

APRIL 20, 2025 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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 22 - 27, 2025

22	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	NO MASS
23	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	Special Intention Fest Family
24	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	† Leo & Mary Anne McNab
25	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	† Richard Krueger
26	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	† Ed Smith
27	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	† Patricia Cam
27	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	† Terry Fredin

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.

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TRI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Maxine Frank • Joan Schafer • Ben Byam
- Brad Baumgard • Margaret Juhnke • Joe Rivera
- Travis Muller • John Zschetsche • Larry Wagner
- Aiden Remme • Roxann Irwin • Magdalen Hill
- Miguel Esquivel • Briar Rose Smith • Mike Stone
- Jim Salentiny • Lisa Rothenberger • Lupita Flores
- Pat Weir • Joann Polzine
- 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

This week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

This Is It...Easter is Upon Us.

Happy Easter! Here is a review of what I shared with you last week. For the Church, this is literally it. This is Holy Week. This is the week that marks the story of the Church. If the story of the Savior is marked by a day, the story of the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection is defined by a week. Let us take a closer look at the week.

Palm Sunday

What always catches my attention on Palm Sunday is the stance of the crowd. In the gospel which begins our Mass, the people "Hail" their king. Jesus has arrived at the outskirts of Jerusalem. They know there is a mood in the air, something is adrift. Something is about to happen. Will Jesus,

- A. Bring justice amid so much injustice?
- B. Overthrow the Roman government?
- C. Put power back in the hands of those to whom it belongs?

As we learn in the Passion story of that day, the mood of the crowd changes violently. Realizing Jesus' power lay elsewhere, their words are jolting, "Crucify him. Crucify him." Think of that for a moment. What would it take for each of us to yell out the death of another? And not just any type of death but death by crucifixion?

Holy Thursday

I would ask all of you to read the Farewell Discourse in John's gospel (John chapters 14-17). Holy Thursday is marked by the word "last." Think about it:

- A. Jesus' last night on earth.
- B. Jesus' last supper with his disciples.
- C. Jesus' last conversation with his disciples before his death.

Little would one know that while much of Holy Thursday would be marked by the "last" it would also prepare us for the "first."

Good Friday

I can understand the "good" which comes from Good Friday; however, who can't help but be moved by the horror of this day. Because of our sins, we placed God on the cross. In the Passion Narratives, we hear words like:

- Darkness.
- Earthquake.
- Tearing. The veil in the sanctuary being torn in two.
- Mocking.
- Anger.
- Ridicule.

And the list could go on and on. Only in the mighty workings of God, can any "good" be found in all of this.

And that leads us to Easter. If Holy Thursday is marked by the "last" then Easter Sunday is marked by the "first".

1. It is the first day of the week. Sunday marks our day of celebration.
2. It is the first day of new life. Jesus Christ is risen.
3. It is the first day of new hope. Sin, death and Satan no longer have the final say.
4. It is the first day which anticipates the final days. In Jesus Christ, we have the hope of eternal life.

May all of us be blest on this Easter day. Again, Happy Easter!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster



VOCATION VIEW

The Lord has risen; it is true! Through our baptism, he calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the good news as priests, brothers, and sisters. (John 20:1-9)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - April 27, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Aubrey Erickson Brynn Erickson	Jorgia DeWall Seth Hoppe
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SACRISTANS		Vicki Ommen Jackie Jurgens
ROSARY	Cleo Miranowski	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Gale Symens
GREETERS		Lupita and Danna Flores

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	Brewster 04/12	Heron Lake 04/13	Windom 04/13
Week 41/52	\$ 997	\$ 1,741	\$ 2,058
YTD	\$	\$ 153,643	\$ 130,753

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

(collection on 4/18/25)

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 40
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 50



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday May 4th

11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Sunday May 10th

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



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 SATURDAY** of the month **MAY 10th** from 4:00-4:45.

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

THANK YOU to the Sacred Heart Brewster CCW for hosting the Area WCCW meeting. Special thanks to Bev and Melonie for their leadership in planning the event and the ladies who made the delicious food. It was all so very nice.

THANK YOU to all who read the Daily Readings and the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings during Lent. A special thank you to Bibi who leads the rosary during Lent and before every Mass.

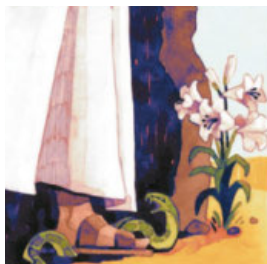
A JOINT PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tues., April 29th at 6:30. Please attend.

HERON LAKE

There will be **CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS.**

RICE BOWL: Please return Rice Bowls ASAP! Thank you!

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



WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered **SUNDAY MAY 4th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

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...

PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD PALMS TO THE HALL ENTRANCE by Wednesday, April 23rd. The old palms will be needed for the Faith Formation's final class of this year on April 23rd.

THE FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS ARE COLLECTING TOWELS. 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 April 24th when they will be delivered to the Sharing Center. Thank you to all who have supported this wonderful project. Let's keep up the great work.



PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL at the entrances of the church to contribute to Catholic Relief Services' Lenten campaign. Please return by 4/27.

TOTUS TUUS FLYERS are at both the main entrance and the hall entrance of the church. Contact Vicki, 507-830-0357; Sherri Zimmerman, 507-221-0354; or Joan Hunter, 507-831-2470 with questions.

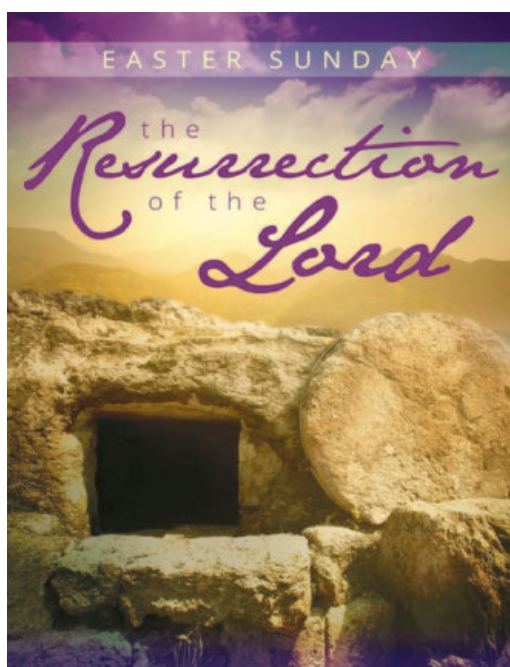
THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR FAITH FORMATION is this week, April 23rd.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOLARSHIP—St. Francis is offering a scholarship to the seniors of our parish. Applications are available in the church office. Please return the filled-out forms to the office or to Joan Hunter by May 7th 2025. The scholarship will be awarded at the Baccalaureate service May 18th.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE ECUMENICAL NOON LENTEN SERVICE HOSTED by St. Francis Xavier Church on Wednesday the 9th, at the First Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to Fr. Antony, Mary Theesfeld and Sandy Lund for leading the service and Sherri Zimmerman and all the ladies that helped with donating bars and buns. Many thanks to the ladies also serving the luncheon.

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. — Lk 24:1b-3

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NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

APRIL 18TH, GOOD FRIDAY, THE REGULAR COLLECTION GOES TO THE HOLY LAND.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is the collection taken on Good Friday to support Christians in the Holy Land. The collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in the communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. It also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. The collection is overseen by the Vatican and is taken up by parishes around the world. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

EUCCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION HOLY WEEK: THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

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://catholicismn.org>

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.

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.



2025 ADULT FAITH & LAY FORMATION EVENT


Holy Family

RETREATS & PILGRIMAGE

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


DATES & LOCATIONS

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



Synod

ON EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS



His Excellency Bishop Robert Barron has convoked a Diocesan Synod focused on the themes of evangelization and priestly vocations. This event aims to inspire and equip our community to share the joy of the Gospel and respond to God's call in their lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, we have a duty to share the Gospel with all whom we meet as we strive to be witnesses of Christ's love in the world.

The preparatory phase is now in the stage of hosting regional gatherings. All are welcome to attend the session nearest their home parish. For a full listing of sessions, and to preview the questions for deliberation, visit our synod website, which can be found at the homepage of our diocesan website, or by visiting: dowrsynod.my.canva.site.

SESSIONS on the WEST side of the Diocese

April 26	Sts. Peter and Paul, Blue Earth	8:30am
April 30	St. Adrian, Adrian	6:00pm
May 3	St. Theodore's, Albert Lea	8:30am
May 3	Good Shepherd, Jackson	8:30am
May 3	St. John the Baptist, Mankato	8:30am
May 25	St. Mary's, Worthington*	3:00pm

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