

# MAY 11, 2025 | FOURTH 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 13 - 18, 2025

13	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	NO MASS
14	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	COMMUNION SERVICE
15	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	NO MASS
16	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	NO MASS
17	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	† Andrew & Joyce Kroneberger For The People
18	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	
18	<u>Sun</u>	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. 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

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This week's readings:

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

Next week's readings:

**Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## Weekly Words from The Rock:

### Testing One's Faith

This is a follow-up, part 2, to a two-part series. To review part 1, please read my column from last week under the title "Testing One's Faith." 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, (picking up where we left off from last week)...Most blaming is just that: useless. For example, maybe it was your co-workers who passed the illness on to you, but that wasn't intentional, and maybe they passed on the contamination before they even knew they were sick. What is more, they had to endure the same illness themselves, so what good would it do to blame them? If we think about it, you probably passed the sickness on to more people than you imagine as well. This is the result of living in a world touched by sin, suffering, and death.

If I can't find someone to blame for a bad thing, then the most obvious person to accuse is God. I mean, after all, he is God. If anything happens at all, it is ultimately his fault, isn't it? He created the world. He could change whatever he wants, however he wants, right? God is the easiest target of blame, especially when we secretly believe that God owes us something. But the hard truth is: God doesn't owe us anything.

Now, I want to pause a moment and reaffirm what I said at the beginning. Whenever we suffer a loss of death, this is real, and the pain is real. But to turn this pain into blame is the wrong move. It reveals that we ultimately believe that God is in our debt; that, in order to get our love, God has to do whatever we ask of him.

But that isn't a relationship. And that isn't faith in God. That is more like manipulation. It's less like faith and more like superstition. If I only trust God as long as he gives me whatever I want, then I have revealed that I might actually not want him, I just want what he can do for me.

This is one of the reasons moments of pain and loss are essential for our faith. These times reveal in whom we are truly placing our trust. These moments can serve to clarify our intentions and purify our hearts. You have suffered. You are definitely invited to grieve. But God has revealed that he enters into our pain. He isn't the one to blame for our suffering; he is the one who has embraced our suffering and redeemed it. One of the main reasons why he did this was to prove to us that we can trust him, even when we are hurting most.

I invite you to bring your sadness and loss to the God of the Broken Heart - Jesus, who suffered abandonment by his friends, who grieved the deaths of those he loved, and who entered into the darkness of death himself so that we wouldn't be alone in our moments of abandonment, grief and death.

### A Taxi Driver and A Minister

A taxi driver and a minister both died and went to heaven. St. Peter met them at the gate and asked their name and occupation. The taxi driver gave his name and said he had driven a taxi in New York City for 30 years. St. Peter looked him up in the book and says, "Oh yes, here's your name." He then gave him a gold staff and a silk cloak. Next the minister walked up, gave his name and said he had preached for 35 years. St. Peter found his name in the book but gave him a wooden staff and a cotton cloak. The minister was miffed and asked why the taxi driver got so much better. St. Peter explained that in heaven they go by results on earth. Seems like when people got in the taxi they prayed the whole time, while the people who went to church slept.

### 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** On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. (John 10:27-30)

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - May 18, 2025

Brewster Saturday   5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday   8:00 am	Windom Sunday   10:00 am
<b>SERVERS</b>	Cora Haberman Aubrey Erickson	Jorgia DeWall Seth Hoppe
<b>LECTOR</b>	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	Claire Veenker
<b>CANTOR</b>		Tom Zimmerman
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<b>USHERS</b>	Ryan Haberman Dave Brunk Mark Wagner Alan Freking	Jackie Jurgens Laurie Redmond Rod Theesfeld Mike Bregel
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Tom or Sherri Zimmerman
<b>SACRISTANS</b>		Tim and Sharon Jenniges
<b>ROSARY</b>	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	David Bockelmann
<b>VIDEO STREAMING</b>		Nick Riordan
<b>GREETERS</b>		Barry & Vicki Ommen

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	Brewster 05/03	Heron Lake 05/04	Windom 05/04
Week 44/52	\$ 1,056	\$ 1,967	\$ 2,750
YTD	\$	\$ 158,969	\$ 137,723

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:00-12:00  
Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church, Brewster

Adoration is every 1st Sun-Windom - 11-12  
Adoration is every 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 2ND COLLECTION

MAY 10-11

Brewster	\$
Heron Lake	\$
Windom	\$





## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### BREWSTER

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month, continuing **JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-4:45.

**FYI:** I will be out of the office from May 5<sup>th</sup>-May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 MAY 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.

### Prayer for the New Pope

*Oh God, Eternal Shepherd,  
who governs your flock  
with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless,  
fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you  
by his holiness  
and toward us show  
watchful care.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son  
who lives and reigns  
with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God,  
forever and ever, Amen.*

## HERON LAKE

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

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.

**MEETING:** CCW will meet on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the church basement.

**BACCALAUREATE** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with a reception in the church basement to follow.

**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!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Autumn DeWall, Cole Holden, and Colton Vandekamp on your **FIRST COMMUNION** Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. May God hold you close on your journey of faith.

## WINDOM

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered continuing on **SUNDAY JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>** 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** as soon as possible. Also you may continue to return your old palms to the church, please leave in the basket at the hall entrance.



**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.

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

**CLAS: (CATHOLIC LADIES AFTERNOON SOCIAL)** will meet this **TUESday**, @ 2:00 pm (May 13<sup>th</sup>). All ladies of the parish are invited for fun and games.

**THE WINDOM MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION** presents a free movie, today, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm, sponsored by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**THERE ARE NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK** at St. Francis Xavier Church.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Parker Jacobs, Callie Hunter, Lucas Pleitez, Hayden Wolf, Teodolo Rios Rivera, Luis Santos Ramirez, Alexa Fuentes Orea, Jose Fuentes Orea, Juan Salvador Morales, and Marcela Aguilar Meijia on your **FIRST COMMUNION** Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. May God Bless you on your journey in your faith.

# 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 this weekend, 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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARY IS THE MOTHER WHO WATCHES OVER US, HER CHILDREN, ON OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE, OFTEN WEARY AND IN NEED, ANXIOUS THAT THE LIGHT OF HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48

## EUCCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION

Every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call. ©LPi

**WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:** The weekdays of May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup>; May 26<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>, and June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>; 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## SUNDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.

World Day of Prayer is observed on Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also Mother's Day this year. Pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. ©LPi



## 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](http://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](mailto: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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