

# MAY 10, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**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 - MAY 12 - 17, 2026

|    |              |         |            |                                                     |
|----|--------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 12 | <u>Tues</u>  | 5:30pm  | Windom     | Special Intention                                   |
| 13 | <u>Wed</u>   | 9:00am  | Heron Lake | ✠ Franklin Henkels                                  |
| 14 | <u>Thurs</u> | 9:00am  | Brewster   | ✠ Deceased Members of Damm Family                   |
| 15 | <u>Fri</u>   | 9:30am  | Sogge Home | ✠ Celestine "Sally" Ahrens                          |
| 16 | <u>Sat</u>   | 5:00pm  | Brewster   | For the People                                      |
| 17 | <u>Sun</u>   | 8:00am  | Heron Lake | ✠ Deceased Members of Charles & Laurene Henkels Fam |
| 17 | <u>Sun</u>   | 10:00am | Windom     | ✠ Orville Cook                                      |

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
- Amber Determan
- Margaret Juhnke
- John Zschetsche
- Roxann Irwin
- Briar Rose Smith
- Lisa Rothenberger
- Joann Polzine
- Lois Rasche
- Joe Rivera
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Mike Stone
- Teresa Pudenz
- Lanette Horkey
- Todd Hines
- For an 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

## TRI PARISH INFORMATION

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This week's readings:

**Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21**

Next week's readings:

**Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a**

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## Weekly Words from The Rock:

### Does God forget our sins?

Question: Our priest has taught us that at our particular judgment, our life – good and bad, sin, and sorrow and joy – will be reviewed. If that is so, it would seem confession does not truly remove sin. Scripture does tell us, “You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins” (Micah 7:9) and “I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more” (Hebrews 8:12). Are confessed sins still with us as part of our final judgment?

Answer: To say that God forgets our sins is a manner of speaking that is not intended literally. God is omniscient and cannot forget. To say God “remembers our sins no more” means that he no longer ascribes the guilt of them to us; thus, he has forgiven us. Forgiveness, however, does not remove all the effects of sin or all punishments due to sin. For example, if a man sinfully gambles away his paycheck and seeks forgiveness from God in confession, the money does not magically reappear, neither are his bills paid. Hence, many of the effects of his sin remain, such that he experiences his punishments of late fees and so forth. These are experienced in this world.

But what of our particular judgment? Scripture teaches a personal or particular judgment. St. Paul says, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil” (2 Corinthians 5:10). He also writes: “It is written: ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ So each of us shall give an account himself [to God]” (Romans 14:11-12). And the Book of Hebrews says, “It is appointed that human beings die once, and after this be judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). So there is to be some review of our life and what it has amounted to. But how such an accounting takes place is not revealed. Does our life pass before us as some imagine, or are we given a kind of infused knowledge to know in an instant our state before God? While the guilt of past sins does not accrue to us, nevertheless, our sins and our virtues are part of our story; they have affected us and others.

Rather than a kind of courtroom scene, we might find more helpful the honest image of an honest conversation or encounter with the Lord. At our particular judgment, the key question is: Do we desire the kingdom of heaven on its terms and with its values or not? But even for those who pass this first judgment, there would seem to be another judgment to make: Is the Lord’s work in us complete? Jesus said, “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). This is not a threat; it is a promise. The Lord is saying, “When the power of my cross and sacrifice have had their full effect in you, you will have a godly perfection.” Most of us understand that this is not fully realized in us now, and, if we were to die today, some finishing work would be needed. St. Paul wrote: “the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6). Hence, at the judgment seat, any lingering imperfections and sinful patterns will be consigned to purgatory. Further, it is not merely sins that afflict us, it is also hurts, sorrows and regrets. We cannot take these things to heaven. Hence, these things must also be purged.

There are two images in Scripture that point to the process of this final healing and perfecting of the promises of the Lord. There is a kind of fiery purification described by St. Paul: “the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each one’s work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire” (1 Corinthians 3:13-15). Of the second kind of purgation of our sorrows and hurts, the Book of Revelation says that regarding the dead, Jesus “will wipe away every tear from our eyes” (Revelation 21:4).

(Written by Msgr. Charles Pope, appeared on page 15A in the March 6-12, 2022 edition of Our Sunday Visitor).

### The Bathtub

It doesn’t hurt to take a hard look at ourselves from time to time, and this should help us get started.

During a visit to a mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. “Well,” said the Director, “we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.” “Oh, I understand,” said the visitor. “A normal person would use the bucket because it’s bigger than the spoon or the teacup.” “No,” said the Director, “A normal person would pull the bathtub plug.”

Thus, do we make life more difficult than need be? Do we make our spiritual life more difficult than need be? Keep it simple!

### 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

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## LITURGICAL ROLES - May 17, 2026

|                                   |                                                                   |                                                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Brewster<br>Saturday   5:00 pm    | Heron Lake<br>Sunday   8:00 am                                    | Windom<br>Sunday   10:00 am                               |
| <b>SERVERS</b>                    | Brynn Erickson<br>Aubrey Erickson                                 | Rogan Brown                                               |
| <b>LECTOR</b>                     | Kevin Leopold<br>Marlys Olson                                     | Heather Bristow                                           |
| <b>CANTOR</b>                     |                                                                   | Mary Theesfeld                                            |
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| <b>SACRISTAN</b>                  |                                                                   | Nadine Forman                                             |
| <b>ROSARY</b>                     | Marlys Olson                                                      | Dave Bockelman                                            |
| <b>VIDEO STREAMING</b>            |                                                                   | Tom Riordan                                               |
| <b>GREETERS</b>                   |                                                                   | Wayne & Debby<br>Mau                                      |



|            | Brewster<br>5/02 | Heron Lake<br>5/03 | Windom<br>5/03 |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Week 44/52 | \$ 1,216         | \$ 1,714           | \$ 2,725       |
| YTD        | 23,976           | 144,908            | 122,573        |

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10TH

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Brewster   | \$ |
| Heron Lake | \$ |
| Windom     | \$ |

By supporting Catholic Charities on this weekend you are helping bring stability, and relief to people [right here](#) in our diocese. Every gift stays local, touching lives in meaningful and lasting ways.

## ADORATION SCHEDULE

1st Sunday of each month  
11:00-12:00

Saint Francis Xavier, Windom



2nd Saturday of each month  
4:00-4:45

Sacred Heart Church, Brewster



Confession is first Sunday during Adoration in Windom

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) and during Adoration second Saturday at Sacred Heart, Brewster.

## QUINCEANERA

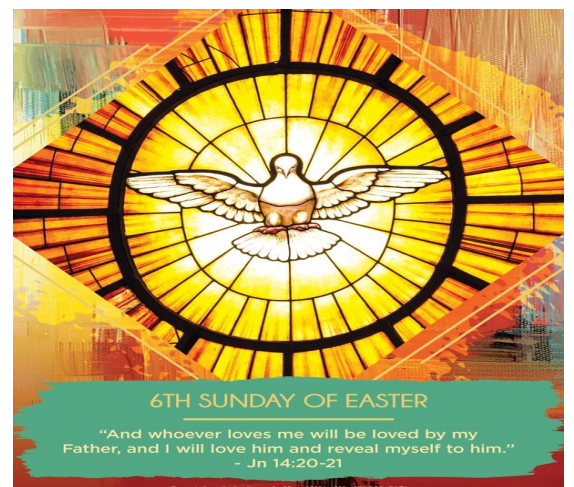
"Is there a Quinceanera in your near future? This is a reminder that we need at least three (3) months notice for this celebration. For more details and requirements, please contact the office.

¿Hay una Quinceañera en tu futuro cercano? Este es un recordatorio de que necesitamos al menos un aviso de tres (3) meses para esta celebración. Para obtener más detalles y requisitos, comuníquese con la oficina."

## 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.



**BREWSTER**

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

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

Our Parish would like to **thank Bev McCarvel** for donating the new music stand for our song leader. The music stand is in memory of Mike McCarvel who dedicated his time and talent in the choir, and as a soloist for many years. We deeply appreciated his presence.

RECENT CHANGES HAVE taken place with the Catholic Foundation (CMA). Checks should be made payable to : **Diocese of Winona-Rochester**. It is very helpful if donors include **CMA- Brewster in the memo line**. The CMA appeal, as always, remains a tremendous benefit for our parishes when goals are met and overage funds are returned.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Godmothers, and special mother's in our lives. "God richly blessed you for the love, prayers, sacrifices and care, that you have given."

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

**MEETING:** CCW will meet on Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in church basement.

**BACCALAUREATE** will take place on May 17th with coffee and rolls to follow.

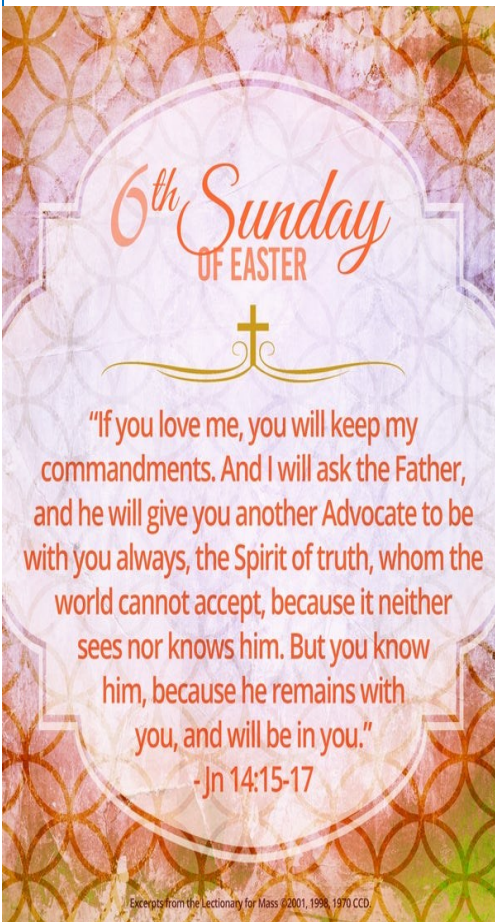
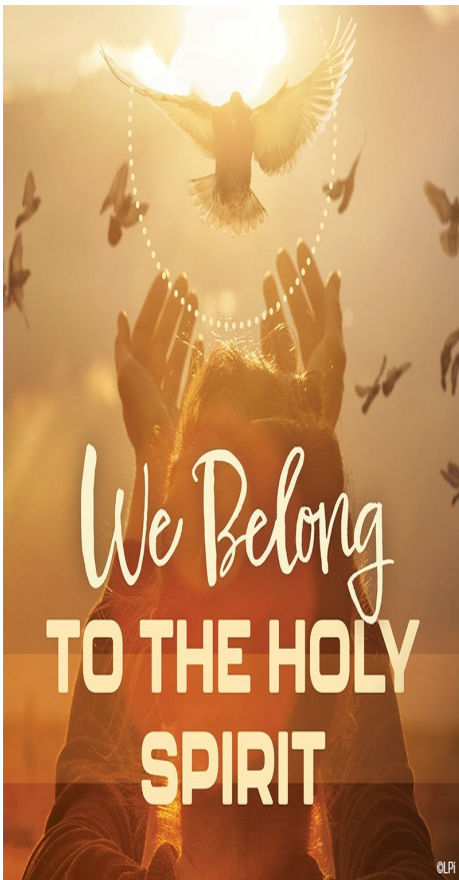
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**COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Please let Melanie in the office know if you do not use your collection envelopes. Thanks!

**SECOND COLLECTION** on Sunday, May 10th for Catholic Charities of Southern MN Annual Mother's Day Appeal.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all the women who have been a part of shaping our children and holding love for our families. May God Bless you all and hope you enjoy this beautiful day!

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ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered the **1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**. The next Adoration is **June 7th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

If you are a **Senior in High School** attending St. Francis Xavier Church, please consider joining us for our Baccalaureate Service on **May 17th**. If you want to be added to our list contact — the Office at 507-831-1985 or email [secretaryfrancis2024@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfrancis2024@gmail.com). To register.

St. Francis is offering a **church scholarship** for High School Seniors. If you are interested, please pick up an application in the church office and must be returned by May 12th for consideration.

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**Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Jordan Danielson:** appointed Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish in Brewster, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Currie, St. Gabriel Parish in Fulda, Sacred Heart Parish in Heron Lake, St. Ann Parish in Slayton, St. Anthony Parish in Westbrook, and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Windom, effective July 1, 2026.



# 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.



## Seeing Christ in One Another

At Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, we are guided by the belief that Christ is present in every person—particularly in those who are unseen, overlooked, or in need.

For more than 75 years, we have walked alongside families, individuals, and older adults in our communities, offering support and care in times of hardship.

From providing shelter for those experiencing homelessness to helping families stay in their homes with

rent and utility assistance, from offering diapers and essential supplies to meeting critical individual needs, our work reflects Christ's compassion in action.



## *First Holy Communion*



Congratulations to the students who received their First Holy Communion on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Karma Krueger, Corbin Hoppe, Alizee Rios Perez and Alexa Sanchez Muro. May they feel the joy, love and grace of their special day as they continue to grow in faith.

**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, the **church website**, signs at the church, announcements or even the bulletin when able. Thank you for your understanding.

## **DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Heavenly Father, Giver of all good things, Your Son told us to beg You to send workers into Your rich harvest, and so we have the confidence to ask You to raise up an abundance of priests in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Send us good and holy men to respond to your call to lay down their lives in service to Your people. We know that the Church comes from priests. Therefore, Gracious God, send us priests to build up Your church, through Jesus who is High Priest and Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**Remick Ridge Estates** is looking for an individual or couple who would like to lead a weekly Bible Study for our residents. We are open to dates/times. Please call Brenda at 507-831-0745.

**Mikkelsen Manor** invites all seniors to join us Fridays at 2:00 pm for Bingo fun with our residents! Call Brenda with any questions, 507-831-0745.



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