

JULY 19, 2026 | SIXTEENTH 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 21 - 26, 2026

21	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Celestine "Sally" Ahrens
22	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	NO MASS
23	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	Living & Deceased of Bauman & Bonnell Families
24	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff
25	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
26	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Ed J Freking
26	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Wanda Strunk

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
- Lanette Horkey
- 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
- Joe Rivera
- Larry Wagner
- Magdalen Hill
- Mike Stone
- Teresa Pudenz

- 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:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Next week's readings:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

The Lesson of the Pocket Gopher

Now that we are in the depths of the summer months, I'd like to share a story. When I was in my twenties and thirties, people would stop and share these words, "Father, while you are younger, take advantage of doing the things you like. If you want to travel, take time and travel. If you want to go someplace, take time and go. Because when you retire and think I have all this time on my hands, your health can throw all your plans to the wind."

I heard those words from different people and took them to heart. Here are some of my adventures:

- I have travelled to the western part of South Dakota to visit the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, etc.
- I have travelled to the northwest part of the state to visit the ore mines and the north shore.
- I have travelled to various states – Virginia, Georgia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Florida, Texas, Wyoming naming only a few.
- I have hunted prairie dogs in South Dakota.
- I have travelled to Michigan to fish steelhead. We hit the very tail-end of the run and didn't have much luck. I have never caught a steelhead.
- I have hunted deer in northern Minnesota and the bluffs of the southeastern part of Minnesota.
- I have fished in Canada.
- I have fished for walleyes on Lake of the Woods, Winnibigoshish, Mille Lacs, Leech, Red, and Kabetogama.
- I have caught walleyes in Michigan, Canada, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota.

I took to heart what people suggested and will never second guess myself. Are there still things I think about conquering? Of course, I don't think that ever goes away. I have considered:

- Fishing Lake Erie for walleyes.
- Would still like to catch a steelhead.

Still, most of the stories I share come from my roots. The stories of growing up on the farm two miles southwest of Freeborn, Minnesota. I was never one to sit around and read a book (which I wish I had done more of) or watch television. I liked to be outside. I did some trapping in my day from striped gophers to pocket gophers to muskrats. I enjoyed it. Today's story comes from the realm of the pocket gopher. Pocket gophers aren't as easy to trap as everyone thinks. You carefully set the trap, cover the hole, and believing you've done everything perfectly, come back the next day only to find your trap filled with dirt. That would only motivate me to try again. There was only one time I did eventually catch the pocket gopher. In the end, I did get the best of him by means I will keep to myself.

The greatest challenge came when I would find a newly established pocket gopher mound with the opening still open. Underground the pocket gopher was digging a new tunnel, and the dirt would come out via the opening. That is how a dirt mound is established. The open hole got my mind to thinking, "I am going to wait him out and get him when he tries closing the hole." This brought with it certain items:

- Shotgun
- Shells
- Something to drink
- Something to eat

You never knew how long you would have to wait. One pocket gopher I waited two hours for his return. If you aren't paying attention, things happen quickly. You don't visually see the pocket gopher; one sees the dirt being extracted from the hole. Wait too late and the hole is closed. The greatest virtue for the hunter is patience.



The story reminds me of how patient God is with us. We sin; God waits for us. We turn away from God; God waits for us. We don't pray; God waits for us. Patience, patience, patience. God waits for us because He loves us.

Another point: When it comes to our patience, we don't always appreciate having to be patient, but it is like any pocket gopher, when you are waiting them out, everything is on the gopher's time, not mine. So, it is with God. Be patient with God and let God be God.

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

Yeast which a woman kneaded...Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded the yeast of God's love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring leaven and light.

(Matthew 13:24-43)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - July 26, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Katherine Krumbach Samantha Krumbach	Dana Flores Adriana Ortiz
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CONTRIBUTIONS	Kevin Leopold Colette Leopold Mark Haberman	Elaine Tasler Joel Riordan
SACRISTAN		Shari Kneeland, Sherri Zimmman
ROSARY	Marsha Edwards Judy Anderson	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Gale Symens
GREETERS		Wayne & Debby Mau



	Brewster 7/11	Heron Lake 7/12	Windom 7/12
Week 02/52	\$ 1,630	\$ 4,354	\$ 2,577
YTD	2,945	5,602	4,691

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

MISSION SUNDAY: JULY 18 & 19

Brewster	\$
Heron Lake	\$
Windom	\$

The Missionary Cooperative Plan (MCP) is a coordinated U.S. Catholic program where parishes host visiting missionaries to share their faith stories and appeal for prayerful and financial support.

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.



Eternal rest grant unto.....

Lois Rasche passed away on July 14, 2026 and her funeral will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake. The burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Heron Lake.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen. We remember all of her loved ones in prayer.

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **2ND SATURDAY of the month**. The next Adoration is **August 8th** from 4:00-4:45.

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.

Dear Friends,
I would like to profoundly **thank you all** for your love and kindness while I was there. I especially want to thank you all for having attended the going away party and wished me well in my next chapter of life. **THANK YOU ALL**. Father Antony.

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone who played a part in Brewster Fund Days. Thank you to all the food and monetary donations, and those who came and purchased the food and drink. I would especially like to thank all the workers and great leadership that made the day successful. May God Bless each and every one of you!

We welcome our **missionary** this evening, from the Pallotine Fathers and Brothers.



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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

LITURGICAL ROLES for August and September are now available to pick up.

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 **August 2nd** 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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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.

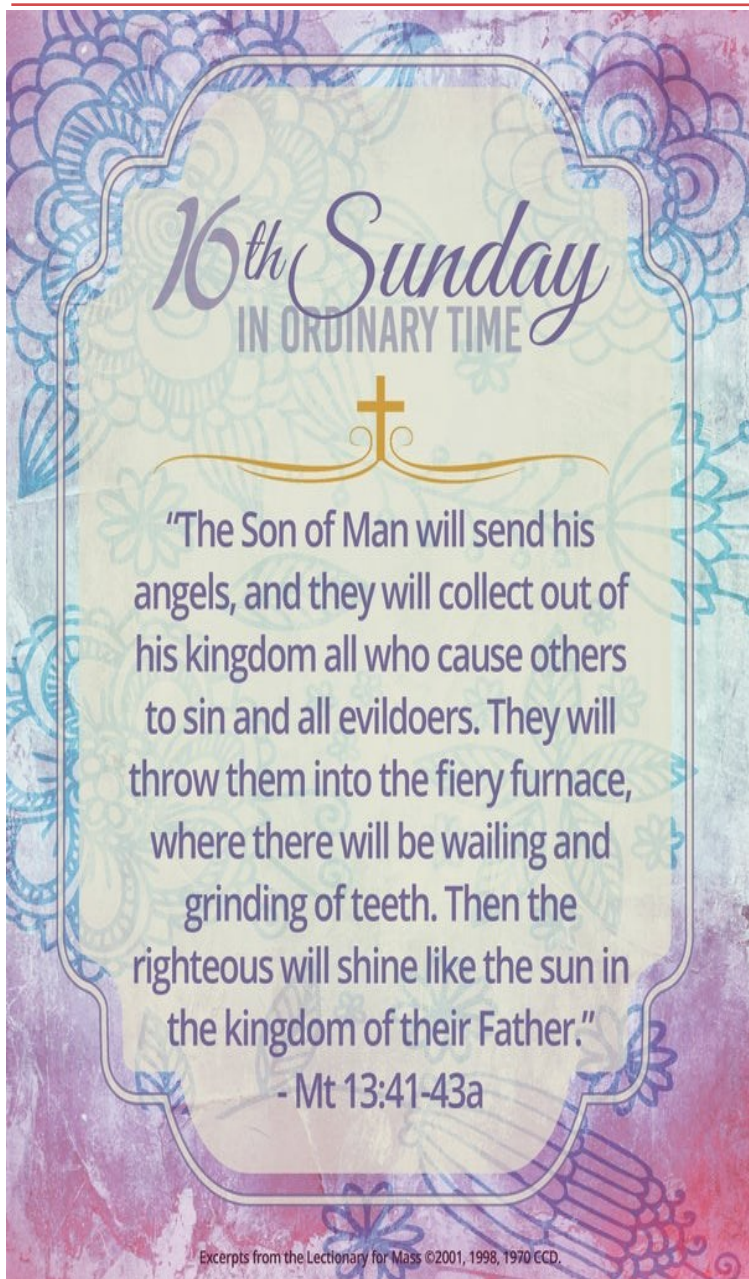
Remick Ridge Estates is looking for an individual or couple who would like to lead a weekly Bible Study for our residents. We are open to dates/times. Please call Brenda at 507-831-0745.

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.

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.



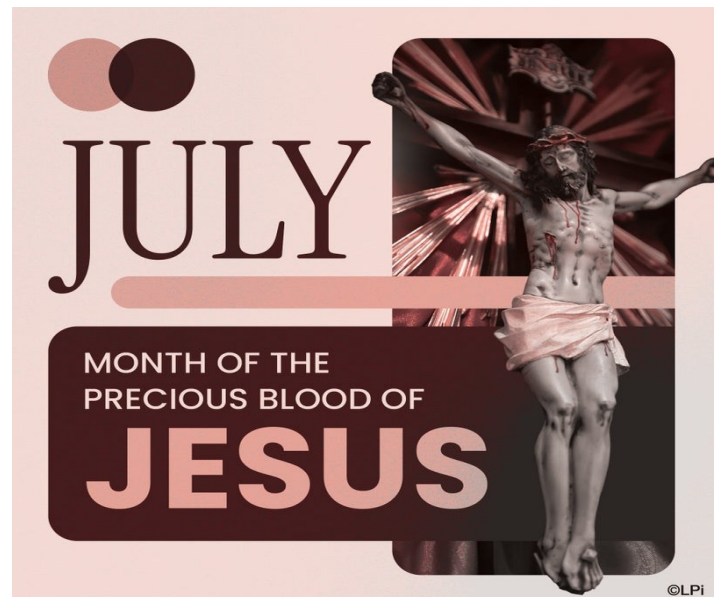
16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

- Mt 13:41-43a

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JULY

MONTH OF THE
PRECIOUS BLOOD OF
JESUS

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Did you know that Catholics dedicate July to the Precious Blood of Jesus? This beautiful devotion is rooted in the earliest days of Christianity. Jesus, thank you for your selfless sacrifice and the gift of your redeeming love!



08.15.26 | 10:00 A.M.

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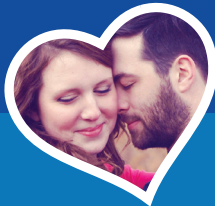
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