MARCH 30, 2025 | FOURTH 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 - APRIL 1 - 6, 2025

1	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	🕆 Jermaine Grove
2	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	In Memory of Those Forgotten
3	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✤ Laurie Haberman
4	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	🕆 Joan Bregel
5	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	
6	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	🕆 Charles & Joanne Bartosh
6	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	And Kenny & Irene Gehrls For the People

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.

Margaret Juhnke •

John Zschetzsche

Lisa Rothenberger •

Roxann Irwin

Lupita Flores

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
 - Pat Weir Briar Rose Smith 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

TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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HERON LAKE OFFICE:

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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

^{*}This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

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Kent Frank

Mike Stone

Joe Rivera

Joan Schafer

Larry Wagner

Maadalen Hill

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

My Poor Shoulder

2021 was a difficult year for my poor left shoulder. What happened? Let me get underway. On my parent's home place, they planted a row of dogwoods on a portion of the north and east side of the premise. Its purpose was to add color to the farm site and catch any snow blowing into the yard. As we learned, not only was it good at catching snow, but it also served as a great "catcher" of chopped corn stalks and husks. My brother has a chopping corn head which grinds the entire corn stalk during the process of harvesting. What remains is very small, and with the right wind, can easily be blown for miles. Such is what happened. We had a strong wind and elements of the chopped corn stalks from the field around my parent's home ended up in our rows of dogwood. Not a small amount either.

This was quite the dilemma. My mother tried to take a rake and hoe to remove the elements from the dogwood. The problem is dogwoods tend to grow close together. No hoe or rake was going to serve the purpose. Thus, my mother came up with another plan which would lead to my doom. She decided to burn them out. It worked; however, in the process, she also killed all the branches on the dogwoods from top to bottom. Enter yours truly. I took a lopper and cut each branch off as close to the ground as possible. During the endeavor, only two dogwoods were not affected by mom's fateful decision. It was a hot summer day and I was pouring sweat by the time I finished lopping.

Once completed, I told my mother that I had done my share. I asked the family to rake up the branches, load them into the pickup, and take them to a different building site to be burned. Well, it didn't happen that day or the next day. Finally, the night before my father was to go in for heart surgery, my sister was loading the branches all alone. I felt sorry for her so I pitched in to the help. We loaded the back of the pickup and headed for the aforementioned site.

Here is where problems evolved. I decided to lay on the branches in the back of the pickup and told my sister to drive very slowly. Everything was working just fine until the wind caught some of the branches hanging over the cab. I was in trouble. I was no match for the force of the wind. I was going out the back of the pickup. Realizing my predicament, I made a choice. I decided to jump, land on my feet, and run. Everything went fine until... Until what? I made the jump just fine and landed squarely on my feet. Great! **Until** I took two steps, at which time my life went dark. Literally. The next two hours of my life are a complete blank, total darkness. The family had to fill in the details.

Later, I was told, my sister kept driving until she came to the reality that I was no longer in the pickup. She turned around and saw me lying on the road, not moving. She drove up and started to shake me. I didn't move for a time until finally I stirred. She went to get my brother. When my brother came, I was walking around and told him what had happened. However, I don't remember any of it. My brother took me to his place which leads to the only event I can remember - my sister-in-law who had just come home saying something to me. What did she say? Beats me, I don't know. I only remember being "out of the fog" for about five seconds.

At this point, things didn't look too good for yours truly so it was decided I would be taken to the Emergency Room in Albert Lea. My brother drove me and it was during that drive that I finally came around, out of "my fog."

When I finally came around, I told my brother I had come out of "my fog." I remember asking about my phone which he had picked up on the gravel road where I had fallen. Luckily, it was unscathed. My glasses were a different story. They were in very rough shape. On the way to the hospital, I realized I was in some pain. The left side of my forehead was cut in several places. My entire left side under my arm had seen better days and had a cut on my left knee. However, what took the greatest blow was my left shoulder. It hurt and I couldn't move it easily.

It was at this point that it dawned on me what had happened. After I had jumped from the pickup, landed upright and taken two steps, I was no longer able to stay upright. I fell on the gravel road with my left arm out exposing the left side of my body to the gravel and road. The left side of my head hit the gravel road which knocked me out. People to this day ask, "Father, did you have a concussion?" I tell them, "How am I supposed to know? You tell me." Imagine for a moment, falling on a gravel road, landing on rocks of various sizes. If you want to try it, I leave that up to you; however, I wouldn't recommend it. It leads to cuts and bruises in all kinds of locales.

Now we get to my poor left shoulder. Picture your arm out and the left side of your body landing directly on gravel with the brunt of the fall coming under your left armpit. Landing squarely on that region, my body came off the ground before coming to rest. I didn't realize the severity for a day or two before I had tremendous pain in my shoulder. Fortunately, nothing was broken but to this day if I attempt to climb on monkey bars, the pain in my left shoulder is so great that I can't remain on the monkey bars. I don't know how much damage was done to my shoulder but even in my world, the reality is that it will never be the same.

I have a spiritual tie which I would like to make to this story but realize my space is limited. Keep this story embedded in your minds and I will come back to it next week.



VOCATION VIEW

Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a priest or religio 0s? (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - April 6, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 p	Heron Sunday	Lake / 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am			
SERVERS		/ Erickson Vandekamp	Danna Flores Josianna DeWall			
LECTOR	Judy St Joanne	tenzel Waldron	Katelin Brown			
CANTOR	<u> </u>		Tom Zimmerman			
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Donna Sam Va	e Waldron Damm andekamp Liepold	Tim Jenniges Sharon Jenniges Vicki Ommen			
USHERS	John W Dave B Mark V Alan Fr	runk Vagner	Chad Brown Mary Brown Gale Symens Patty Symens			
CONTRIBUTION	Sharon	eopold Leopold Henkels	Tom or Sherri Zimmerman Candy Riordan			
SACRISTANS			Vicki Ommen Jackie Jurgens			
ROSARY	Cleo M	iranowski	Stations at 9:30am			
VIDEO STREAM			Tom Riordan			
GREETERS			Pat Spencer Laurie Redmond			
& Jake						
	Brewster 03/15 03/22	Heron 03/23	Lake Windom 03/23			
Week 38/52 \$	1,808 \$ 701	\$ 2,143	3 \$ 2,097			
YTD \$		\$ 148,34	1 \$ 120,205			
CATHOLIC RELIE	F SERVICES	1				
(collection on	3/29-30)					
St. Francis Xavier \$	i	FOURTH	SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sacred Heart Heron Lake \$	60					
Sacred Heart Brewster \$	i		12. 2			

ADORATION SCHEDULE

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



Sacred Heart Church, Brewster Ist 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

COMMUNAL PENANCE will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church at 2:00 on April 6th. All are welcome.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD AND TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, THOMAS NA-GORSKE, son of Tim and Erika Nagorske who was baptized on March 23, 2025. May God continue to guide and bless Thomas and his family.



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

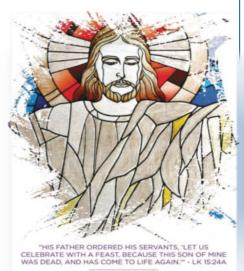
ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the SECOND SATUR-DAY of the month APRIL 12TH from 4:00-4:45.

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.

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 today, **Sunday,** March 30th, so let's show them some support!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will not take place on April 2nd. There will be a Mass/adoration for Faith Formation students at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

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. 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!

THE FAMILY OF JIM STENZEL would like to thank everyone for all the food that was brought to the house, the help, and the visits. Thanks to Carroll Freking for all the times he took Jim to Mankato for treatments and the numerous times I was taken to appointments by wonderful parishioners and friends since the funeral. It all means the world to us, just like Jim did. His smile, jokes, and big heart will never be forgotten. God Love You. -Patricia Stenzel

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR ALL PARISHES

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. 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 are welcome.

COMMUNAL PENANCE will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church at 2:00 pm on April 6th. All are welcome.

PLEASE JOIN THE FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND 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 and will be collected until Easter. Thank you to all who have supported this wonderful project. Let's keep up the great work.

THE ECUMENICAL NOON LENTEN SER-VICES AT 12:00 are at the First Presbyterian Church, lunch to follow. All are welcome.

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

WINDOM AREA MINISTERIAL presents, "JESUS REVOLUTION" a FREE MOVIE APRIL 13TH, at 1:00 at the Windom State Theater. More details to follow in next bulletin.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

THIS WEEKEND, 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



Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James1:3

Catholic Charities

JLT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT





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

DATES & LOCATIONS

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

EUCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION

What is a Eucharistic Missionary

An Eucharistic Missionary is any Catholic who, inspired by an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist and fueled by the Bread of Life, allows God to use them as an instrument of his grace "for the life of the world." Go forth!

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"

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

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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Mike Metivier from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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