Lupita Flores
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Briar Rose Smith
- For our veterans & police forces
- Ben Byam
- Kent Frank
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Mike Stone
- Joe Rivera
- Joan Schafer
- For an end to abortion

This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

So, What Is It Like?

Last week's gospel is one of my favorite gospel stories. It is titled "The Call of the Fisherman." The name of the fisherman was Peter. In Peter's story, I have come to appreciate how much Jesus understood human nature. Let me explain. You have the opportunity to go fishing one day per week. The last two opportunities have been met by rain and lightning. No fishing! This is your chance. You look over your boat and marvel at all that you have.

1. Three tackle boxes full of lures.
2. Six rods, each having a different lure for a different presentation of fishing.
3. Rod holders on each side of the boat.
4. Two nets – one for smaller fish and one for larger fish.
5. Enough fuel in the engine with the capacity to troll all night.

With everything in order, it is time to hook onto to the trailer and head to the lake.

You arrive at the lake and everything is perfect. Perfect breeze, perfect weather. A few clouds and eighty-five degrees. You get underway and within five minutes of trolling you have your first 17-inch walleye. Perfect size for a fish fry. You continue trolling and within two hours have five walleyes in the livewell. You decide to try something a little different. You pitch a jig up towards shore and after five casts net your sixth and final walleye for the livewell. You can't believe how well the boat has run and equipment worked. It was a day you could only dream possible.

You drive towards the dock and see someone standing at the landing. As you step onto the dock, the man approaches and says, "Leave it all behind and come follow me." In that situation, after such a perfect day, what might be your response? Why would I want to leave all of this? I want to give this another opportunity next week.

Picture the same scenario only a week later. Another perfect day for fishing. You are optimistic that you will have your limit of walleyes in under three hours. After two hours of trolling, you haven't had a single bite. You change it up, pitch a jig towards shore, and catch nothing. You try every possible presentation imaginable and never catch a fish. You can't believe it. Frustrated, you head towards the dock. As you step onto the dock, the same man approaches and asks, "Will you leave all behind and follow me?" You might take seriously his offer. After all, what good is all of this (boat, lures, rods, nets, etc.), if you can't catch a fish which has the brain the size of a marble.

Such is the story of St. Peter. Did Jesus call Peter to follow him after one of Peter's best nights fishing? Of course not. He approaches Peter after he had fished all night and caught nothing. Down and frustrated, Jesus has Peter where he wants him. Open to an offer after a horrible night's fishing, we learn that Jesus is more than a "super psychologist." Having ordered Peter to lower the nets, the haul is so great that it is beyond anything one could imagine. And that is when it happens, Peter leaves it all and follows Jesus.

The above pericope is found in Luke 5:1-11. Move ahead a chapter in Luke's work and we come to the gospel of today – Luke 6:17, 20-26. Moving away from water, we now find ourselves on a plain, on land. Here we are met not by a call, not by a miracle catch, rather by a teaching. We come face to face with Luke's version of the Beatitudes. When Jesus addresses "the blessed", our world today would incorporate the following:

1. Those with wealth.
2. Those with power.
3. Those with strength and might.
4. Those who have it all.

This isn't the language of Jesus Christ. To such, his words are woe – woe to you who are rich, filled with plenty, those who laugh, and those who are always filled with praise. The "blessed" for Jesus Christ are the following:

- A. The poor.
- B. The hungry.
- C. The weeping.
- D. Those who are hated on account of Jesus Christ.

Why these people? They are the ones who rely on God. When we have it all, we tend to leave God out of the picture. When times are difficult, it is much easier to keep God in the picture, to turn to God. Let us be clear. God doesn't desire life to be difficult and full of drudgery, every moment of a person's life. He wants us to be filled with joy and peace. The trick to life is that wherever we find ourselves – the good or bad – we keep God at the center of our lives. To the task, let us be faithful.

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

Saint Luke tells us today where true blessing lies—and where the fleeting rewards of the world. Blessed are we who respond to God's call; happy shall we be. (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - February 23, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Nathan Madsen Cora Haberman	Rogan Brown
LECTOR	Loren Liepold Larry Liepold	Claire Veenker
CANTOR		Nadine Forman
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Larry Liepold Suzanne Iverson Jeff Hotzler Kevin Leopold	Mary Brown Shari Kneeland Judy Green
USHERS	Ryan Haberman John Wagner Robert Liepold Martha Liepold	Tom Riordan Jackie Jurgens Pat Spencer Laurie Redmond
CONTRIBUTIONS	Dennis Damm Rhonda Damm Kemo Leopold	Elaine Tasler Kevin or Heather Bristow
SACRISTANS		Tim and Sharon Jenniges
ROSARY	Cleo Miranowski	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Nick Riordan
GREETERS		Gale and Patty Symens

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	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 32/52	\$ 805	\$ 1,375	\$ 4,202
YTD	\$	\$ 127,675	\$ 104,897

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

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 334
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$ 155
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 90



On March 5th, Ash Wednesday's Collection will be given to the Holy Land

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

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. **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.



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered each weekend, the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month continuing **MARCH 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.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON THURSDAY February 20th due to a Funeral in Slayton that day.

167 YEARS AGO: OUR LADY OF LOURDES

From 2/11/1858 to 2/16/1858 a 14 year old girl, the daughter of a miller, in Lourdes, France reported 18 Apparitions of The Virgin Mary. The girl's name was Bernadette Soubirous and the visions were at the grotto of Massabielle just outside Lourdes.



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.

NO FAITH FORMATION: Wednesday, February 12th and Sunday, February 16th due to the long President's day weekend.



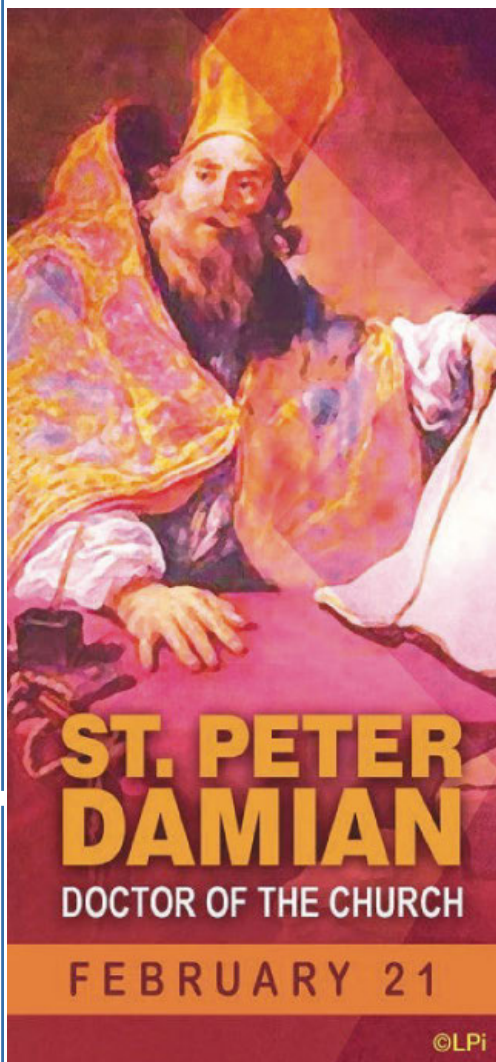
WINDOM

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.

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Do not let your weakness make you impatient...let words of thanks break from your lips. - St. Peter Damian

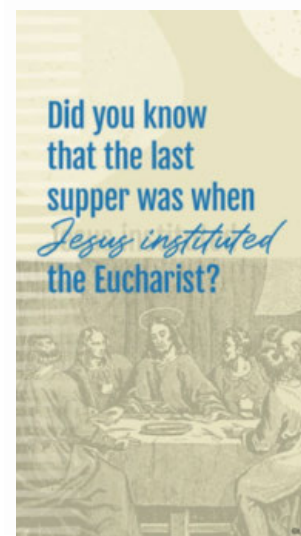
NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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/



EUCCHARISTIC RIVAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION



The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary outline major events leading up to the Institution of the Eucharist.

- 1st Mystery:** Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan.
- 2nd Mystery:** The Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana.
- 3rd Mystery:** The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.
- 4th Mystery:** the Transfiguration.
- 5th Mystery:** The Institution of the Eucharist.

There can be no Eucharist without sacrifice. "The mystery of suffering can only be met by the mystery of care; not by avoiding the darkness altogether." (McAleese 8th president of Ireland, 2011).

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>

2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT

Holy Family

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

DATES & LOCATIONS

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: St. Edward Parish in Austin, MN

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT
Date: Saturday, March 8th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, MN

ST. MARY RETREAT
Date: Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN

WALK TO MARY PILGRIMAGE
Date: Friday, May 2nd to Sunday, May 4th
Location: Champlin, WI

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE!
www.dowr.org/event-details/3769

DISCIPLESHIP QUADS/BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN:

'Discipleship Quads' are a group of four men or women who meet together over the course of a year to study Scripture, dig deeply into the Faith and grow together in fellowship. We are opening this opportunity up to all our area parishes and hoping to connect like minded Catholic men and women to create new relationships. There is a guided program used in a Quad group. **(Learn more at <https://steubenvilleconferences.net/discipleship-quads/>)** If being involved in a study group like this is something you may enjoy doing, please contact Peg Olsem (stgabrielfaith@gmail.com) or Marcie Cowan (faith@acmcatholic.org), and we will get your name on a list for a possible new group. **ALL** are most welcome! Once we have enough folks to create a "Quad" group, we will connect you with one another, and your group, together, can determine the best meeting times/locations for yourselves. The webinar link to Quad information is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zijGJT0IPHY&t=5s>

Shadow Stations of the Cross

Presented by St. Ann-Slayton, St. Gabriel-Fulda, IHM-Currie, & St. Anthony-Westbrook Confirmation Class--
Wednesday,
March 12, 2025, 7 pm
St. Ann, Slayton, MN

One performance only!!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, IONA MN

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION
Iona Township Hall and Community Center Iona, MN
(formerly known as St. Columba Hall)
Saturday, March 1, 2025 6-8pm
SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES

All the favorites-- CAKE WALK--MINNOW RACES--THE BLESSING STATION --KISS THE PIG CONTEST --COTTON CANDY- FINGERNAIL PAINTING--New this year: DIGITAL PICTURES- PLUS MUCH MORE!
GREAT menu--Low prices
Smoked pork sandwiches
Nachos w/meat and cheese
Grilled hot dogs Chips
Dessert Bars
Pop/water/Gatorade



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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