

JULY 26, 2026 | SEVENTEENTH 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 - JUL 28 - AUG 2, 2026

28	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Colleen Ortmann
29	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Carol Tennesen
30	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ David McCall
31	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Francis Bartosh
1	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	Charlene Kirchner
2	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
2	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Bryon 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

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| • Pat Weir | • Amber Determan | • Joann Polzine |
| • Lanette Horkey | • Margaret Juhnke | • Joe Rivera |
| • Travis Muller | • John Zschetsche | • Larry Wagner |
| • Aiden Remme | • Roxann Irwin | • Magdalen Hill |
| • Miguel Esquivel | • Briar Rose Smith | • Mike Stone |
| • Todd Hines | • Lisa Rothenberger | • 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:

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

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

The Apostles

In the October 17-23, 2021 edition of Our Sunday Visitor, pages 9-12, there is a special section entitled “Getting to know the apostles.” In the weeks ahead, let us learn about the 12 apostles.

Judas Iscariot – Like some of the other apostles, we do not now when Judas was selected. He was the treasurer of the group, in charge of the finances, probably efficient in his efforts. Judas was present in Bethlehem when Mary anointed Jesus with precious spikenard ointment and complained, she was wasting the oil, but he complained, “not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief and held the [apostles’] money bag and used to steal contributions” (John 12:6). Jesus rebuked Judas for his comments, and it was soon thereafter that Judas connived with the chief priests to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

At the Last Supper, Jesus knew what Judas was doing, and after washing all the apostles’ feet, he revealed that someone would betray him and identified Judas, saying, “What you are going to do, do quickly” (John 13:27). Later that same night, Judas, leading a band of soldiers, singled out Jesus as leader of the Christian group. After the arrest of Jesus, Judas tried to give the money back but was rejected by the Jews, so he “went off and hanged himself” (Matthew 27:5).

Matthew – Matthew was a tax collector for the occupying Romans in Galilee. The Jews hated tax collectors, both because they worked for the Romans and often cheated the people. Jesus saw Matthew (Levi) “sitting at the customs post. He said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him” (Mark 2:14).

In the eyes of the Jews, Matthew was a despicable creature, an outcast no better than a sinner because of his job, but Jesus, in his abundant love and mercy, read Matthew’s heart and called him to be one of his apostles. Matthew gave up everything to become a follower, a believer in Christ. While not a lot is known about Matthew, there is evidence that he went to evangelize in India where he is that country’s patron saint.

Andrew, Simon, Jude and Matthias – The Scriptures provide few details about Andrew, Simon, Jude and Matthias. Yet, they each followed Christ and went out to teach the Good News. Andrew was the first of the apostles selected and the first to call Jesus the Messiah; thus, he was close to Jesus.

Simon may have been a member of the Jewish political group called Zealots, who were adamant about their Jewish faith and hated the Romans. Jesus won Simon over, and the apostle channeled his enthusiasm and energy to the message of Christ.

Jude was known as Thaddeus, according to the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and Judas, according to St. Luke. St. John also refers to him as Judas at the Last Supper: “Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, “Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” (John 14:22). This is a question likely being considered by some of the other apostles who still saw Jesus as potentially an earthly king, not yet grasping why Jesus had come to earth or what was going to happen to him on the next day. Jesus responds that he will make himself known to those who love him and keep his commandments, “and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23).

Matthias was picked to replace the betrayer, Judas (Acts 1:15-26). While the apostles waited in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit, Peter, as their leader, could have picked the replacement, but he left the choice to the apostles. Peter does provide some direction saying that whoever is chosen must have been part of Christ’s followers from his baptism and be a witness to his resurrection. There are two candidates, Barsabbas and Matthias; eventually, Matthias is selected by drawing lots. We never hear of Matthias again in the New Testament.

We will look more closely at more of the apostles next week...

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

Am I willing to sell everything I own and follow the Lord? What is precious to me? (Matthew 13:44-52)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - August 2, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Bristol VandeKamp Aubrey Erickson	Jorgia DeWall Seth Hoppe
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GREETERS		Lupita and Dana Flores



	Brewster 7/18	Heron Lake 7/19	Windom 7/19
Week 03/52	\$ 2,885	\$ 916	\$ 2,365
YTD	5,830	6,518	7,056

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

MISSION SUNDAY: JULY 18 & 19

Brewster	\$ 225
Heron Lake	\$ 404
Windom	\$ 368

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.....

Maxine Frank passed away on July 15, 2026 and her funeral was held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at St Francis Xavier in Windom. The burial will be at St Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery in Windom.

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.

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!



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.

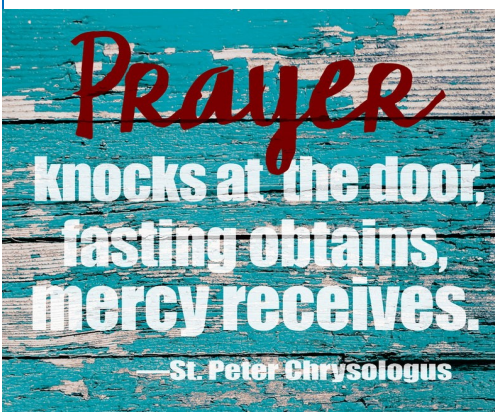
The **SOUTHWEST AREA DIOCESAN CCW** is looking for a Commission Chair. A commission chair reads a report from the Diocesan newsletter at each area meeting. They are, also, looking for the position of Vice President. They would like to return to a 2 year term. If interested contact the office or Barb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

We currently have an **opening for custodian** for St. Francis Xavier Church. The position will be responsible for cleaning the sanctuary (church), offices, classrooms, kitchen and dining hall. The work schedule is 15-19 hours per week and the hours of work are variable. A full position description is available in the church office.

PHONE/ADDRESS UPDATES: Please let the office know if you have any updates to addresses or land lines to cell phones that may be out of date in the system or directory. You can call the office or email your updates to secrea-tryfrancis2024@gmail.com Thank you!

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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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.

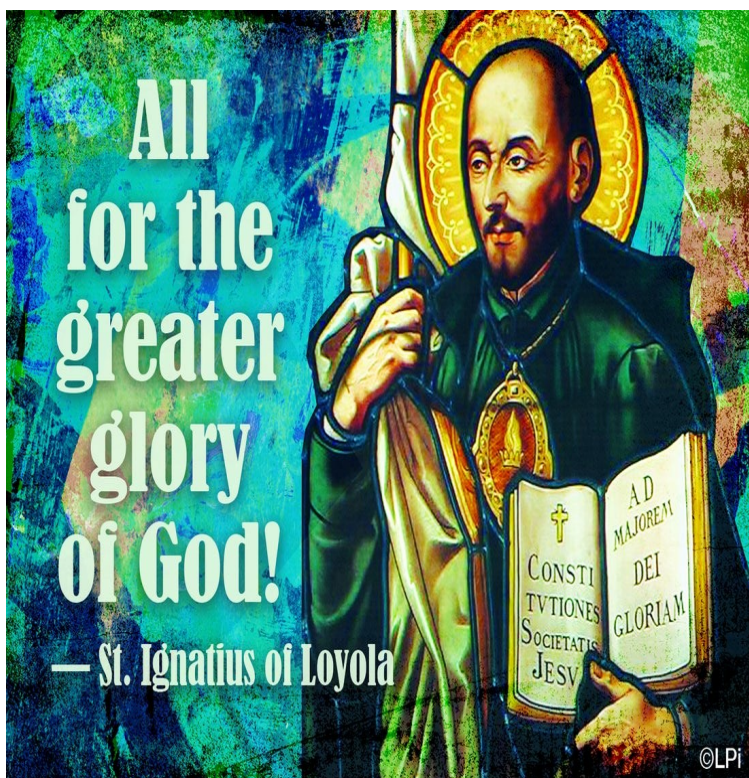
DON'T MISS THE JOY THE LORD WANTS YOU TO HAVE!

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

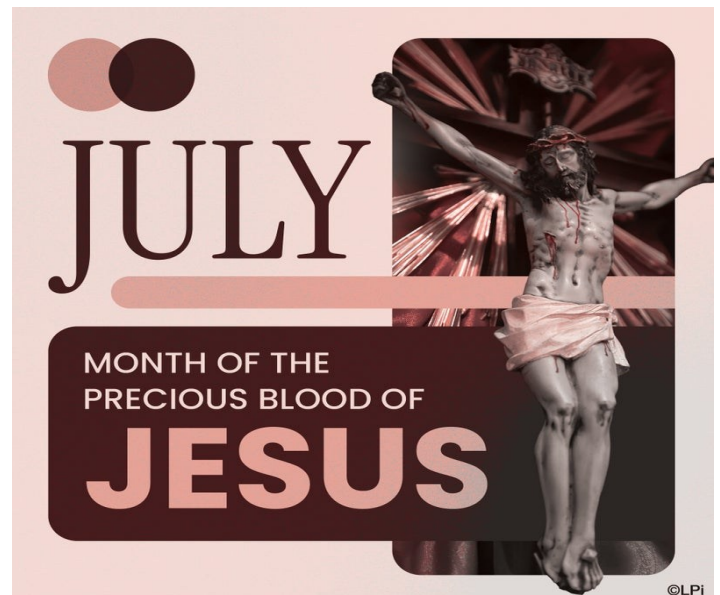
Intinction is the practice of dipping the host into the Precious Blood (the chalice). It has come to my attention that a few people are practicing self-communicating which means the person receiving Holy Communion takes the host, carries it to the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who is distributing the Precious Blood, and dipping the host into the chalice on their own. This practice is not allowed in the Catholic Church. The theological reason for this stems from the Church's tradition to receive rather than take the Eucharist. Also, this practice prevents the possibility of the Precious Blood dripping onto the floor after the host has been placed in the chalice and transferred to a person's tongue. Thus, moving forward, I would ask anyone receiving Holy Communion to receive the Precious Body and Precious Blood from the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Thanks, Father Peter Schuster.



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 the Eucharist and that the Eucharist 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



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!



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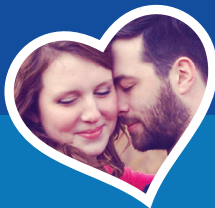
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