

AUGUST 16, 2026 | TWENTIETH 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 - AUGUST 18 - 23, 2026

18	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Brian Spencer
19	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Jim Salentiny
20	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	Living & Deceased Members Kirchner Family
21	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff
22	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
23	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Marilyn Burns
23	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	✠ Richard Krueger

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:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Heaven's Grocery Store

This is for all of you who enjoy a shopping spree from time to time.

I was walking down life's highway, a long time ago when I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store."

As I came a little closer, the door opened wide, suddenly I was surprised, to find myself inside. I saw a host of angels, they were everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. All you can carry, you're welcome to come back for more.



First, I picked up some patience, love was in the same row. Next was understanding, you need that wherever you go. I picked up a box of wisdom and a bag or two of faith. I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, for it was over all over the place. I stopped to get some strength and courage; I always need a lot of them to help me run the race.

By then my basket was starting to get very full, but then I remembered I also needed grace. I didn't forget salvation, for salvation it is offered free. I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I walked up the aisle, I saw prayer and had to put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside, I'd run right into sin. Peace and joy were plentiful; they were on the last shelf. Songs and praises were hanging near, so I helped myself.

When I finally reached the counter, I asked the angel, "How much do I owe?" The angel smiled and said, "Jesus paid your bill a long-long time ago."

(Author of the Story is unknown).

Cold Water

This is for all the germ conscious folks that worry about using cold water to clean.

John went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather in a very secluded, rural area of Northern Wisconsin. After spending a great evening chatting the night away, the next morning John's grandfather prepared a breakfast of bacon, eggs, and toast. John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned his grandfather asking, "Are these plates clean?" His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get them. Just go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny."

For lunch, the old-man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as the plate appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, "Are you sure these plates are clean?" Without looking up the old man said, "I told you before, Sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret, I don't want to hear another word about it!"

Later that afternoon, John was on his way to a nearby town. As he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled and said, "Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car." Without diverting his attention from the Packers football game he was watching on television, the old man shouted, "Coldwater, go lie down, yah hear me!"

Maybe, hot water is a good idea after all.

(Author of story is unknown).

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

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. As a church, let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

(Isaiah 56:6-7)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - August 23, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Nathan Madsen Cora Haberman	Dana Flores Adriana Ortiz
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SACRISTAN		Vicki Ommen Jackie Jurgens
ROSARY	Barb Hussong Steve Hussong	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		Tim & Sharon Jenniges



	Brewster 8/08	Heron Lake 8/09	Windom 8/09
Week 06/52	\$ 541	\$ 17,865	\$ 3,129
YTD	6,371	44,168	15,388

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS-50%
BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN-50%
AUGUST 23

Brewster	\$
Heron Lake	\$ 35
Windom	\$ 25

The Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the U.S. and its territories in 85 Latin & Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Native American peoples of the United States.

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.



Congratulations to Vincent Hasara and Payton Everhart who were married at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake on Saturday, August 8th. Vincent and Payton may God bless you and may you experience God's presence each and every day.



BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **2ND SATURDAY of the month**. The next Adoration is **September 12th** from 4:00-4:45.

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

We are in need of **two catechists** for our Faith Formation program. Grades Kindergarten and 9th grade First Year prep for confirmation are in need. Parents, please remember, you are your children's first and utmost teachers. You need to make sure your child has the opportunity to complete their Faith Formation classes, so they will understand and accept our Catholic Faith. Please give your time to help our children develop this. Let Molly know that you will be a catechist for either grade. 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**.

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

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION for the 26-27 school year is now available to pick up at church entrance. Please return registrations to Judy Stenzel or the office by September 13th. Registration \$20 per child with a \$50 cap per family.

QUILTING LADIES would like to continue their mission, but will need the help of two people to put the quilt top, batting, and backing together before it is tied. If you are able to help please contact Dianne Freking or Melanie in the office. Thank you!

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 Husong.

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.

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 **September 6th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

Liturgical Roles are available and on the website.

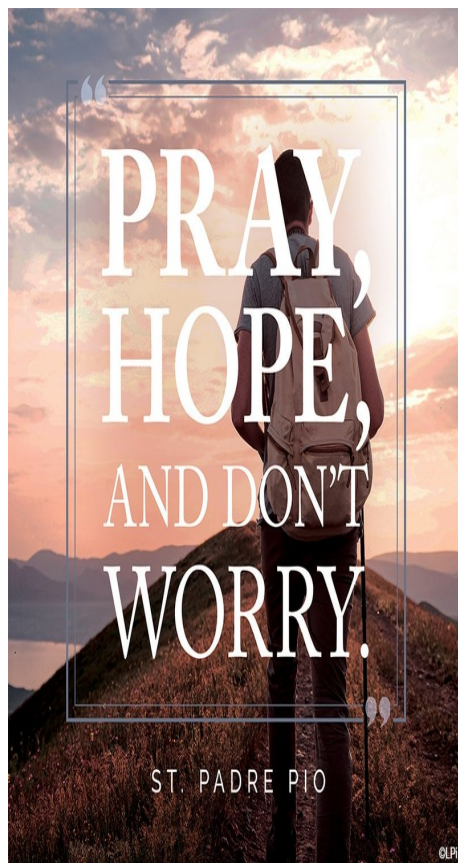
We currently have an **opening for custodian** for St. Francis Xavier Church. The position will be responsible for cleaning the sanctuary (church), offices, classrooms, kitchen and dining hall. The work schedule is 15-19 hours per week and the hours of work are variable. A full position description is 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 **3rd & 4th grade, also 5th grade teacher** for Faith Formation. Parents need to make sure your child completes and understands their Faith Formation. Consider giving your time to help your children grow in their faith. Please contact Sherri Zimmerman at 507-221-0354 if interested

CMA-Checks should be made payable to : **Diocese of Winona-Rochester NOT St. Francis Xavier Church with CMA- WINDOM in the memo line**. Envelopes are available at the church entrance on the little table.

Registration forms have been sent out to everyone in last year's **Faith Formation** enrollment. If you have been missed or If you have a Pre -K or 4 and 5 year-old to enroll contact Sherri at 507-221-0354.



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.

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.



Seven Sisters Apostolate

DAY OF REFLECTION
Diocese of Winona-Rochester
"The Father's Blessing"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Saint Theodore Parish

315 E. Clarke St, Albert Lea, MN 55060

8:00AM REGISTRATION – 8:30AM MASS

**9:30 BREAKFAST FOLLOWED BY
PROGRAM AND LIGHT LUNCH – 1:30 CLOSING**

*Speakers: Janette Howe, founder of Seven Sisters Apostolate,
Lola Baxter Diocesan Coordinator and
Fr. Kurt Farrell, Pastor of St. Theodore Parish*

Free will offering accepted and appreciated to cover costs.

RSVP BY AUGUST 30TH

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A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer
(SEVEN SISTERS MATERIALS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

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.

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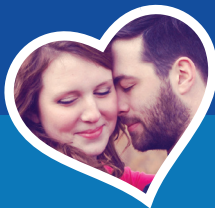
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