

JULY 5, 2026 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 - JULY 7 - 12, 2026

7	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Ed Grunewald
8	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Cletus Freking
9	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	Living & Deceased Members Schaffer Family
10	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Joe & Alice Salenty
11	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Howard & Beverly Damm
12	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
12	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Don 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.



TRI PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Submit intentions to Parish Coordinator

- Maxine Frank
- Brad Baumgard
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Todd Hines
- 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

- 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:

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

The Blessing of Items

I am asked to bless items, and it is a good practice on the part of the faithful. The following question and answer may prove helpful regarding the blessing of items.

Question: I recently became Catholic and keep hearing that all of the stuff you have is “blessed.” Someone even gave me a holy card that they said had been blessed. I like the idea; I just don’t know what it means for something to be blessed.

Answer: You are correct in noting that most anything can be blessed. For a thing to be blessed means that it becomes holy. In fact, we often use those two words interchangeably. They convey the same sense of being “set apart.” In the Old Testament, God calls his people to be holy, or He tells them that the Sabbath day will be “holy unto the Lord.” This particular sense of holiness highlights the “otherness” of someone who or something which is blessed. It is no longer ordinary but has been “set apart.”

If we stop for a moment and consider what it meant for Israel to be holy in practical terms, we quickly see that it means that they had to be different. For God’s Chosen People to be “blessed” or “holy” it would mean that they couldn’t just live like everyone else, and they couldn’t just look like everyone else. They would have to conduct themselves differently. This is one of the reasons the People of Israel had so many unusual laws governing what they ate and what they wore. They were set apart, and this meant that they had to live the blessing – they had to live differently.

Now to be “blessed” did not merely mean to be “set apart.” It meant to be set apart for something. There is no virtue in simply being different. Israel was holy because it was set apart for the Lord. To be blessed (or to have an object blessed) is to be set apart for a purpose. Another way to word it: It is not simply to be “removed from use,” but to be “elevated to a higher purpose and use.” You could also think of the term “consecrated.” In this sense, you could see how certain people or things were “consecrated” for a purpose: how Samson and John the Baptist were both consecrated from the womb, or how the altar in the Temple was consecrated for the worship of God.

When we bring forth an object or a person to be blessed, we are presenting that person or thing to God so that (by the power of the Holy Spirit and the invocation of the name of Jesus), they would be set apart for God’s purposes. For example, many people will ask me if I can bless their cross on a chain or a bracelet. When they bring it to me, it is merely jewelry. But after it is blessed, it ceases to be jewelry that is nothing more than an accessory to one’s outfit. That object has been set apart for a purpose. It will still be worn like jewelry, but the purpose for which it is worn has changed because the object has been consecrated for a higher purpose. In the case of the cross around one’s neck, the higher purpose is that it will, from then on, only point to Christ and his saving death and resurrection.

Why do we do this, though? Why bless all these ordinary objects around us? We do this for the simple reason that we are much like ancient Israel. Our tendency is to want to be just like everyone else. Having all these reminders around us that have been consecrated to the Lord assists us and reminds us that we too have been consecrated for a higher purpose, to God.

Think of part of the Mass on the feast day of St. Blaise, February 3. On that day, faithful people show up and have their throats blessed. The prayer reads like this: “Through the intercession of St. Blaise bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” It is a prayer for protection and healing. But consider this: for a thing to be blessed is for that thing to be consecrated for a purpose. All of those who present themselves (and their throats) to be blessed are essentially offering their throats to be set apart for God’s purpose. I like reflecting on this and being reminded that I must use my throat – my voice – for God’s purposes only. If my throat has been blessed, then it is no longer merely “my throat,” and I cannot use it however I want; I have to use it to point to Jesus and his saving death and resurrection.

Remember, by virtue to baptism, you have been blessed. You have been made holy, consecrated for the Lord at your baptism. To be holy does not mean being perfect, but it does mean being set apart for God and His purposes. Because of that fact, all of us who have been baptized have received a very high call: to always be people who, by our lives, point to Christ and his saving death and resurrection.

(Article written by Father Michael Schmitz, [The Catholic Spirit](#), December 16, 2018, page 15).

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

VOCATION VIEW
to join

Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you. Pray for priests, brothers, and sisters, for all who offer their lives to be a sign of Jesus’ refreshing love. Pray for those who are called to join them in that ministry.
(Matthew 11:25-30)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - July 12, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Nathan Madsen Katherine Krumbach	Rogan Brown
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CONTRIBUTIONS	Kevin Leopold Colette Leopold Mark Haberman	Rod or Mary Theesfeld John Duscher
SACRISTAN		Shari Kneeland, Sherri Zimmman
ROSARY	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		Gale & Patty Symens



	Brewster 6/27	Heron Lake 6/28	Windom 6/28
Week 52/52	\$ 2,378	\$	\$ 1,834
YTD	30,733	158,833	147,050

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

PETER'S PENCE - JUNE 28TH	
Brewster	\$
Heron Lake	\$ 120
Windom	\$ 263

The Peter's Pence Collection fulfills two aims set by the Holy See: "(1) To support the Holy Father's mission among peoples and (2) To support numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in all difficulties.

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.

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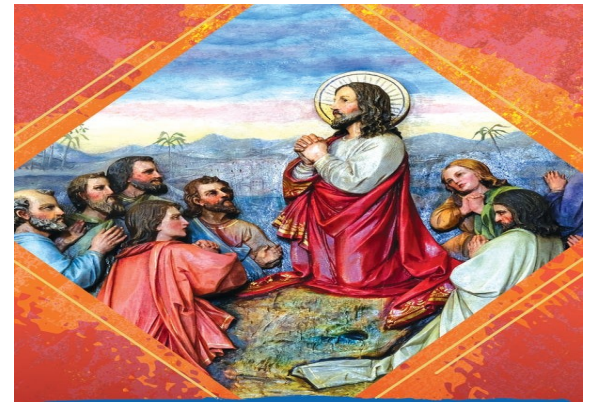
"Is there a Quinceanera in your near future? This is a reminder that we need at least three (3) months notice for this celebration. For more details and requirements, please contact the office.

¿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.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28-30

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BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **2ND SATURDAY of the month**. The next Adoration is **July 11th** from 4:00-4:45.

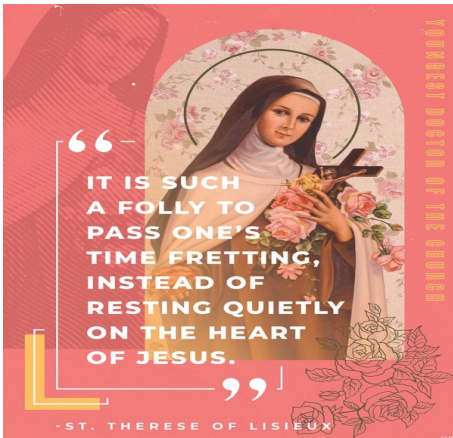
The parish of **SACRED HEART BREWSTER** would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Father Antony for sharing his genuine love and beauty of God's Holy word and the Eucharist with us. We pray that you will always share this God given gift with those who are present with you. God's Blessings, Father.

Rolling Hills Bank and Trust will be offering a free **Fraud Prevention Seminar on July 2nd** at 1:30 pm in the American Legion Hall in Brewster. Everyone is invited to attend.

ON SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, Brewster will celebrate its Fun Days. The CCW will again, serve hot dogs, burgers and cheeseburgers under the shelter in the park. There are sign-up sheets for times to work and also for money donations. You can earmark an envelope **BREWSTER FUN DAYS**, with your donation, and put it in the offertory basket or mail it to **SACRED HEART CHURCH PO BOX 187**. Please be generous, this is the major fund raiser for the CCW, who is an essential part of Sacred Heart.

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

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.



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

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed from June 26th through July 5th. Please call Father Schuster if there is an emergency.

PRAYER CHAIN: Colleen Freking is taking over the prayer chain for Sacred Heart in Heron Lake for Maurita Volk. Please call the office or Colleen with your prayer requests. Also, if you would like to a member of the prayer chain please contact the office or Colleen. **THANK YOU** to Maurita Volk for your time and dedication to this mission over the years.

The **SOUTHWEST AREA DIOCESAN CCW** is looking for a Commission Chair. A commission chair reads a report from the Diocesan newsletter at each area meeting. They are, also, looking for the position of Vice President. They would like to return to a 2 year term. If interested contact the office or Barb Hus-song.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING? The Sacred Heart Choir is looking for new members to enhance the Mass with their beautiful voices. Please reach out if interested.

FAITH FORMATION: Sacred Heart is seeking a teacher for the 7th/8th grade Faith Formation classes for the 2026/2027 school year. Please reach out to Judy Stenzel or Melanie in the office if interested or have questions.

PHONE/ADDRESS UPDATES: Please let Melanie know if you have any updates to addresses or phone numbers that may be out of date in the system or directory. Thank you!

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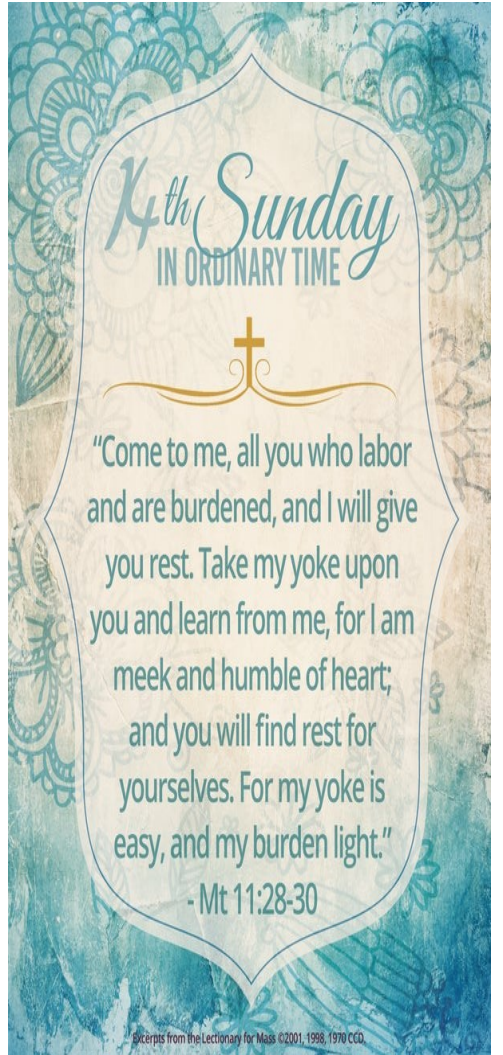


ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered the **1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**. The next Adoration is **July 5th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

Our religious education program is seeking a **few dedicated volunteers to teach** our youth classes. Please contact Sherri Zimmerman at 507-221-0354 if interested

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A heartfelt **thank you** to all who brought food and a wonderful send off to Father Antony for his service.




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.

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.



Mental Wellbeing Ministry

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Would you like to participate in a New Catholic ministry that follows the following core pillars: education, accompaniment, and advocacy to walk with individuals to foster well-being and wellness and create a faith community free from the stigma and isolation.

If you have questions or would like to participate in this new ministry please contact Maria Stumpf-Ahmed at Catholic Charities, mahmed@ccsommn.org or 507-905-8602.

As a church, we can help promote mental well-being. Our Churches can provide a safe space for people to discuss and obtain information about the importance of mental well-being and can share their thoughts and feelings. Would you like to participate in a New Catholic ministry that follows the following core pillars: of education, accompaniment, and advocacy to walk with individuals to foster well-being and wellness and create a faith community free from the stigma and isolation often associated with the discussion of mental health and well-being. If you have questions or would like to participate in this new ministry please contact Maria Stumpf-Ahmed at Catholic Charities, mahmed@ccsommn.org or 507-905-8602.

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.



The cost of educating one seminarian averages \$45,000 per year, totaling over \$1 million annually. This financial burden can be a major obstacle for those discerning a priestly vocation. That's why I'm asking for your support. **Your gift to the Seminarian Education Fund** directly helps form future priests-men who will preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and shepherd our parishes for generations to come. Let us not allow financial hardship to stand in the way of God's work. With your generosity and God's grace, we will continue to cultivate a rich harvest of vocations in southern Minnesota. Thank you for your faith, your prayers, and our support.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Rev. Robert Barron



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