AUGUST 17, 2025 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINAR







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 19 - 24, 2025

19	<u>rues</u>	5:30pm	Windom		Special Intention		
20	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake		Intentions for Eugune &		
21	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	t	Kathy Walter Dennis Haberman		
22	<u>Fri</u>	9:00am	Sogge Home	t	Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff		
23	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster		For the People		
24	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	ŧ	William Lohse		
24	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	t	Paul & Mary Jane Pudenz		

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
 - Amber Determan •
- Ben Byam Margaret Juhnke • Joe Rivera
- Brad Baumgard •

- Travis Muller
- John Zschetzsche
 - Larry Wagner

- Aiden Remme •
- Roxann Irwin
- Magdalen Hill

- Miguel Esquivel •
- Briar Rose Smith •
- Mike Stone

- Joan Schafer
- Lisa Rothenberger •
- **Lupita Flores**

- Pat Weir
- Joann Polzine
- Teresa Pudenz
- For our veterans & police forces
- Lanette Horkey
- For and end to abortion
- **Todd Hines**
- 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

TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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E-mail: secretaryfrancis2024@gmail.com Website: www.sfxwindom.org

Joan Hunter: Faith Formation Chair E-mail: stfrancisff@gmail.com

FB: St. Francis Xavier Parish

This week's readings:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 66:18-21: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13: Luke 13:22-

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Prayer

Prayer is vital to our lives, so I want to reiterate some points I made in my homily on prayer. First, how come God sometimes doesn't answer my prayers? When we pray the Lord's prayer, we call God our Father. A father, like a mother, has insight. To a request, a father may say, "yes." But in wisdom, he may also respond, "No, not yet or I don't think this is a good idea." Why? For our own good. If our earthly father has such insight, our heavenly Father has far greater insight. Seeing the big picture, God sees beyond time. God sees our entire story. In wisdom, He wants what is best for us. That means God to our prayer may respond, "yes," "no," "not yet," or "this is not a wise idea."

Second, does prayer make a difference? Here is the story I shared:

How much does a prayer weigh? There is a story of a grocery store owner who tried to weigh one. A tired looking woman came into the store and asked for enough food to make a dinner for her children. The grocer asked her how much she could spend. The frail looking woman answered, "I have nothing to offer but a little prayer." The storekeeper was not very sentimental nor religious, so he said, "Write it on paper and I will weigh it." So she did. The grocer placed the prayer on the weight side of the old-fashioned scales. Then he began piling food on the other side; but to his amazement, the scale would not go down. He finally became flustered and gave the woman a large bag of food. The grocer never saw the woman again, but he treasures the slip of paper upon which the woman's prayer had been written – "Please, Lord, give us this day our daily bread."

As I noted in my homily, if we really knew how much our prayer mattered, we would destroy it with our pride. It is best we do not know the impact of each, individual prayer; otherwise, we might think we were God. Trust God and trust He always does something with our prayer.

Third, what about distractions in prayer? Distractions are a normal part of being human. One of the ways the devil leads us away from God is to discourage us. It sounds like this, "Ah, you're just going to get distracted so why pray? Prayer doesn't work, you're wasting your time, it's boring, you have too many other things to do which are more exciting." When this happens, it is best we pray, and in our prayer should we become distracted ask, "Is this something I should be offering to God?" If it is, offer it to God. Pray for God's assistance. If it isn't, ask God to help you let it go and let it go.

And finally, when God answers our prayer, be grateful. Here is the story I shared:

St. Peter was giving a tour of the facilities to a new arrival in heaven. They paused at one large room filled with hundreds of busy angels. "This is the Receiving Section," St. Peter shouted above the noisy activity. "All prayer petitions to God come in here for recording and processing."

They moved on to the next large room. "This is Packaging and Delivery," Peter explained. "Here is where the requested graces and blessings are packaged and delivered back to those on earth." The new arrival was awed at the immense operation.

Then they passed a small office. Inside there was one bored-looking angel sitting behind an empty desk. "What's that?" The new arrival asked. St. Peter said, "Oh, this is the Acknowledgement Station. There's really very little to do here. After people receive the blessings they prayed for, very few bother to send in acknowledgements. But, if they do, we record that in here."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" the newcomer asked. "Simple," Peter said. "Just saying the Lord's Prayer would do it."

The story reminds us that when we have a prayer answered to acknowledge it. There isn't anything we have or have been given that doesn't come from God. God gives; we receive. Be thankful!

With all this in mind, never become discouraged. Just pray!

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

Following Jesus sometimes means being rejected by others. Speak an encouraging word this week to someone you know who is trying to follow Jesus through the fire. Say a prayer for those who are discerping a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 12:49)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - August 24, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am			
SERVERS	Bristol VandeKamp Aubrey Erickson	Danna Flores Seth Hoppe			
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SACRISTANS		Vicki Ommen Jackie Jurgens			
ROSARY	Marlys Olson	David Bockelmann			
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Riordan			
GREETERS		Kevin & Heather Bristow			

Parish Support Parish Support Parish Support

	Brewster 08/09	Heron Lake 08/10	Windom 08/10
Week 06/52	\$ 667	\$ 4,295	\$ 4,365
YTD	\$ 5,055	\$ 29,171	\$ 18,198

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AUG 23-24

\$ 20.00

THURSDAY/FRIDAY, AUGUST
14TH/15TH THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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Brewster \$

Heron Lake

Windom

The appeal for the **Catholic Home Missions**, (50%) strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. August 23-24

The National Collection for Black and Native American people, (50%) continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. Aug 23-24

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 31st 11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier Church, Windom (This is a change from the regular schedule) No Adoration on 9/7



Saturday, September 13th 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



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCO

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 at least a three month preparation time. Please schedule your Quinceanera at least 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 **SEPTEMBER 13th 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.

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 NEL-SON who were married Sat., July 26 at Sacred Heart Brewster. God Bless you with a lifetime of love and happiness.

THE SUMMER IS QUICKLY PASSING US BY. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES are being organized. Molly is in need of catechists. We have 26 students who need the parishes direction in loving and serving their Lord. Please consider on taking up this task for your child and all the children in our parish. Your guidance, presence and love of your Catholic faith, is needed to be shared with our children, more than ever. Please contact Molly.

THE AUGUST COURIERS are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick yours up. Thank you



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.

COF STEAK FRY will be on Sunday, September 7th, 4:30 PM at Steger Hall. \$5.00 for COF members and burgers are free to those who do not want steak. You NEED to reserve a steak to get a steak! Please call Kevin Leopold 507-793-2894 or Dennis Salentiny 507-360-1910 to reserve your steak.

A BOX OF JOY may be the only Christmas gift a child in need receives. Please help your CCW with this project by picking up a Box of Joy from the if you are interested. church; fill it and return it to the rectory by October 5th. A list of gift item suggestions & instructions can be found next to the boxes in church entrance. They have requested that a rosary be included in each box. The postage will be paid by CCW.

ROSARIES NEEDED: CCW is looking for rosaries to include in the Box of Joy. They have requested a rosary for each box so we are looking for a total of 20. Please drop by office or bring to Dianne Freking if you are willing to help. Thank you!

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 reauire, in



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 AUG. 31st from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome. **NOTE:** This is a variance from the regular 1st Sunday schedule. There'll be no Adoration on Sept 7th.

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.

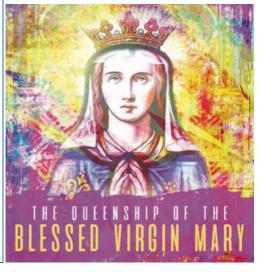
THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTE is looking for teachers for the upcoming school year. Contact Vicki, 507-830-0357; Sherri Zimmerman, 507-221-0354; or Joan Hunter, 507-831-2470

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!

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION: St. Francis Xavier is no longer accepting applications for the Office Administrator position after Monday, August 18th.

OCIA: (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you want to understand your faith better? Are you a baptized Catholic who has not received all the Sacraments? Would you like a lifelong encounter with Jesus? Our "no strings attached" inquiry session will be SEPTEMBER 7TH, 6:30 PM Church Hall. Email secretaryfrancis2024@gmail.com or call Judy at 507-831-1985 to let us know you are attending. Thank you.

THE AUGUST COURIERS are available at the entrances of the church. Please pick yours up. Thank you



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

"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.

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. (Brewster will not have confess on September 6th.)

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/marriagepreparation.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.

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EUCHARISTIC RIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION "I AM STANDING AT THE DOOR!"

The Eucharist is the alternative to every voice that would have us collapse before our own chaos or the storms that batter the world in anxious resentment, fear, or hopelessness. The Eucharist teaches us gratitude. It feeds us with Life. It is where we receive with a big open heart the Mystery of Jesus who walks through the door we open, even if only a crack. It is in Holy Communion that we can say, "He comes in to me and eats with me, and me with him." It is the place of transformation, the point of recalibration where we leave with new vision. our minds and hearts tuned once again to the melody of God's Word and wisdom.

This August, may we ourselves be made new after having opened that door! Excerpt from: Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP Aug 8 HOTR biweekly newsletter.

MANAGING EDITOR of "Heart of the Revival Newsletter". Read more from Kathryn J. Hermes at: eucharisticrevival.org/blog Also while there, subscribe to the newsletter: eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic School in Worthington would like to introduce Mr. David Stone as it's new school principal. Looking ahead to the new school year, David has three

- Fulfilling the Catholic Mission of our school, infusing Catholic values throughout our school program.
- Maintaining a safe and supportive school environment. All are welcome.
- Providing an appropriately challenging academic program for the students we serve.

All levels of leadership are very committed to St. Mary's Catholic school. All are welcome. All are invited to come home. We invite you to consider the possibility of sending your child[ren] to St. Mary's Catholic School in Worthington. We would be honored to assist parents in the promises that they made at their child's baptism to raise and to form their child[ren] in the faith of the Church. If you are concerned about finances then please make an appointment to speak with Principal Stone directly. School Office: (507) 376-5236. There will also be an Open House event taking place at the school on August 20th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Thank you.





THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION next week, August 23rd & 24th for CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS. Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the CMS funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. 50% OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED GO TO THE BLACK AND NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE FUND. Est. in 1884 this fund supports and strengthens evangelization programs via grants distributed to dioceses through out the U.S. Please give generously.



SAVE THE DATE

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

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



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