

AUGUST 3, 2025 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 - AUGUST 5 - 10, 2025

5	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Greg Schoborg
6	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Jim Stenzel
7	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Leo & MaryAnne McNab
8	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Al Purrington
9	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Lawrence & Esther Damm
10	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
10	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Richard & Helen Becker

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
- Joan Schafer
- Pat Weir
- For our veterans & police forces
- For and end to abortion
- For victims of war in Ukraine
- 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
- Amber Determan
- 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
- Teresa Pudenz
- Lanette Horkey
- Todd Hines

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This week's readings:

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;
 Luke 12:13-21**

Next week's readings:

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Possessions and the Old House

Our gospel pericope of this weekend is taken from the twelfth chapter of Luke's gospel. It speaks to us of possessions and greed. The story is of the rich man who has a bountiful harvest and decides to tear down his smaller bins to build larger bins. With these new and larger bins filled to capacity, an abundance which would last years, he can "rest, eat, drink and be merry" (Luke 12:19). Many questions come to mind with this story.

- A. How old were the smaller bins? It really seems foolish to tear them down when they were built just one year prior.
- B. How many hours of the day did he plan to "rest" and kick up his feet?
- C. How much did he plan to "eat"? You can only eat so much in a given day.
- D. Was his drink going to consist of the most expensive varieties of the day?
- E. Is one really "merry" when you have much? After all, when one has, one can't seem to get enough.

I have shared the story of how I got caught in this "greed" mentality when I was younger. I thought it cool to have a lot of hunting and fishing items. In fact, the basement of the home where I grew up became the "new bins" for all types of things. Here are some of the things I did:

- A. Placed nail after nail in the basement walls and beams to hold fishing items.
- B. Between beams, I would nail small pieces of wood/board to hold rods and spears (for spearing northern pike).
- C. Cleaned shelves in the canning area to hold various boxes of shells.
- D. Set up a table for our reloading equipment.
- E. Placed bird bands on electrical wires which ran to outlets.

The time finally arrived. My brother decided to build a new house. The basement needed to be emptied out. With that prospect, my mindset changed. Instead of looking at all the items with pride, I now needed to figure out what I was going to do with everything. Boxes were filled with fishing items. Plastic totes were filled with fishing items. Most of the hunting items were carried and stored in my brother's new house. All of this became "work."

And that was the end. I had been downsizing many of the items I had been taking from parish to parish. I am proud to say that everything can now be moved with just one pickup load. Downsizing became the focus of hunting and fishing items. The question being, "What do I really need?" Downsizing has taken place and while I still have plenty of items, the "greed" mentality is no longer the driving force. The "smaller bins" bring just as much happiness as the "larger bins." Think long and hard about this gospel and don't let "greed" lead you along a fictitious and slippery path.

I Wouldn't Recommend But...

A friend of mine who was pregnant was on a strict diet and both her doctor and her husband kept close tabs on her. She is a good cook and didn't want to deprive her husband of sweets just because she couldn't eat them. One day she made a chocolate cream pie for lunch and her husband ate half of it. While clearing the table, she decided to sneak just a bite. One bite led to another, and before long she had eaten the rest of the pie. Knowing that her husband would lecture her, she could think of only one way to keep her secret. She quickly made another chocolate cream pie and ate half of it.

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 - August 10, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Nathan Madsen Brynn Erickson	Marcus Hoppe
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ROSARY	Pat Bonnell	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Nick Riordan
GREETERS		Laurie & Jake Redmond Pat Spencer



	Brewster 07/26	Heron Lake 07/27	Windom 07/27
Week 04/52	\$ 606	\$ 1,590	\$ 2,070
YTD	\$ 3,614	\$ 24,876	\$ 9,608

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Seminarian Education Fund Appeal 2025 Collection July 26 & 27

Brewster	\$ 199.50
Heron Lake	\$ 233
Windom	\$ 255

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday August 3rd
11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom



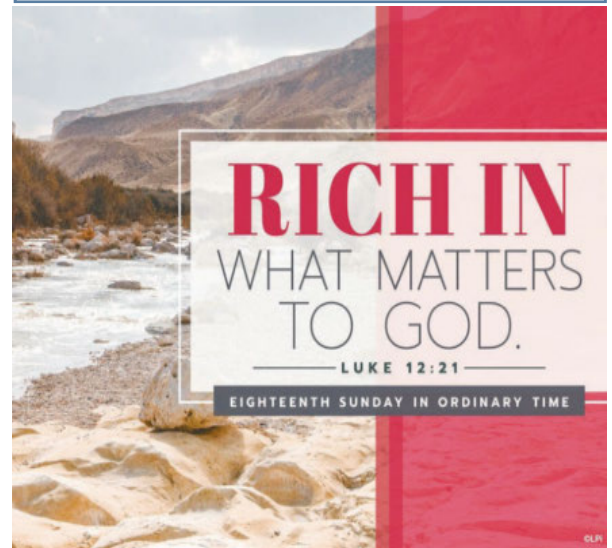
Saturday August 9th
4:00-4:45

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.

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 **2ND SATURDAY** of the month, The next Adoration is **AUGUST 9th** from 4:00-4:45.

CATHOLIC MINISERIES APPEAL- If you have not sent in your donation, please do so. Our goal is \$5732 and thus far, \$3175 has been given. Remember, all monies that go over our goal, will be returned to us. Last year, \$732 was returned. Your donation helps our Diocese to address many needed areas in ministry, and in return, helps our parishes.

BREWSTER FUN DAYS, again was a good day for the community and everyone else who joined us for the festivities. Thank you to everyone who help prepare and worked at each activity.

A SPECIAL thank you to the parishioners who planned, donated, and worked at the shelter, serving burgers, hotdogs, water and pop. And to Brian Kass who brought in his grill and did the grilling. The burgers and hotdogs were delicious! The CCW ladies would like to thank our parishioners for their time and effort to help this fundraiser be a successful one.

THANK YOU TO MARY HARTLEP for planting and taking care of the flowers in front of the church, and the sign. The flowers add beauty to the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMUEL HABERMAN & KIMBERLY NELSON who were married Sat., July 26 at Sacred Heart Brewster. God Bless you with a lifetime of love and happiness.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS AND ST CAJETAN.



HERON LAKE

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

LITURGY ROLES: Looking to become more involved in church? Please contact Melanie if you would be interested in helping out with the rosary readings, serving, ushering, eucharist minister, lector, or contribution steward.

MEETING: CCW Meeting will be on August 12th at 7 PM in the church basement.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Congratulations on reaching our goal of \$9,433. We are now over goal at \$10,260 which means that so far we will have \$827 coming back to the church without any assessment. Please continue to donate to the CMA. Thank you to those who have already donated!

STATEMENTS: Mid-year statements have been mailed. Please call Melanie with any questions.

THANK YOU to all who helped cut down diseased/dead trees and branches around the church property. We appreciate the hard work you put in!

JUBILEE 2025 What is a Jubilee Year?
*A Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration.

"The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation." (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* 25)



For more information about Jubilee please visit the following website:
<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

SACRED HEART IN HERON LAKE IS A JUBILEE LOCATION WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER



WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered the **1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.** The next Adoration is today, **AUG. 3rd** 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...

THE FALL FESTIVAL is set for 9/21. Please save your White Elephant items for dropping off at the church — **no earlier than August 31st** please. Also, no clothing or purses will be accepted. Thank you. The Fall Festival Committee is looking for someone to run the White Elephant Sale. See Debby Mau if you are interested.

THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE is looking for teachers for the upcoming school year. Contact Vicki, 507-830-0357; Sherri Zimmerman, 507-221-0354; or Joan Hunter, 507-831-2470 if you are interested.

NOW THAT WE ARE IN ORDINARY TIME, if you have FLOWERS, garden or other decorative plants, please feel welcome to put them anywhere in the Church for decorating. Thank you.

THE JOB POSITION OPENING is posted for Saint Francis Xavier Church's Office Administrator. Position descriptions and applications are available in the office.

AFTER MASS, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be in the hall with the sign-up sheet to volunteer to help with the running of the KC's food stand at the fair on August 6-9. Please support the Knights of Columbus by helping out with a shift or two. Contact Dave Green to volunteer, 507-822-4907. Thank you

THE MCCL, MN CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE, will have a booth at the Cottonwood County Fair, (August 6-9). The booth needs staffing from Noon – 9:00 pm each day. If you are willing to support Life and help by taking a shift, please contact Barb LaCanne 507-822-0768. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16th the Knights of Columbus will be utilizing a scissor lift to do some sprucing up at the cemetery then moving to the church to clean gutters. All parishioners are invited are to help. You don't have to be a Knight. **THE STARTING TIME WILL BE 9:00 AM AT THE CEMETERY.** Thank you.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be setting up the KC's food stand at the fairgrounds on Monday, August 4th, (tomorrow evening), at 6:00 pm.

WINDOM MINISTRIAL PRESENTS: A Free Movie

The Gathering Church is sponsoring August's free movie at the Windom state Theater on August 10th at 1:00PM. "Fireproof" is rated PG and is 2 hours, 2 minutes long. Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea are the main characters.



EUCCHARISTIC RIVAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION.

The Institute of Lay Formation is a way for Christians to fulfill their Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharistic promises to participate actively and co-responsibly in the Church's mission of salvation in the world. ILF exists to bring lay people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ so they can become His missionary disciples, who go forth proclaiming the Gospel and forming new disciples for the Church.

dowr.org/offices/lay-formation/institute-of-lay-formation.html



The **Institute of Lay Formation** is now accepting applications for the 2025-2028 lay cohort. Lay people can apply on the DOWR website and they can access the website through the QR code. The application is at the bottom of the Institute of Lay Formation page.



The **application deadline** is on **August 15th** and the formation year begins on **September 19th, 2025.**

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:

Reconciliation continues to be available. All are encouraged to continue coming to confession throughout the year; or return to the sacrament of reconciliation.

DON'T MISS THE JOY THE LORD WANTS YOU TO HAVE!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available in the tri-parish, during adoration, on the 1st Sunday in Windom from 11-12 AM, also in Brewster on the 2nd Saturday from 4:00-4:45 PM and in Heron Lake before Mass on Sundays at 7:30 AM. Reconciliation is also before Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 PM in Brewster.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Regarding the weekday Mass schedule; funerals and vacations scheduled intermittently may affect weekday Masses and there may be cancellations. Please be patient as we learn of these schedule changes. We will update you as best we can via facebook, signs at the church, announcements or even the bulletin when able. Thank you for your understanding.

Mankato Area Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation: Oct 25th Church of the Crucifixion, La Crescent, MN. Go to: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html> The next session is January 31st, at St. John Vianney, Fairmont, MN.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The next session is October 4-5, 2025 at Schoenstatt of the Lake—Sleepy Eye, MN. Contact Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 with questions.

"THIS IS MY BODY" is the theme of the Winona-Rochester Diocese Council of Catholic Women Convention Saturday, October 11, 2025. St. Adrian in Adrian, MN is hosting the convention starting at 7:45 am until ~3:00 pm. Save the date, more information will be coming in future bulletins.

SYNOD FOR EVANGELIZATION & VOCATIONS: Mankato Aug 21 starting at 4pm through Aug 22, full day. TWO REPRESENTATIVES from EACH parish are needed to serve on this SYNOD. 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.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** feast day on **August 15th** schedule is as follows:

08/14/2025 6:30 PM Vigil-Sacred Heart Church, Brewster

08/15/2025 9:00 AM Sacred Heart Church, Heron Lake

08/15/2025 6:30 PM St. Francis Xavier Church, Windom

SAVE THE DATE

This year's diocesan women's conference, "Beloved" is being held at St. Ann's Church in Janesville, MN.

NOVEMBER 1ST

More details are coming. Watch the bulletin or go to our Winona-Rochester Diocesan Website for information on this and additional events in the Diocese.

dowr.org



NOVEMBER 1, 2025

REGISTER HERE!

<https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3780>

Beloved

DIocese of WINONA-ROCHESTER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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Elizabeth Leon

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