MARCH 23, 2025 | THIRD 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 25 - 30, 2025

25	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	
26	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	⊕ Donna Henkels
27	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	↑ MaryAnne McNab
28	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	⊕ Wanda Strunk
29	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	Living/Deceased of the Kirchner Family
30	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
30	Sun	10:00am	Windom	⊕ Orville Cook

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

_	Mavina	Erank	•	Linda	Linas

- Maxine Frank
 Linda Unger
 - Brad Baumgard Margaret Juhnke •

Roxann Irwin

Lupita Flores

Ben Byam

Kent Frank

- Travis Muller
- John Zschetzsche Larry Wagner
- Aiden Remme

Magdalen Hill

Miguel Esquivel

• Magualett Fi

Tine Colombin

Mike Stone

Jim Salentiny

- Innico

- Pat Weir
- Lisa Rothenberger Joe Rivera
- Paige Hill
- Briar Rose Smith Joan Schafer
- For our veterans & police forces
- For an end to abortion
- For the souls in purgatory For victims of war in Ukraine
- 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

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Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM (out of the office from 11:00—12:00)

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Website: www.sfxwindom.org Joan Hunter: Faith Formation Chair E-mail: stfrancisff@gmail.com FB: St. Francis Xavier Parish

This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Patience

There is a number which caught my attention in today's gospel and the number is three. The number three appears in the Bible 467 times. I am not going to list each of its occurrences rather some key examples.

- The three persons of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- There were three fathers of Israel: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days
- Satan tempted Jesus three times in the desert
- Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and resurrection three times

- Noah had three sons
- The Ark of the Covenant contained three objects: gold jar of manna, Aaron's budded staff, and the tablets of the Commandments
- According to the Law, men had to present themselves at the Temple three times a year at the Feast of Un leavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles
- Peter denied Jesus three times
- Jesus was in the grave three days

Peculiar to the gospel of today, we also hear the number three. In Luke 13:6-9, we hear the story of an orchard owner who has a fig tree planted. Coming to search for fruit on it, he finds none. To the gardener he says, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?" The gardener replies, "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down." What is the thrust of the story? Patience. The undying patience of God.

Speaking of patience, I can't help but reminisce about my brother and me. When it came to hunting, my brother and I were quite the team. My brother liked to go, go, go. One year, I recall my brother and me deer hunting. I placed my brother in some branches and stumps which had been cut and placed in a pile. It was at a creek crossing for vehicles to pass from one field to another. I stationed myself down the creek a few hundred yards. As luck would have it, I watched a buck and doe head directly for my brother. Because of where I was stationed, I couldn't see the events which were about to unfold; thus, I attuned my sense of sound. It wasn't long when I heard five shots ring out. Seconds later, I watched the buck and doe running full steam up a hill. I mean they were running, getting out of dodge. I couldn't believe it. I thought for sure my brother would bag the buck. Eventually, I went down to my brother and asked what had happened. My question being, "Did the two deer get close to you?" "Yes," he responded, "but there was a problem. I forgot to aim."

Not to be outdone, my father came to pick us up and take us to a new location. I was firm in my decision that I was going to stay where my brother had been stationed. I stayed in that location all day. Finally, at day's end, my brother came up to me after dad had driven him around to various locations and asked, "Did you see anything?" I responded, "No, not a thing." His response is one I have never forgotten, "You dummy. Why did you stay here all day? We must hunt Trenton Woods. There have been deer running all over up there all day." Sure enough, the next day we both harvested deer in Trenton Woods.

In that story, you hear a difference between the two of us. My brother never saw the need to stay in a stand for a long period of time. If he didn't see anything, it was time to move. Me, on the other hand, had a much more patient demeanor. It worked well. My brother would drive, and I would take a posting (sitting) position. More often than not, he would be the one to harvest a deer while I would see nothing. However, for the possibility to unfold, it took both of us.

In today's gospel, we see both demeanors at work. My brother represents the orchard owner. Putting all the money into the orchard and paying the gardener's salary, we can see why he would say of the fig tree after three years of bearing no fruit, "Cut it down. This is enough." I would represent the gardener with the words, "Let us be patient and give it one more year. I will give the tree special attention and if nothing happens, it can be chopped down." Both lines of thinking are rationale. In this story, patience wins the day.

The parable represents two things:

- 1. As I mentioned earlier, the undying patience of God. God awaits our turning from sin and returning to him. This happens day by day, year by year.
- 2. The final reality is that God's patience is finite. We will all face death. Our eternal reward or punishment will be determined by whether we turned our lives over to God or decided to embody my way, the way of the world, the way of the devil.

This Lent, let us return to our God!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is kind and merciful, and calls us to proclaim his name. Considering a call to priesthood or religious life? (Psalm 103)

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LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - March 30, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am	
SERVERS	Aubrey Erickson Brynn Erickson	Rogan Brown	
LECTOR	Carmen Rasche Kevin Leopold	Nick Riordan	
CANTOR		Katelin Brown	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Carmen Rasche Kevin Leopold Marsha Edwards Judy Anderson	Mary Brown Judy Green Shari Kneeland	
USHERS	Jeremy Janssen Katie Janssen Larry Liepold Jason Diemer	Mike Bregel Dave Green Daniel Green Jean Hoppe	
CONTRIBUTIONS	Kevin Leopold Colette Leopold Mark Haberman	Elaine Tasler Tom or Sherri Zimmerman	
SACRISTANS		Sherri Zimmerman Shari Kneeland	
ROSARY	Marsha Edwards Judy Anderson	Stations at 9:30am	
VIDEO STREAMING		Gale Symens	
GREETERS		John and Tami Anderson	
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	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 37/52	\$	\$ 1,073	\$ 2,558
YTD	\$	\$ 146,198	\$ 118,108

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

(collection to be on 3/29-30)

St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart Heron Lake Sacred Heart **Brewster**



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ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday April 6th 11:00-12:00 Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom





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

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO EDWARD SMITH who passed away on Saturday, March 15th. Ed's funeral was Friday March 21st at Sacred Heart Church, Brewster. We remember his loved ones in praver also. May Ed's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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, - To register, go to: Mankato 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 on the SECOND SATUR-DAY 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 DIOCE-SAN COURIER is available at the entrances of the Church.

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 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 Carmen Rasche on Sunday, April 6th.

HERON LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT is having a pancake breakfast at the Heron Lake Elementary Sunday, March 30th, so let's show them some support!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place on March 26th at 7:00 PM led by the ladies of the CCW.

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!

SECOND COLLECTION: Sunday, March 30th we will be taking up a second collection for Joseph Bartosh. Joseph is a member of Sacred Heart in Heron Lake and is attending Seminary. Our parish would like to show our support by having a quarterly collection for him while he is attending. Donations for Joseph are accepted at any time. Please contact Melanie in the office for more information. Thank you for helping support our very own!

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 26TH 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: Please let Lisa Rothenberger know of your intention to attend Camp Summit.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERY-ONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FAITH FORMATION MEAL ON SUNDAY. Your generosity and support truly made it a special time and we are deeply grateful for your kindness.

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

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. Or give at https://support.crs.org





EUCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION



Pillar 1 - Eucharistic Encounter Pillar 2 - Eucharistic Identity

Pillar 3 - Eucharistic Life

Pillar 4 - Eucharistic Mission

Respond to our Lord's personal, loving, two-

fold invitation: to remain with him in the Eucharist at Mass and in prayer and to go out with him on mission for the life of the world!

www.eucharisticrevival.org/year-of-mission

THE CHRISM MASS

Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake will be hosting the Chrism Mass this year on Monday, April 14th at 2:00 PM. Please plan to attend. All ages are welcome.



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"



Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Mike Metivier from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.





605-310-5137 mmetivier@4lpi.com

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!

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.



TWO REPRESENTATIVES from EACH parish are needed to serve on a Synod for Evangelization & Vocations that will be taking place in Mankato Aug 21 starting at 4pm - Aug 22, full day. You MUST be available during these days/ times. Limited hotel rooms are available. Please contact Dana: 507-836-8030 if you are interested in serving. Each church MUST have 2 representatives.





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