

MAY 4, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 - MAY 6 - 11, 2025

Tues	5:30pm	Windom	✠ William "Woody" Ahrens
Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Jim Stenzel
Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Joe & Rose Weinandt
Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Celestine "Sally" Ahrens
Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ George & Agnes Shirkey
Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Wyatt Henkels
Sun	10:00am	Windom	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. 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
- 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

TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Testing One's Faith

Please keep this bulletin article as it will be a two-part series. Easter is about resurrection faith. Death has been conquered. Father Michael Schmitz in an article found within The Catholic Spirit, on April 12, 2018, page 19 deals with the following question common amongst people when it comes to death, "I have been having a hard time trusting God lately. Ever since a family member died, I keep blaming God and finding it difficult to keep my faith. Do you have any thoughts on what I can do?"

Father Schmitz responds, "The Bible teaches us that death is the final enemy that Christ will ultimately destroy, and until then, we all experience its effects in our lives. I don't know if encountering death ever gets easy. In my life as a priest, I come up against death on a regular basis. If I am simply thinking about death as an intellectual topic, then it is straightforward, and I'm unimpressed by it. But every single time I encounter death concretely - up close - it hurts. Because of that, I want to acknowledge your loss as something that I think I can relate to; death not only destroys the natural life of the person, but it also plows into the lives of those all around it.

Because of that, it is not difficult to imagine why you would say that you are turning toward blame and struggling with faith. But let's take a closer look at this.

First, whenever we are in pain, we desire to find the source of our pain. Think of the last time you got sick. I'm guessing that, somewhere in the midst of your coughing and being achy and feverish, you wanted to know, "Where did I get this bug?" You might have asked, "Who got me sick?"

This is not because knowing that it was that random co-worker who came to work sick or it was your second-grader who came home with the sniffles who was the culprit helps anything. It doesn't actually matter who it was who passed the sickness along to you. But we naturally want someone to blame. I want to know the immediate cause of this pain that I'm experiencing now. That way, my pain can be re-directed as anger and blame, and I will get some relief from that "re-direction." But it doesn't actually do anything. It doesn't help a person get better or help them avoid sickness in the future. It is a useless exercise in time.

Most blaming is just that: useless...

(I will pick up this article next week).

This Doesn't Come As A Surprise

A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a fourth grader at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog went inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shooed him outside, closing the door behind him. The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors. Then God appeared beside the dog, patted his head, and said, "Don't feel bad fella...they won't let ME in either."

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

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? (John 21:1-19)

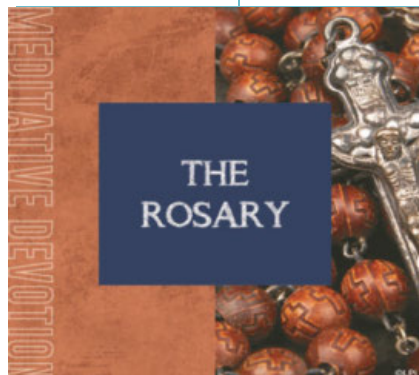
LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - May 11, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Nathan Madsen Bristol VandeKamp	Josianna DeWall Marcus Hoppe
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CONTRIBUTIONS	Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Candy Riordan Rod or Mary Theesfeld
SACRISTANS		Tim and Sharon Jenniges
ROSARY	Judy Anderson Marsha Edwards	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		John and Tami Anderson

CHURCH SUPPORT

	Brewster 04/26	Heron Lake 04/27	Windom 04/27
Week 43/52	\$ 461	\$ 1,889	\$ 2,026
YTD	\$	\$ 157,002	\$ 134,973



Devotions, Explained! The Rosary

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times, but in the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday May 10th

4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church, Brewster



Sunday June 1st

11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



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

DEATH NOTICE

Eternal rest grant unto.....

Lawrence Liepold, Wayzata, MN, who passed away on April 21, 2025. His funeral was held on Friday, May 2nd at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake followed by burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Heron Lake.

May his soul rest in peace. We remember his loved ones in prayer.



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.

FYI: I will be out of the office from May 5th-May 21st. If you have any questions, please call my cell number 507-370-2215. If you need a priest, please call Father Schuster at 507-304-2541. Thank you. Loretta

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

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.

When Times Get Hard

Supporting **Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota** means helping those who are struggling in our diocese. We provide everything from adoption services to essential services like rental assistance, diaper banks, car seat, cribs, and more to help individuals and families in need. Every donation made helps us answer the call to serve our neighbors who are facing hardships. Learn more at www.ccsomn.org. Please consider supporting our mission by contributing to the **Catholic Charities Appeal on May 10th & May 11th—Mother's Day Weekend**. Together, we can ensure that everyone in Southern Minnesota has access to the support they need. Your generosity truly makes a difference!



HERON LAKE

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

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 Vandekamp on your **FIRST COMMUNION**. May God hold you close on your journey of faith.

Sacred Heart **CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS** would like to thank you for your generosity. They were able to get the maximum amount for matching funds, which was \$1,500. The total raised at the Pancake Breakfast was \$3,501.74. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day a success. A special **THANK YOU** to Dennis Damm and Tom Krumbach for grilling, and Andrew Rasche and Chad Diemer for flipping pancakes. We couldn't do it without all of your help.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas is looking to replace many religious items that they lost to a hurricane. One of the main items they are looking for is Crucifixes with Corpus attached. Please contact Pat Bonnell with questions or for more information at 507-360-6278. You can drop items at the rectory, also. Thank you!



WINDOM

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Parker Jacobs, Callie Hunter, Lucas Pleitez, Hayden Wolf, Teodoro Rivera, Luis Ramirez, Alex Ovea, Jose Ovea, Juan Morales, and Marcela Mejia on your First Communion last Sunday. May God Bless you on your journey in your faith.

THANK YOU to Wanda Stone for decorating and putting together the communion reception. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to all who helped before, during and after the reception. It is greatly appreciated.

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 as soon as possible. The church office will be closed Monday, so if dropping off, please give to a staff member or a volunteer. Also you may continue to return your old palms to the church, please leave in the kitchen.



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.

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.

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



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EUCCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: Come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep. ©LPi

WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: The weekdays of 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 weeks Masses.

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.



Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.

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