

MARCH 16, 2025 | SECOND 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 18 – 23, 2025

18	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff
19	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Marion Freking
20	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Ferdie & Lois Haberman
21	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	Special Intention
22	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
23	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Ed Freking Jr
23	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Ed Grunewald

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
- Brad Baumgard
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Pat Weir
- Ed Smith
- Paige Hill
- 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
- For an end to abortion
- Ben Byam
- Kent Frank
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Mike Stone
- Joe Rivera
- Joan Schafer



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This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Taming the Tongue – Part 2

Father Ed Broom, OMV wrote an article entitled, Taming the Tongue: 10 Fatal Abuses of Speech. 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. Last week we looked at the first five ways that our tongues can abuse speech. This week we take up the final five so let us delve into the words of Father Broom.

Sarcasm in Speech. Sarcasm is using irony and mockery to show contempt. Utilizing sarcasm wounds charity; it is like adding salt to the opened wound. It hurts, burns and smarts! The sarcastic person belittles, disparages and pokes fun at others, gets the listeners to laugh and degrades others and their innate dignity. Before giving in to sarcasm, apply the Golden Rule. How would you like it if you were to be the butt of a sarcastic joke? Do to others what you want them to do to you. So speak to others and about them as you would like to be spoken to and about.

Breaking Confidence. If what you have heard is meant to be kept in confidence, not revealed, or to be kept in secret, then it's best to keep your mouth shut and sealed. Priests must maintain the seal of the confessional. Professionals are obliged to maintain confidence in many cases. In this case, the common proverb, *silence is golden*, is indeed very true. Therefore, in taming the tongue to prevent this fatal flaw, we sometimes are obliged to simply remain silent.

Blasphemy. Of the utmost serious flaw of the tongue is that of blasphemy. What then is blasphemy? In Father John Hardon's *Pocket Catholic Dictionary*, we read: "Blasphemy is speaking against God in a contemptuous, scornful, or abusive manner. Included under blasphemy are offenses committed by thought, word or action, serious contemptuous ridicule of the saints, sacred objects, or of persons consecrated to God is also blasphemous because God is indirectly attacked. Blasphemy is a grave violation of charity against God. Its gravity may be judged by capital punishment in the Old Testament, severe penalties in the Church, and in many cases also of the State." A concrete example of this was the abuse and the desecration of a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary by pouring blood over the statue on Christmas Eve in Oklahoma. Through this act, the Church was mocked and Our Lord's mother was attacked.

Abusive and Vulgar Language. While not as serious as blasphemy, a great abuse of the tongue is the all-too prevalent proliferation of vulgar language. Often words are used to degrade the human person as well as the intimate act that God has designed for procreation of new human beings. This is wrong and should be brought to a screeching halt for those who are in the habit of using such ugly and indecent language. We should never forget that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. As Catholics, our tongues partake of the Body and Blood of Jesus whenever we receive Holy Communion. As part of our preparation for Holy Communion we should tame the tongue to be ready to receive such a great gift. We should act according to the dignity of who we are temples of the Living God. We ought to also act according to our dignity as future citizens of Heaven, our eternal home with God.

Bragging and Boasting. Another form of speech that we should be careful of is that of bragging or boasting. What is this form of speech? It is when we are praising and placing ourselves above all, lauding and adulating our own supposed greatness. In this we attribute all of our successes, merits, and rewards to our own greatness. This is very displeasing to God because it is the epitome of pride! God lifts up the lowly but despises the proud of heart. Our Lady in her *Magnificat* expresses this truth: "For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness...He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly." Our attitude of heart should be that of the Psalmist: "Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name give glory."

May our speech this Lent radiate the grandeur and power of God!

Simple Things

In the March 2025 publication of Our Sunday Visitor, Father Augustine Wetta, on pages 6-7, shares some simple life lessons. I share three of his simple things.

1. Going to bed on time. I'm convinced that 50% of holiness is simply getting to bed on time. It's harder to be nice, harder to focus, harder to pray, harder in general when I'm tired; everything's easier when I'm rested.
2. Nothing. I mean that literally. I was once asked, "If you had 30 seconds to tell everyone in the world something, what would it be?" I said, "I'd give everyone in the world 30 seconds of silence." To sit alone in silence is the easiest, and most difficult, thing I can do right now to draw closer to God.
3. Listening. An old monk once told me, "When you meet a wise man, listen to him, and you will learn wisdom; when you meet a foolish man, listen to him, and you will learn patience; when you are alone, listen to God, and you'll learn everything else."

This is pretty good advice to live a life dedicated to our faith and God. Good luck!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

This is my beloved Son, hear him. Take some time to hear the beloved Son speaking to you. What does he say?
(Luke 9:28-36)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - March 23, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Cora Haberman Nathan Madsen	Marcus Hoppe
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SACRISTANS		Sherri Zimmerman Shari Kneeland
ROSARY	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	Stations at 9:30am
VIDEO STREAMING		Nick Riordan
GREETERS		Tim and Sharon Jenniges



CHURCH SUPPORT

Brewster Heron Lake Windom

Week 36/52	\$ 792	\$ 1,349	\$ 4,285
YTD	\$	\$ 145,125	\$ 115,550

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (collection 3/5)

St. Francis Xavier	\$	175.00
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$	29.00
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$	90.00

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday April 6th

11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Saturday April 12th

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.



SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT

INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month **APRIL 12TH** from 4:00-4:45.

WE NEED MONEY COUNTERS!!

Please contact Loretta. We **NEED** you!

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

ON MONDAY, APRIL 14TH, SACRED HEART HERON LAKE WILL BE HOSTING 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 CONTINUE EACH TUESDAY NIGHT with the rosary, Stations of the Cross and daily readings at 6:30pm. Please join us as we journey through the Lenten season.

SACRED HEART BREWSTER will be hosting the Winona-Rochester Council of Catholic Women **WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT** on Sat., April 5th, 2025 at 9:00am. You have the opportunity to attend Mass, spend time in Adoration and complete Reconciliation. This is a great event to enhance your Lenten journey this year! All Women are invited.

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.

COFFEE AND ROLLS will be hosted by Barb Hussong and Steve Hussong on Sunday, March 23rd. Still looking for hosts for April 6th. Please let Melanie Krumbach or Dianne Freking know if you are interested.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on March 19th at 7:00 PM led by the 9th and 10th grade Faith Formation students.

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...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will continue to take place before Mass through the 5th week of Lent, April 6th. Stations start 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.

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.

PLEASE JOIN THE FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

THE FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS ARE COLLECTING TOWELS for the Sharing Center. Please be generous and throw in a towel, imitating the compassion of Jesus. The collection baskets are in the hall at the feet of the 3 wooden crosses.

GRADES 5-7 REMINDER to let Lisa Rotherberger know by March 22nd of your attendance at Camp Summit.

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



St. Patrick

Pray for us!



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

ON THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 29-30, THERE WILL BE A **SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**. This collection provides funding for CRS, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.



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Ezekiel 22:30

Who will stand in the gap for the Lord?

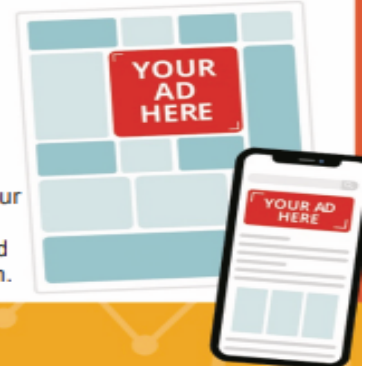
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MARRIAGE BOOSTER RETREAT AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

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

**marriage
booster
Retreat**

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



2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT

Holy Family
RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

DATES & LOCATIONS

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: Champion, WI

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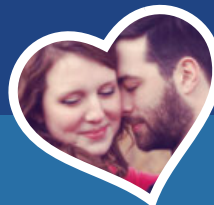
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