OCTOBER 5, 2025 | TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 - OCTOBER 7 - 12, 2025

7	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	⊕ Ed Grunewald		
8	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	₱ Joe & Alice Salentiny		
9	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	⊕ Laurie Haberman		
10	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	⊕ William "Woody" Ahrens		
11	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People		
12	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	† Arnold, Phyllis, Greg, & Mary		
12	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	Jane Appel Ray & Lorraine Anderson		

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
- Brad Baumgard Margaret Juhnke •
- Travis Muller John Zschetzsche •
- Aiden Remme Roxann Irwin
- Miguel Esquivel •
- Joan Schafer
- Pat Weir
- Briar Rose Smith •
- Lisa Rothenberger •
- - Joann Polzine
 - Lanette Horkey
 - **Todd Hines**

Joe Rivera

Larry Wagner

Magdalen Hill

Mike Stone

Lupita Flores

Teresa Pudenz

- 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 victims of the unrest in the region of the Holy Land

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This week's readings:

Habakkuk 1:2-3,: 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Next week's readings:

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Word from the Rock:

Respecting God's Judgment

In the April 2007 edition of the St. Anthony Messenger on page 54, Father Pat McCloskey takes on the following question:

Question: In Matthew 26:24, Jesus says, "The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." In John 13:27 we read, "After he [Judas Iscariot] took the morsel, Satan entered him. So Jesus said to him, 'What you are going to do, do quickly." From preachers and others, I have heard different views as to whether Judas is definitely in hell or perhaps was forgiven. Is there biblical justification for one opinion or the other?

Answer: In some ways, this might seem the easiest judgment of all to make. Judas betrayed Jesus, our savior, leading to his passion, death and resurrection. Judas obviously made a terrible decision.

Although we need to be clear about the objective content of any decision (for example, the unlawful taking of innocent human life is murder), it is another thing to say that we know all the factors relevant to that decision and can, therefore, pass God's judgment as accurately as God can.

God's judgment must always remain God's judgment. We try to grow toward seeing things as God sees them, but if we cannot be sure that we see our own actions as completely as God does (and we cannot be 100-percent sure of that), then we cannot be absolutely certain that we see someone else's actions as clearly and accurately as God sees them.

Shouldn't it tell us something that after careful examination the Catholic Church is quite willing to say that a certain individual is definitely in heaven, yet refuses to say that someone else is certainly in hell? I am not aware that any Christian group has drawn up a formal list of individuals who are certainly in hell. Dante's *Inferno* makes for interesting reading, but it does not necessarily reflect God's judgment. Anyone's list could be mistaken.

Although it is quite clear that some actions are very sinful, "grave matter" is one of three conditions for identifying a mortal sin. The other two are "full knowledge" and "full consent." Only God can judge with absolute certainty the presence or absence of those two conditions.

Two things must be kept in mind: If I deny that eternal separation from God is a possibility, I would be guilty of heresy. If I claim to know absolutely that a particular individual is in hell, I would be guilty of blasphemy, of claiming as mine a knowledge that belongs to God alone. Human judgments do not give God a day off.

There is ample biblical justification for saying that what Judas did was gravely wrong. The same Bible, however, cautions us to leave God's judgment of individuals to God.

For the good of society, we must make prudential judgments about how to handle people who murder, individuals who steal and so on. But those are human judgments and should not be assumed to reflect God's definitive judgments.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Church prays that no person be lost. It also reminds us "that God 'desires all men [sic] to be saved' (1 Timothy 2:4), and that for him 'all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26)" (#1058).

The story of Judas's betrayal of Jesus is important for Christians to know, but they can keep growing as disciples without knowing if Judas is, in fact, in hell. We can hope that he repented even if we are not sure that he did.

Electric Motors

Do you have any electric motors that are lying around, and you would like to be rid of? Even with the passing of my father, I would be happy to take any electric motors. You can leave them by the rectory garage in Slayton, or I can pick them up at any of the parishes. Thanks!

Peace be to you!

Father Peter Schuster

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 Men-

toring 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

If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts. Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? (Psalm 95)

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LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - October 12, 2025

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am			
SERVERS	Brynn Erickson Bristol VandeKamp	Marcus Hoppe			
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ROSARY	Pat Bonnell	David Bockelman			
VIDEO STREAMING		Gale Symens			
GREETERS		Laurie & Jake Red- mond, Pat Spencer			

Parish Support Parish Support Parish Support

	Brewster 09/27	-	Heron Lake 19/28	Windom 09/28
Week 13/52	\$ 696	\$	761	\$ 3,677
YTD	113,529	\$	45,572	\$ 41,511

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SAT/SUN, OCTOBER 18 & 19

THE MISSION SUNDAY collection is a day that is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evange-lization of the world.

ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

QUINCEANERA

CONGRATULATIONS TO DANNA FLORES on your Quinceañera on September 27th. May God bless you always. We thank you Lord for calling Danna to be, to live and to love you on this day forward.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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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 OCTOBER 11TH from 4:00-4:45.

THE SEPTEMBER COURIERS are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick yours up. 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who said "yes" to Molly and our children. Faith Formation classes are ready to begin!

Congratulations and God Bless Ivy Anne Nelson who was baptized on Sept. 20th, here at Sacred Heart. Ivy's parents are Jeremy and Kasey Nelson.

LADIES, you will find a registration form on the table next to Boxes for Joy for the DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOM-EN CONVENTION, held in Adrian, Sat., Oct. 11th, beginning at 7:45 with a light breakfast and closing prayer at 2:45. The day includes Mass, speakers and lunch. There will be a cupcake fundraiser, purse drawing and vendors. Please fill out a form and send it in ASAP. Call Bev McCarvel at 507-360-6906 to carpool. You will feel blessed for taking this time for yourself!

Sacred Heart Brewster is taking applications for the **position of Office Administrator**. Job title descriptions are available Please contact Father Schuster or Loretta Smith at 507-370-2215.



HERON LAKE

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

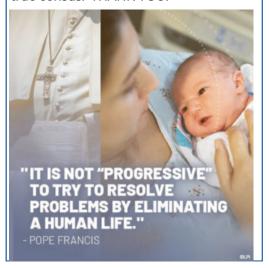
FAITH FORMATION: Classes will begin today, Sunday, October 5th for K-6th grade students.

A BOX OF JOY may be the only Christmas gift a child in need receives. Please fill 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, which the church can provide. The postage will be paid by CCW.

ROSARY RALLY to pray for America to be held Saturday, October 11th at 12:00 PM (noon) at Pat's old gas station on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue (112 10th St.) in Heron Lake, there will be signs. Come pray the rosary with us and 22,000 other rallies across the United States. The goal of America Needs Fatima is to win the heart and soul of America for Mary by spreading Our Lady's Fatima message and promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. Call Pat at 507-360-6278 with any questions.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER: Sunday, October 12th there will be a noon (11AM to 1 PM) meal fundraiser to help raise funds for Joseph Bartosh. There will be the option to dine in or take to go. The meal will be a pork chop, salad, desert and drink for \$10. If you would like to reserve a meal(s) for the day please contact Melanie in the office at 507-793-2357.

OCTOBER CENSUS: The diocese always counts parishioners every Sunday in October for a census. Please try to attend your parish as much as possible in October so the numbers will reflect our true census. THANK YOU!



WINDOM

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered the 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. The next Adoration is October 5th 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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL and the PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL will meet the evening of October 7th.

OCTOBER CENSUS: The diocese always counts parishioners every Sunday in October for a census. Please try to attend your parish as much as possible in October so the numbers will reflect our true census. THANK YOU!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will begin on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm for grades K thru 10. Pre-School Classes (children ages 4-5) will start on October 22nd. There is still time for all grades to register. There are extra registration forms in the entrance of the church. Please contact Vicki Ommen (507-830-0357), Joan Hunter (507-831-2470) or Sherri Zimmerman (507-221-0354) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer. We would like to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone who is volunteering with our Faith Formation program this year! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN starts on October 5th for women who are choosing life for their babies. Please pick up a baby bottle at the entrances of the church and be as generous as possible. Donations designated for the campaign are used for rent etc. for new mothers.

THE JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT is scheduled for October 26th in Luverne for grades 6-8. Contact Joan Hunter, Vicki Ommen or Sherri Zimmerman to pick up a registration.

THE WINDOM MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION will continue its Free Movie program which is being sponsored on October 12th by St. Francis Xavier Church starting at 1:00 pm. "Facing the Giants" is the featured film.

CLAS, CATHOLIC LADIES AFTERNOON SOCIAL will meet on October 14th in the church Hall

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.

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 jmg.kofc@gmail.com for more information and to let us know you are attending. Thank you.

Baby Bottle Campaign Provides Help and Creates Hope

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. While applying for assistance, women learn about adoption and parenting supports in order to feel confident carrying their baby to term. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis. Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!

La Campaña Del Biberón Apoya a Nuevos y Futuros Padres

Caridades Católicas apoya embarazos seguros y comienzos estables a través de asistencia financiera, artículos gratuitos para bebés, consejería de embarazo, educación para padres, y planificación y colocación de adopción. Necesitamos su ayuda para satisfacer las necesidades de padres primerizos y futuros padres en situaciones difíciles. Cada dólar donado a través de la Campaña del Biberón se utiliza para el alquiler o los servicios públicos de mujeres embarazadas o que tienen un bebé en casa. Al solicitar asistencia, las mujeres aprenden sobre adopción y apoyo para la crianza de los hijos para sentirse seguras al llevar su embarazo a término. Su donación ofrece un regalo tangible de esperanza en tiempos de crisis. ¡Gracias por apoyar la Campaña del Biberón! Allie es una joven madre que espera su primer bebé este otoño. Ella perdió su trabajo después de faltar demasiado al trabajo debido a las náuseas y acudió a Caridades Católicas para que le ayudaran con sus facturas. Caridades Católicas pudo pagar su factura pendiente para que no le cortaran la luz. Con la ayuda de su trabajadora social de Caridades Católicas, Allie creó un plan para el futuro que le permitió tener una vivienda estable y los artículos para bebés que necesitaba antes del nacimiento de su hija. *Los nombres han sido cambiados para proteger la confidencialidad.

respect life *sunday* domingo de respeto a la vida 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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The next session is November 22-23, 2025 at Alexandria, 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.

<u>Gratitude</u> – Thank you to everyone who has offered prayers with the death of my mother. I am also grateful for the cards and gifts people have provided in remembrance of my mother. Please keep my mother, brother, two sisters and myself in your prayers. With sincere gratitude, Father Peter Schuster.

[GOD] CANNOT BE FOUND IN NOISE AND RESTLESSNESS. GOD IS THE FRIEND OF SILENCE.

-ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER PRAYER FOR VOCA-TIONS

Loving Father, source of all that is good, we beg you to look upon us with mercy and love. As your beloved sons and daughters, redeemed in the blood of Jesus Christ, we seek to do your will in every action of our lives.

We beg you now to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and help each member of this diocese to live out the call to holiness given to them in baptism. Please grant us many priests and consecrated persons to serve Your Church, strong and holy marriages that serve as a sign of Your self-giving love, and single men and women who are intent on living out Your plan for their lives.

Let each of us be more deeply conformed to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to live in holiness and love, keep us on the path You have marked out for us, which leads to eternal life with You. May Your grace be abundant as we rejoice in hope and confidently trust in Your Divine Providence each day. With grateful hearts, we ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's diocesan women's conference, "Beloved" is being held at St. Ann's Church in Janesville, MN on November 1st. Register at:

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



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