AY 11, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EA







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
18	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	Kroneberger For The People
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 Joan Schafer
- Ben Byam
- Brad Baumgard •

- Travis Muller
- Margaret Juhnke •
- Joe Rivera

- Aiden Remme •
- John Zschetzsche •
- **Larry Wagner**

- Miguel Esquivel •
- Roxann Irwin Briar Rose Smith •
- Magdalen Hill

- Jim Salentiny
- Lisa Rothenberger **Lupita Flores**
- Mike Stone

- 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

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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

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

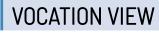
A taxi driver and a minister both died and went to heaven. St. Peter met them at the gate and asked their name and occupation. The taxi driver gave his name and said he had driven a taxi in New York City for 30 years. St. Peter looked him up in the book and says, "Oh yes, here's your name." He then gave 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



LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - May 18, 2025

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

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

2ND COLLECTION

MAY 10-11

Brewster \$
Heron Lake \$
Windom \$



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday June 1st 11:00-12:00 Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom





Saturday June 14th 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

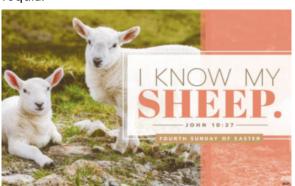
SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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 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, continuing JUNE 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 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

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 mornina.

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, vour 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 PLEASE RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS as it without all of your help.

MEETING: CCW will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 7PM in the church basement.

BACCALAUREATE will be celebrated on Sunday, May 18th 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 De-Wall, Cole Holden, and Colton VandeKamp on your FIRST COMMUNION Sunday, April 27th. May God hold you close on your journey of faith.

WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered continuing on SUNDAY JUNE 1st 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...

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 gues-

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

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

THE WINDOM MINISTERIAL ASSOCIA-**TION** presents a free movie, today, 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.

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 27th. May God Bless you on your journey in your faith.

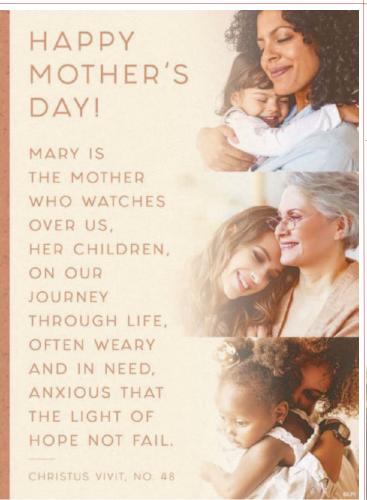
NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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



EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 11TH 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 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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