SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY







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 - SEPTEMBER 9 - 14, 2025

9	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	†	Jermaine Grove	
10	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	t	Veronica, Milton, & Tom W	
11	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	t	Joe & Rose Weinandt	
12	<u>Fri</u>	9:00am	Sogge Home		Special Intention	
13	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	÷	Emma Rae Hanson	
14	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	+	Rod Miranowski	
14	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	÷	Donald Hoppe	

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.

Ben Byam

Joe Rivera

Larry Wagner

Magdalen Hill

Mike Stone

Todd Hines

Lupita Flores

Teresa Pudenz

Lanette Horkey

TRI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Maxine Frank Amber Determan •
- Brad Baumgard Margaret Juhnke •
- Travis Muller John Zschetzsche •
- Aiden Remme Roxann Irwin
- Miguel Esquivel Briar Rose Smith •
- Joan Schafer Lisa Rothenberger •
- Pat Weir Joann Polzine
- 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

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This week's readings:

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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Next week's readings:

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Calculate!

In last week's column, we spoke of humility. I shared a story of being humbled and to live life means we are all humbled at some point. This week's gospel reminds of another way a person can be humbled. Jesus states, "Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms" (Luke 14:28-32).

The gospel's thrust is discipleship. Does one realize the cost of discipleship? One must sit down and calculate. Am I willing to put God first in my life? Am I willing to renounce my possessions for the sake of the kingdom of heaven? Am I willing to put God before father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, friends? If anything stands in the way of Jesus, one cannot be a true, committed disciple.

Speaking of calculating, for three summers I worked as a carpenter. I cut many 2 by 4's over those summer months. The one lesson learned was to make certain the measurement was correct. It is one thing to cut a board too long; however, cut it too short and you are doomed. You cannot add to a board. One would be openly mocked when a 2 by 4 was tossed to another only to learn it was short by four inches.

Jesus wants us to calculate carefully. Is being a disciple something we truly desire? If so, then deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus Christ!

"Lean Not On Your Own Understanding"

A college student was in a philosophy class. there was a class discussion about whether or not God existed. The professor had the following logic: "Hs anyone in this class heard God?" Nobody spoke. "Has anyone in this class touched God?" Nobody spoke. "Has anyone in this class seen God?" When nobody spoke for the third time, he simply stated, "Then there is no God."

One student didn't like the sound of this at all and asked for permission to speak. The professor granted it, and the student stood up and asked the following questions of his classmates: "Has anyone in this class heard our professor's brain?" Silence. "Has anyone in this class touched our professor's brain?" Absolute silence. "Has anyone in this class seen our professor's brain?" When nobody in the class dared to speak, the student concluded, "Then, according to our professor's logic, it must be true that our professor has no brain!"

The student received an "A" in the class. It only goes to show that you cannot always lean on your own understanding!

An Important Lesson: Everyone Matters!

Someone shared this story. During my second month of college our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one. It read, "What is the first name of the woman of cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark and in her fifties but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'."

With that remark, I have a hunch they all learned the name of the cleaning woman.

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

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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: 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the parish office a month in advance to fill out the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring Sessions.

VOCATION VIEW

Having a loose grasp on those people and things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to

overflowing by God. Can you let go? (Luke 14:25-33)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - September 14, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am		
SERVERS	Aubrey Erickson Brynn Erickson	Josianna DeWall Marcus Hoppe		
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VIDEO STREAMING		Gale Symens		
GREETERS		John & Tami Anderson		

Parish Support Parish Support Parish Support

	Brewster 08/30	Heron Lake 08/31	Windom 08/31
Week 09/52	\$ 677	\$ 506	\$ 3,159
YTD	\$ 7,406	\$ 33,930	\$ 29,910

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SAT/SUN, AUGUST 23RD/24TH
COMBINATION COLLECTION
CATHOLIC HOME MISSION
NATIONAL COLLETION FOR BLACK &
NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Brewster \$ 228.00

Heron Lake \$ 266.00

Windom \$ 322.00

will be taken next weekend, SEPTEMBER 13-14 to support CNEWA and CRS in their relief efforts for GAZA. To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at www.cnewa.org and www.crs.org.

A SECOND COLLECTION

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13th 4:00-4:45 Sacred Heart Church, Brewster





Sunday, October 5th 11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier, Windom

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

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



CONGRATULATIONS ANGELYN BARRIOS, DAUGHTER OF JUAN BARRIOS AND CRISTINA MAZARILEGOS on her Quinceañera Saturday, August 30th at Saint Francis Xavier's Church. May God bless you always. St. Francis Xavier's also thanks you and your family for the beautiful flowers that graced our sanctuary in the days following your

Quinceañera. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.





BETHLHEM STAR: "For centuries, Bethlehem Christian's have supported their families by carving Olive Wood Religious Art for visiting pilgrims. However, the conflict in the Holy Land and the decrease in tourism have dropped the percentage of Christians living there from 63% to less than 2%. Our main objective is to help all Christian families stay in their homeland in dignity and keep the Christian identity in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. On Sep. 6th & 7th, 2025, Holy Land Christians will be promoting their Olive Wood Carvings to support their families in the Holy Land. Kindly stop by their display."

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INSIDE OUR PARISHES HERON LAKE

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the 2ND SATUR-DAY of the month, The next Adoration is **SEPTEMBER 13**th from 4:00-4:45.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL- If you have not sent in your donation, please do so. Our goal is \$5,732 and thus far, \$4,578 has been given. Remember, all monies that go over our goal, will be and in return, helps our parishes.

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has contacted Molly to be a catechist this year. Our parish appreciates you giving your time and talents to our children. Molly needs a catechist for 7th grade and subs. Search your heart and give Molly a call. 507-360-4526. Thank you.

confession on Saturday, 9/6.

SAT. NIGHT-SEPT. 6TH, following Mass, we will have the BETHLE-**HEM STAR OLIVE WOOD** display and sell their items in the church hall. Please come and take a look at their beautiful handmade olive wood.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND collection for GAZA and the surrounding areas on Sat., Sept. 13th. This collection will help support CNEWA-Catholic Near East Welfare Association and CRS, Catholic Relief Services. These services help provide humanitarian relief and pastoral sup-Please give generously. Thank you.



There will be CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUN-DAYS.

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.

returned to us. Last year, \$732 A BOX OF JOY may be the only Christwas returned. Your donation mas gift a child in need receives. helps our Diocese to address Please help your CCW with this promany needed areas in ministry, ject by picking up a Box of Joy from the 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.

> TODAY, SEPT. 7TH, we will have the BETHLEHEM STAR OLIVE WOOD display and sell their items in the church hall. Please come and take a look at their beautiful handmade olive wood.

COFFEE & ROLLS: Please join us after NO CONFESSION: there will be no Mass on Sunday, September 14th to honor the Confirmation students: Emily Bartosh, Aubrey Erickson, Blake Holden, Avery Janssen, Nathan Madsen. & Ellie Rasche.

> FAITH FORMATION: Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 1st for 7th-12th grade students and Sunday, October 5th for K-6th grade students.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES:

We will have early bulletin submissions for the next 2 weeks. The bulletin deadlines for the next two weeks is Monday of the week before at 1:00



WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered the 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. The next Adoration is today, October 5th 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.

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 drop off your White Elephant items up until September 18th. Also, no clothing or purses will be accepted. Thank you. The Fall Festival Committee is looking for someone to take money for the White Elephant the day of the sale. Please bring, send or put in the collection your Big Ticket Raffle donations. If you drop them in the collection plate, please designate them as a raffle donation. Thank you. Also, there will be distribution of raffle tickets to sell before and after Mass starting this weekend. Please pick yours up. Thank you.

THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTE is looking for teachers for the upcoming school year. Faith Formation Registration Forms have been sent out for our new year, 2025-2026. Extra registration forms are in the church hall and in the church office. Please contact Sherri Zimmerman, 507-221-0354, Vicki Ommen, 507-830-0357, or Joan Hunter, 507-831-2470 for volunteering or if you have questions.

OCIA: (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? See page 5 of this bulletin for info on OCIA. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMA-TION STUDENTS Wishing you all of God's blessings on all of your special day. In recognition of sending of our Confirmation students, there is COFFEE AND ROLLS SERVED AFTER MASS. All are welcome.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on 9/9 at 7:00 pm in the Knights room.

C.L.A.S. the Catholic Ladies Afternoon Social will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of September, 9/9 at 2:00 pm. All ladies welcome.

TODAY, SEPT. 7TH, following Mass, we will have the **BETHLEHEM STAR OLIVE WOOD** display and sell their items in the church hall. Please come and take a look at their beautiful handmade olive wood.

WINDOM MINISTERIALASSOCIA-TION PRESENTS:

A Free Movie. "Sound of Hope". The E Free Church is sponsoring September's free movie at the Windom State Theater on September 14th at 1:00 PM.



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

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 held Sunday, September 7th at the church hall. Contact Judy Green at 507-822-6497 or email secretaryfrancis2024@gmail.com for more information and to let us know you are attending. Thank you.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S FALL FESTIVAL on September 21st. Save the Date. There will be a White Elephant Sale, the Heavenly Bake Sale, a Turkey Meal following Mass, Bingo and the Big Ticket raffle. You may buy tickets the day of the Festival. There is also a Farmer's Market.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVIAL: THE YEAR OF MISSION

As Pope Leo XIV expressed in his prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus released this month: "Lord, I come to your tender heart today.... I desire to know you more, to contemplate you in the Gospel, to be with you and learn from you.... Change, shape, and transform our plans, so that we seek only you in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine. From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which you are the source from which all consolation flows. Amen."

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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. There will be no Mass Sept 30th-Oct 2nd for Presbyterial Days.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's diocesan women's 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 on this and additional events in the Diocese.





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