

APRIL 27, 2025 | SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



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 - APR 29 - MAY 4, 2025

29	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	NO MASS
30	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	NO MASS
1	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	NO MASS
2	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	NO MASS
3	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
4	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	† Rochus & Catherine Appel Family
4	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	† Donald Hoppe

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
- Brad Baumgard
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Jim Salentiny
- Pat Weir
- For our veterans & police forces
- For an end to abortion
- 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
- Joan Schafer
- Margaret Juhnke
- John Zschetsche
- Roxann Irwin
- Briar Rose Smith
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Joann Polzine
- Ben Byam
- Joe Rivera
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Mike Stone
- Lupita Flores
- For victims of war in Ukraine



This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Divine Mercy

Each year, on the Sunday following Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, and each year, on the Sunday following Easter, the gospel story is the resurrection appearance of Jesus Christ to the disciples and Thomas. It is from this gospel that Thomas is given the nickname "Doubting Thomas." The disciples tell Thomas, "We have seen the Lord." Thomas "doubts" the possibility of Jesus' resurrection. There are many things I doubt.

- I doubt the Minnesota Twins will win half of their games this year (that being 81).
- I doubt the Minnesota Timberwolves will win the NBA title this year.
- I doubt the Minnesota Vikings will win the Super Bowl this year. I am even a little more pessimistic than many others. With so many new faces, it will take time to jell.
- I doubt I will get out fishing twenty-five times this year. Schedules fill quickly.
- I have duck hunted many days over my fifty-six years of living. The only species of duck I have never harvested is a bufflehead. I doubt it will happen this year.

Please note, if any of the above should occur, I would be elated. I am not a pessimist; I try to be a realist. To doubt doesn't mean I am pessimistic in nature, I just balance the odds of the probability of an event occurring, and I can be wrong. I believe St. Thomas falls into my mode of thinking. This is testified in the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel. Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled, to have faith in him. He also explains that he is going to prepare a place for each of them in heaven, that he will return (the Second Coming), and take them to himself. In John 14:4, Jesus states, "Where [I] am going, you know the way." Thomas responds, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). This is a very good, very fair question. Jesus Christ has yet to suffer, die and rise all of which opens up the possibility of the Second Coming of Jesus. In no way does this make Thomas a pessimist, merely a realist.

And in his post-resurrection appearance to Thomas, Jesus isn't harsh to Thomas. He merely tells him to touch (hands and side) and believe. Whether Thomas places his hand in Christ's nailmarks or side is debated. The gospel of John doesn't provide clarity; however, his faith and belief are unquestioned in his response, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). It is a proclamation I hear from some in the congregation when the precious body and precious blood are held up after the consecration at Mass. People's response, "My Lord and my God," leaves no doubt in their minds that this is truly my Lord (the human dimension of Jesus) and my God (the divine dimension of Jesus).

The story of the resurrection appearance also marks another mystery of the divine Godhead. We call this "Divine Mercy Sunday." We see the mercy of God played out in Jesus and his disciples. On both occasions when Jesus appears to his disciples, the evening of the first day of the week and a week later, Jesus offers them, "Peace." I often ponder what it must have been like after all the disciples abandoned Jesus. Prior to his suffering and death, they had been bold:

- Jesus, we will suffer with you.
- Jesus, we will never abandon you.
- Jesus, we will die for you.

Such words are never brought to fruition. They leave Jesus Christ "high and dry." Jesus knows their thoughts, feelings, and deep sense of remorse; thus, he sets things right with his one word, "Peace." That one-word changes everything in that room. The room becomes electric, alive, and their lives change. Without fear, they go into the world never to lock themselves up again. The message of Jesus Christ must be proclaimed.

Such is our story. No matter where we stand or what we have done the mercy of God awaits us. Celebrate that mercy!

Catholic Ministries Appeal

If you haven't done so, please send in your pledge for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Any monies raised over the goal are returned to each respective parish at 100%. Also, any monies raised over the goal are not assessed by the diocese. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is a great way for us to raise funds for our parishes. Please be generous!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

VOCATION VIEW

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's call to priesthood or religious life?
(John 20:19-31)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - May 4, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Katherine Krumbach Samantha Krumbach	Rogan Brown
LECTOR	Thomas Krumbach Melanie Krumbach	Tim Jenniges
CANTOR		Laurie Murphy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Melanie Krumbach Suzanne Iverson Martha Liepold Larry Liepold	Mary Brown Vicki Ommen Shari Kneeland
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VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Riordan
GREETERS		Gale and Patty Symens

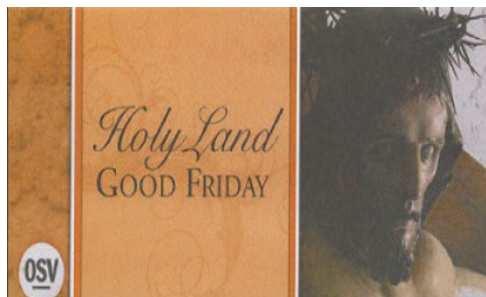
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	Brewster 04/20	Heron Lake 04/19	Windom 04/20
Week 42/52	\$ 2,016	\$ 1,470	\$ 2,194
YTD	\$	\$ 155,113	\$ 132,947

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

(collection on 4/18/25)

St. Francis Xavier	\$ 265
Sacred Heart Heron Lake	\$ 660
Sacred Heart Brewster	\$ 490



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday May 4th

11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Sunday May 10th

4:00-4:45

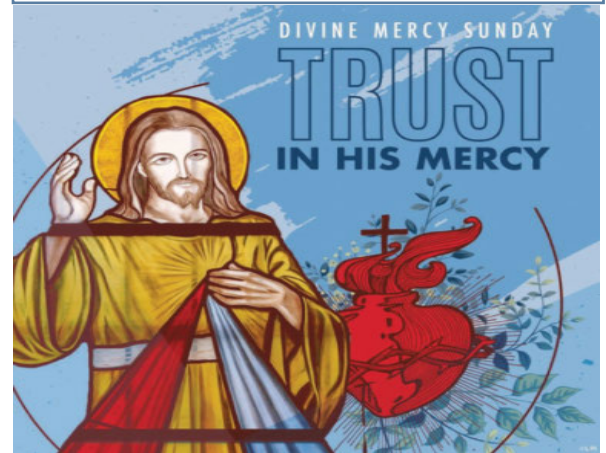
Sacred Heart Church, Brewster



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 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.

BREWSTER

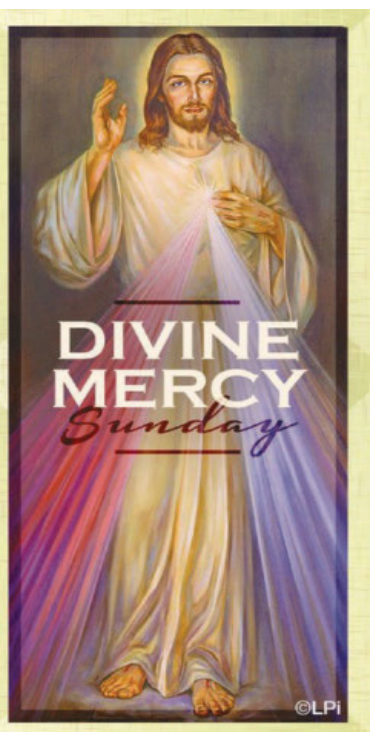
ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month, **MAY 10th** from 4:00-4:45.

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

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

THANK YOU to Molly and all our catechists for another year of bringing Jesus Christ to the forefront of their lives. Your time, talents and love for our Lord, shines through your generosity and preparation to teach our children.

ALLELUIA!!!! CHRIST IS RISEN!! What better way to celebrate our Lords love and forgiveness than having a beautiful Mass on Easter morning. Many thanks to so many people. Thank you, Father Antony for celebrating the Mass with us. Thank you to Bibi and Nadine for our wonderful music. Our reader Melonie, eucharistic ministers Tony and Martha, and everyone who helped decorate our Church. It truly was a glorious morning.



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

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

HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the Chrism Mass from helping in the kitchen to filling oils to handing out programs to helping get people where they needed to be. Special **THANK YOU's** to Dianne Freking, Mackenzie Erickson and families for preparing the meal and organizing all the kitchen help, Thomas Krumbach for cooking the meat, Steve Hussong for organizing the oil help, and Jeff Hotzler for helping with all the aspects of the Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to Autumn DeWall, Cole Holden, and Colton Van deKamp on your **FIRST COMMUNION** today. May God hold you close on your journey of faith. Please join them for a reception after Mass.

THANK YOU to Dianne Freking, Mackenzie Erickson and families for all the decorating and switching of colors for our busy Easter week. We appreciate all the time and dedication you put in to making our church look beautiful.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jim Becker** who won the beautiful quilt made by Delores Pelzel at the COF Pancake Breakfast held on Palm Sunday.



WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered next week, **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 RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS by today, or as soon as possible. The church office will be closed this week, so if dropping off, please give to a staff member or a volunteer. Otherwise wait till next week to return. Also, there is a basket in the hall entrance of the church to place your old palms.



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.

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.

MIKE METVIER FROM LPI, our bulletin ad representative would like to get one more ad to meet our goal. If you would like to have your ad on the back of the bulletin, to support our tri-parish, please contact him at MMetivier@4LPi.com or 605-310-5137.



THANK YOU to Debby Mau for all her work on the banners for our church. Thanks also to Wayne & Debby Mau and Tim & Sharon Jenniges for all the wonderful decorating done for Holy Week.

A HEARTFELT AND SPECIAL THANK YOU to our wonderful and dedicated Faith Formation Teachers this year. They truly have made a difference in our children's spiritual education. They are: Katelin Brown, Erin Wolf, Elaine Tasler, Janet Anderson, Tammy Anderson, Barb and Joe LaCanne, Linda Stuckenbroker and substitutes: Char Carlson, Patti Symens and Leah Lovell.

THE FAITH FORMATION would like to thank our Parish family for their generous contributions of over 80 towels. The Sharing Center is very appreciative for all your kindness.

THERE WILL BE A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm in the Knights Room.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Tuesday May 6th is at 8:30 am, rather than in the evening that week.

THE WINDOM MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION presents a free movie on Sunday May 11th, at 1:00pm, sponsored by the 1st Baptist Church of Windom. The Movie is **"THE FORGE"**, and is an American Christian drama set in a small town about a 19 year old boy who is at a crossroads of what to do with his life.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA:

Mother's Day, May 11th is the traditional Catholic Charities Campaign of Southern Minnesota in our diocese. There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 10-11.

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people, families and communities in need, to advocate for justice in social structures and to call the entire church and all people of good will to do the same.

"Whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

EUCCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION

It's fine to wonder—just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people your trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.

from (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC 04/27/2025 by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: The weekdays of April 28th through May 2nd; May 12th through May 16th; May 26th through May 30th; and June 9th through June 13th; there will be no weekday Masses, in the Windom-Heron Lake-Brewster tri-parish. Our regular weekday Mass schedule will resume on the week of June 16th. See page 1 of the bulletin for the current schedule of the week's Masses.

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 dour.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

DATES & LOCATIONS

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

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

A square QR code located below the event details.A large background image featuring a white dove in flight against a bright blue sky with soft white clouds. On the right side, there is a portrait of Pope Francis in his white papal attire, looking slightly to the left.

“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

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