## MARCH 9, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT







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 - MARCH 11 - 16, 2025

11	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	Joe & Alice Salentiny
12	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	Don & Maurita Volk 65th Wedding Anniversary
13	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	<ul> <li>Doe &amp; Rose Weinandt</li> </ul>
14	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	🕆 Dominic Rivera
15	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	🕆 Laurie Haberman
16	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
16	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	🕆 Shirley Fisher

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. <u>If you prefer it be rescheduled</u>, please let your respective parish office know.

## TRI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

#### Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Maxine Frank
   Linda Unger
- Brad Baumgard
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Pat Weir
- Briar Rose Smith 
   Joan Schafer

Lisa Rothenberger •

Margaret Juhnke •

John Zschetzsche

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Ed Smith • For our veterans & police forces For victims of war in Ukraine • For an end to abortion

Roxann Irwin

Lupita Flores

- For victums of war in Okraine
   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

## TRI PARISH INFORMATION

### PASTOR

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## WINDOM OFFICE:

Judy Green: Office Administrator Phone: 507-831-1985 Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM (out of the office from 11:00—12:00) New e-mail: secretaryfrancis2024@gmail.com Website: www.sfxwindom.org Joan Hunter: Faith Formation Chair E-mail: stfrancisff@gmail.com FB: St. Francis Xavier Parish

#### <sup>•</sup> This week's readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

### Next week's readings:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36



Kent Frank

**Mike Stone** 

Joe Rivera

Larry Wagner

Maadalen Hill

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

### Weekly Words from The Rock:

#### Taming the Tongue

Father Ed Broom, OMV wrote an article entitled, <u>Taming the Tongue: 10 Fatal Abuses of Speech</u>. With Lent upon us, I want to challenge each of us by looking into our interior lives and finding the face of Jesus Christ. This article can help as an examination of conscience so let us delve into the words of Father Broom.

Saint James warns us that we should be slow to speak and quick to listen. *The Imitation of Christ* asserts that few have ever regretted refraining from speaking. On the other hand, many regret having opened their mouths when they should have kept them shut. Still more, Jesus warns us that every word that comes forth from our mouth will be judged; and Jesus says: "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

Finally, St. Bonaventure asserts that we should open our mouths on three occasions: to praise God, to accuse ourselves and finally, to edify others. Hopefully, this will be our criteria for speaking! The primary purpose for the gift of speech that God has given to the human person is to communicate the truth with love.

I would like to briefly go over the ten fatal flaws that result from improper speech. In each instance, our goal is to find the preventative medicine rather than curative. <u>The reason being is that once a word has been issued forth from the mouth, it cannot be retrieved.</u> Much like when a rock is launched in the direction of a window pane, it cannot be returned to the hand but it instead goes out and shatters the glass in nearly an instant. So when it comes to taming the tongue, it is far better to prevent the stones of our words then to try to repair the damage.

Lying. Lies should be avoided at all costs. A lie perverts the proper end and purpose of human speech by falsifying the truth that ought to be spoken. If all were to lie then human solidarity and unity would be impossible because nobody could trust anybody's word and we would then always be living with the suspicion that the other who speaks is deceiving. Jesus said that the devil is the father of lies. Therefore, in a very real sense liars are sons and daughters of the devil! A strong statement, but true.

Telling White Lies. Many will justify the lie by saying it is only a white lie, that nobody will be hurt, or even the white lie was said to avoid harm to the other person. There was a moment when Charlie Brown told Lucy that what he told was only a white lie. Lucy responded: "Charlie, I did not know that lies come in colors." In sum, your speech should always communicate the truth in the big as well as in the small things. Jesus reminds us that those who are faithful in the small will be faithful in the large.

Shouting and Yelling. Frustrated people who have little self-control often have recourse to yelling or shouting, with the hope of moving the listeners to action; this might also be the case of parents with their children. The end is to get those subject to the shouting, to submit in obedience, which rarely results as planned. On the contrary, people will pay even less attention to the overly-emotional and uncontrolled shouting. Rather than losing control of our emotions, it is far better to give fraternal correction but with calmness and peace. In this way, you show love, even while giving parental or fraternal correction, while also maintaining control over your tongue.

Slander or Calumny. At all costs, we should strive to maintain and defend not only our own good reputation but also the reputation of others. All have a right to the defense of their good name. But how quickly somebody's good name can be undone by the slander of another! Therefore, calumny or slander can be defined as "character assassination" – that is to say, killing the good name of another. Actually, in this light, slander not only violates the Eighth Commandment – "Thou shall not bear false witness against his neighbor" – but it can be seen as a violation of The Fifth Commandment – "Thou shall not kill." Even the Book of Proverbs tells us the harm that is done by slander, "A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow."

Speaking Gossip. All too prevalent in our modern society are those who have become the gossiper. Such a person always finds the negative act and motivations in the other person and then speaks about that behind their back. Gossipers cause damage in many ways:

- They hurt God, the source of truth who hears all things.
- They hurt themselves by sinning by their speech.
- They hurt the persons listening to the gossip.
- Finally, and most obviously, they hurt the person against whom they are gossiping.

If you are a gossiper, or you even listen to gossip, stop right now! The Bible is clear about avoiding this: "Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people" (Leviticus 19:16). Remember, Jesus says, that every careless word that comes from your mouth will be judged. Be prepared for judgment day!

Let us pause at this point and pick up with the final five abuses of speech next week.

Peace be to you! Father Peter Schuster

## **VOCATION VIEW**

What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support. (Luke 4:1-13)

# **LITURGICAL LIFE**

## LITURGICAL ROLES - March 16, 2025

Brewster Saturday   5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday   8:00 am		Windom Sunday   10:00 am					
SERVERS	Samantha Krumbach Katherine Krumbach		Josianna DeWall Seth Hoppe					
LECTOR	Andrea Christoffer Marlys Olson		Candy Riordan					
CANTOR		<u></u>	Laurie Murphy					
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Andrea Christoffer Marlys Olson Suzanne Iverson Donna Damm		Nadine Forman Dianne Beens John Duscher					
USHERS	Thomas Krumbach Dennis Damm Rhonda Damm John Wagner		Mike Bregel Dave Green Daniel Green Jean Hoppe					
CONTRIBUTIONS	Kevin Leopold Colette Leopold Mark Haberman		Kevin or Heather Bristow Rod or Mary Theesfeld					
SACRISTANS			Sherri Zimmermar Shari Kneeland	 า				
ROSARY	Marlys Olson		David Bockelmanr	 ו				
VIDEO STREAMING			Tom Zimmerman					
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## **ADORATION SCHEDULE**

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



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 this weekend, the SEC-OND SATURDAY of the month MARCH 8 from 4:00-4:45.

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

THE FEBURARY ISSUE OF THE DIOCE-SAN 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.



Winona-Rochester Council of Catholic Women Women's Lenten Retreat

Engage Your Faith: Beeper Connection Through Your Senses April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart Catholic Church 520 10° St, Brewster MN

All are invited to this Lenten spiritual event. There will be an opportunity to attend Mass, spend time in Adoration, and complete Reconciliation.

ON MONDAY, APRIL 14TH, SACRED HEART HERON LAKE WILL BE HOST-ING THE CHRISM MASS. A lunch will be served to Bishop Barron and our diocesan priests. They are asking our parish for 2-3 people to assist serving the meal. Please contact Loretta if you are willing to help with this. After the meal you can attend the Chrism Mass. It really is a beautiful and holy Mass.

WE WILL BEGIN OUR LENTEN TUES-DAYS, Mar. 11th at 6:30 pm with the rosary, Stations of the Cross and the daily readings. Please join us as we journey together through the Lenten season.

## HERON LAKE

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 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!

**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.

THANK YOU to the CCW for another wonderful Fun Sunday celebration. We were blessed with a wonderful turn out and appreciate all the helpers throughout the day who make this a successful event! Blessings to everyone who contributed!

**COFFEE AND ROLLS** today after Mass will be hosted by Dianne Freking. Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Judy Anderson and Marsha Edwards. Still looking for hosts for March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please let Melanie Krumbach or Dianne Freking know if you are interested.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on March 12th at 7:00 PM led by the Krumbach family.

CHRISM MASS: Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake will be hosting the Chrism Mass this year on Monday, April 14th at 2 PM. We are looking for volunteers to help out with numerous responsibilities that day so if you are available to help please let the office know. THANK YOU!

> HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Holy Thursday—04/17/2025 Heron Lake ONLY—7:00 PM

Good Friday—04/18/2025 Brewster—3:30 PM Heron Lake—5:00 PM Windom—7:00 PM

Easter Vigil (Sat.) - 04/19/2025 Heron Lake ONLY—8:00 PM

Easter Sunday—04/20/2025 Brewster—8:00 AM Windom—10:00 AM

## WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on each FIRST SUNDAY of the month. The next adoration is, APRIL 6TH from 11:00-12:00. Come and spend some time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend.

**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 MN KNIGHTS FOUNDATION RAF-FLE TICKETS are available. See Tim Jenniges if you are interested. They are \$5.00 each. Tickets will be available for purchase through 3/12/2025.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place before Mass for the first 5 weeks of Lent starting at 9:30am. Please plan to attend. All ages welcome.

#### WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS:

If school is cancelled, on Fridays, Mass at the Sogge Home is also cancelled. If school is cancelled on Tuesday, Fr. Schuster said he will still come weather permitting. Also on Tuesday, if school is cancelled, Fr. Antony could celebrate Mass in Windom if he isn't away. Please call the priest or the church office if you have any questions.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet at 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 11th.

THIS YEAR'S CHRISM MASS is hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake on Monday April 14th. All parishioners of the tri-parish are encouraged to join in the celebration. There are signup sheets in the main entrance for volunteer opportunities.

CLAS (CATHOLIC LADIES AFTERNOON SOCIAL) will get together TUEsday, March 11 @ 2:00 pm in the church hall, to play games and enjoy each other's company. (2nd Tuesday of every month) Ya'll come!

PLEASE JOIN THE FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 12TH FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm All are welcome.

JOIN US AFTER MASS TODAY FOR BREAKFAST put on by the Faith Formation class.

**REMINDER, PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL** at the entrances of the church to contribute to Catholic Relief Services' Lenten campaign.

# NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES



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THE WOMEN'S **LENTEN SPIRITU-**AL RETREAT is for all Catholic women in the area. The retreat will be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Brewster on Saturday April 5th at 9:00am. There will be an opportunity to attend Mass, spend time in Adoration, and complete Reconcilia-Sacred tion. Hear Church is located at 520 10th street in Brewster.



## **DATES & LOCATIONS**

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT Date: Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Location: St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna, MN

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE! www.dowr.org/event\_details/3769



Date: Saturday, April 12th, 900 a.m. - 300 p.m. Location: SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth, MN

WALK TO MARY PILORIMAGE

## 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!** 

THE LAKEFIELD KNIGHTS OF CO-LUMBUS are sponsoring two upcoming events at St. Joseph's Church Basement.

### MARCH 9TH IS THEIR MARCH MAD-

NESS BINGO at 1:00 pm. There are March Madness surprises and great prizes including the coverall jackpot of \$100.00.

#### MARCH 14TH IS THEIR FRIDAY FISH

FRY from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. The menu is all you can eat fish, baked potato, and sides and dessert.

Adults \$15 - Children 6-12 \$10 - 5 and under free.

Proceeds donated for both events will go to community youth and family organizations.

## EUCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION



The Rice Bowl Campaign is a wonderful way to practice your mission. This is a collection during Lent. This is not a parish collection, but a Lenten program run in the schools and parishes. Catholic Relief Services provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects, which support agriculture, nutrition, education, and self-sufficiency in

communities around the world.

75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.

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. This year's theme is "ANSWERING GOD'S CALL"

You may also give online at: https://catholicfsmn.org

#### 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

### MARRIAGE BOOSTER RETREAT AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH at 203 E Brown St, Luverne, MN 56156. This retreat is Saturday, March 29th, 9:15 am to 4:30 pm (Following Mass). A light breakfast and lunch is included. For registration information call 507-283-8502. The cost is to be determined per couple. You can also email katiebaustian@gmail.com with guestions.

The Marriage Booster Retreat is uplifting, encouraging, faith-filled, and fun!



THE SYNOD. Bishop Barron asks that parishioners participate in a survey during the season of Lent prior to hold-

ing regional gathering of parish delegates 📷 and appointed members from all over the Diocese. The survey is online and accessible via the qr code. You may also access the survey through the dowr.org webpage.





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