

# SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



**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 16 - 21,

16	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Shirley Fisher
17	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Marilyn Burns
18	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Howard & Beverly Damm
19	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Colleen Ortmann
20	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Paul & Laverna Schaffer
21	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Sam Henkels
21	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	For the People

**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:

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

### Next week's readings:

**Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13**

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## Weekly Word from the Rock:

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

As we come to worship this weekend, our weekend celebration is not the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time rather the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let us remember the colors worn with the appropriate season:

- Advent (Violet)
- Christmas (White)
- Ordinary Time (Green)
- Lent (Violet)

Easter (White)

As you notice, none of those colors are associated with this weekend's Feast. Our color of this weekend is red.

Red is worn to honor:

The Holy Spirit.

Martyrs who died for the faith.

The blood of Jesus Christ.

Specifically red, worn to recall the blood of Jesus Christ, is worn on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14).

Our gospel passage contains one of the most famous Scripture passages in the Bible. Our passage is John 3:13-17. John 3:14-15 reads, "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." In the twenty-first chapter of Numbers, we hear the story of Moses and the serpent. As the people continue their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, they grumble about the lack of food and water. Due to their complaints, the Lord sends seraph serpents which bite the people, causing many to die. Realizing their sin, they turn to Moses repentant. Moses places a serpent on a pole and anyone who looks at it is healed. The same promise is made of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ died on the cross due to sin, yet, in dying on the cross, he also saved people from their sins. That is why the word gospel means "Good News." The Good News is Jesus Christ has conquered all.

The author of this "Good News" is God the Father. In John 3:16-17, we read, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." The passage teaches:

God the Father recognized the power of sin.

God the Father realized the only way sin was to be overcome was through his Son.

God sent his Son into this world.

God sent his Son not to condemn the world.

God sent his Son to save the world.

Hopefully, we understand why love is the defining word of God the Father. God loves us and will do everything for us to enter his love for eternity.

The cross is a marvel to me.

The wood of the cross reminds of where sin entered the world. The tree of the forbidden fruit.

That somehow, we could be so cruel as to crucify our Savior.

The cross powers its way to heaven (the vertical beam) and across all peoples and the world (the vertical beam).

As nails adhere the hands and feet of Jesus, the resurrection adheres to all of us.

From the lance thrust in his side, signifying his death, God creates. The blood and water mark the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist.

Is it any wonder that we exalt the cross today? From something so cruel, our salvation is found. Blessed be the cross of Jesus Christ!

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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## VOCATION VIEW

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." Follow Christ with your life that you too may have eternal life. (John 3:13-17) 2

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - September 21, 2025

Brewster Saturday   5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday   8:00 am	Windom Sunday   10:00 am
<b>SERVERS</b>	Katherine Krumbach Bristol VandeKamp	Seth Hoppe Jorgia DeWall
<b>LECTOR</b>	Carmen Rasche Lori Henkels	Tim Jenniges
<b>CANTOR</b>		Katelin Brown
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<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Jackie Jurgens Heather Bristow or Kevin Bristow
<b>SACRISTAN</b>		Nadine Forman
<b>ROSARY</b>	Pat Bonnell	David Bockelmann
<b>VIDEO STREAMING</b>		Tom Riordan
<b>GREETERS</b>		Kevin & Heather Bristow



	Brewster 09/06	Heron Lake 09/07	Windom 09/07
Week 10/52	\$ 1000	\$ 2676	\$ 2,816
YTD	\$ 8,406	\$ 36,906	\$ 32,726

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SAT/SUN, SEPT.13 & 14  
**GAZA**

Brewster	\$
Heron Lake	\$
Windom	\$

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken next week-end, **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](http://www.cnewa.org) and [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church, Brewster



Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

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



**BECAUSE BY YOUR  
HOLY CROSS YOU  
HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**



## INSIDE OUR PARISHES

### BREWSTER

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered on the **2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY of the month**. The next Adoration is **SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-4:45.

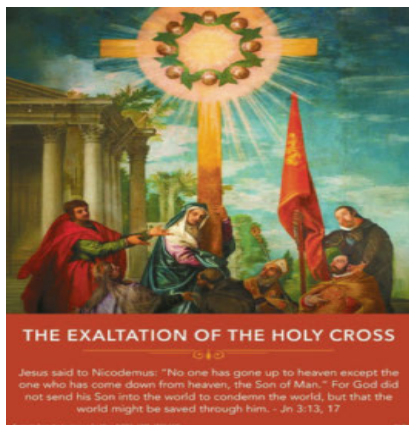
**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-** If you have not sent in your donation, please do so. Our goal is \$5,732 and thus far, \$4,578 has been given. Remember, all monies that go over our goal, will be returned to us. Last year, \$732 was returned. Your donation helps our Diocese to address many needed areas in ministry, and in return, helps our parishes.

**THE SEPTEMBER 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade and subs. Search your heart and give Molly a call. 507-360-4526. Thank you.

**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 support. Please give generously. Thank you.

**A BOX OF JOY**, is available at the entrance of the Church. As you are very much aware of, this may be the only Christmas gift, the children will receive. Please pick up one or two and fill them with the suggested items. If you are able, please include a rosary. If you do not have one, contact Loretta. Please return the box(es) to the Church by Oct. 5th. Our CCW will pay the postage. Thank you for being so generous and kind to the less fortunate children.



## HERON LAKE

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Emily Bartosh, Aubrey Erickson, Lexi Haberman, Blake Holden, Avery Janssen, Nathan Madsen, and Ellie Rasche on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, September 13th at St. Ann's in Slayton. May God continue to bless you and guide you along the way.

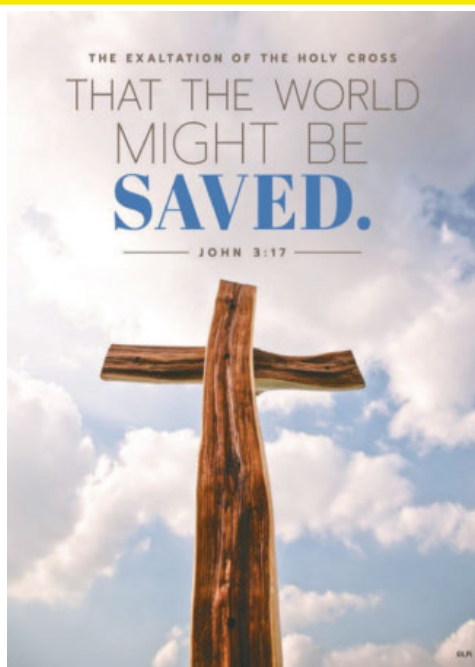
**COFFEE & ROLLS:** Please join us after Mass today to honor the Confirmation students: Emily Bartosh, Aubrey Erickson, Lexi Haberman, Blake Holden, Avery Janssen, Nathan Madsen, & Ellie Rasche.

**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 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.

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

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHES:

We will have early bulletin submission next week. The bulletin deadlines for next week is tomorrow, Monday 09/15



## WINDOM

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION** will be offered the **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**. The next Adoration is **October 5<sup>th</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...

**THE FALL FESTIVAL** is set for 9/21. Please drop off your White Elephant items up until **September 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Please pick yours up. Thank you.

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION** is on Sept. 24 from 5-7 p.m. Faith Formation will begin on Oct. 8th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### WINDOM MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

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



### Prayer of Love

Dear God,

Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me, to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love.

Amen.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Windom from 11-12 AM, also in Brewster on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 classes are Sundays at 6:30pm and begin on October 19th. There will be 12 sessions every two weeks. 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.

**Sunday** **September 21, 2025**

## St. Francis Xavier FALL FESTIVAL

**White Elephant** Starts at 8:00 am through 10:00 am

**Heavenly Bake Sale** Starts at 8:00 am through 10:00 am

**MASS** 10:00 am

**Turkey Dinner** 11:00 am through 1:00 pm  
Includes Turkey, dressing with all the trimmings and dessert  
Dinner Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults & Students, \$6.00 for Children under 6 yrs.

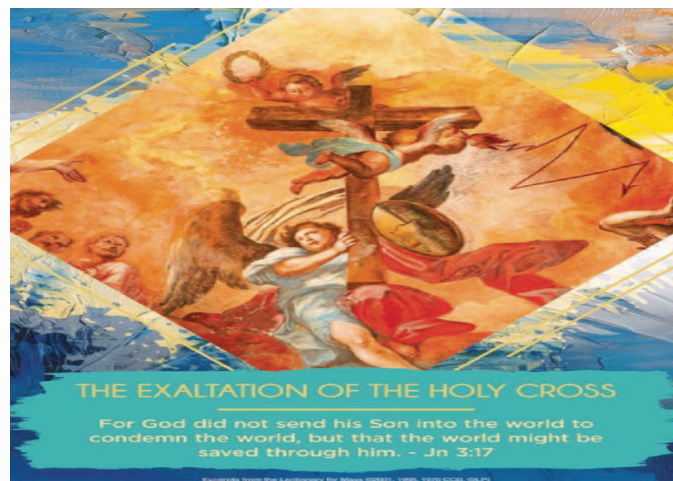
**Bingo** 1:15 pm

**Raffle** 1:15 pm

ALL DAY: Browse through our Heavenly Bake Shop, the Farmer's Market and the White Elephant Shop

Remember to buy your tickets for the BIG TICKET RAFFLE – Just \$1 per ticket

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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 30<sup>th</sup>-Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> for Presbyterian 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.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2025**

## Beloved

DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

### Let Yourself Be Loved

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

Keynote Speaker

## Elizabeth Leon

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