

AUGUST 23, 2026 | TWENTY-FIRST 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 25 - 30, 2026

25	<u>Tues</u>	5:30pm	Windom	✠ Leo Wagner
26	<u>Wed</u>	9:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Gavin Kruse
27	<u>Thurs</u>	9:00am	Brewster	✠ Dennis Haberman
28	<u>Fri</u>	9:30am	Sogge Home	✠ Leo & Arlene Bartosh
29	<u>Sat</u>	5:00pm	Brewster	✠ Marilyn Vis
30	<u>Sun</u>	8:00am	Heron Lake	✠ Milton Wolff
30	<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Windom	For the People

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

- Pat Weir
- Lanette Horkey
- Travis Muller
- Aiden Remme
- Miguel Esquivel
- Todd Hines
- 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:

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

Next week's readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Those were the Days

I was listening to a podcast with football being the topic. They were amazed at how a sport begins with practice around 90 degrees and can finish, with the playoffs, in snow and wind. That got me reflecting on my football days.

Did I look forward to two-a-day practices in August? No. I remember how nervous I was the days leading up to practice. Dread might be a better word. Practice meant the following:

- Stretching. We always started practice with stretching. An important practice to condition the body.
- Running. We ran and ran and ran. The practice of running I didn't like was called "The Ladder". We would run up the football field and back down the football field in 10-yard increments.
- Sit-ups on the bleacher. We had a bleacher where fans could sit. We would do sit-ups using the bleacher as our support.
- More running. The bleacher I just mentioned was on a hillside. Our coach loved to have us run up the hill.
- And more running. We ran from one practice station to the next.
- Weightlifting. After practice, we would have weightlifting sessions.

Between all the running, we were split up by groups. On offense, I played tight end. I practiced with the offensive line. We did various drills:

- Hit dummies.
- Practiced blocking skills.
- Refined techniques.
- Practiced blocking against each other.
- Learned how to block and release in going out for a pass.
- Learned how to double-team block.



On defense, I played middle linebacker. Some of the various drills were:

- Learning proper tackling techniques.
- Learning how to shed a blocker.
- Learning how to flow along the line of scrimmage without over pursuing a play.

These drills we practiced day after day for the sole purpose of preparing us for game day. Thinking back to the podcast I mentioned previously, they were correct. We began in the heart of summer and played into November. The weather in November was unpredictable varying from unseasonably warm to cold and snow. I never liked playing in the cold. Cold plays with your mind and it messes with one physically. My hands would get cold making it more difficult to tackle or catch a football.

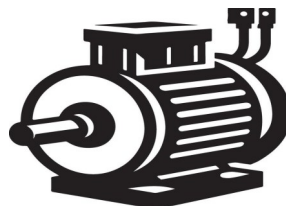
In the end, everything was about formulating a team. A team which believed in each other and played for each other. Such is the story of God. He molds us each day to make us the holiest person we can be, and every Sunday we gather as a "team," as God's people, to give God worship and praise. Nourished by God's word and sacrament (Christ's body and blood), we are sent into the world to proclaim a belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the week ahead, let us allow God to mold us and ready us to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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

Peter received his special call when he acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior also receive a special call. Ask the Lord to direct your heart.
(Matthew 16:13-20)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - August 30, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Brynn Erickson Aubrey Erickson	Dana Flores Adriana Ortiz
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ROSARY	Pat Bonnell	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		Tim & Sharon Jenniges



	Brewster 8/15	Heron Lake 8/16	Windom 8/16
Week 07/52	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,753	\$ 2,091
YTD	8,771	45,921	17,479

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.



Heidy Tatiana Garcia Flores and Nahomy Alicia Garcia Flores daughters of Gabriel A. Garcia Hernandez and Dora A. Flores Sanchez were baptized Saturday, August 15th. Addyson Amira Garcia Sanchez daughter of Kevyn A. Garcia Hernandez and Maria A. Garcia Sanchez was baptized on August 15th.

Pryce, Evelyn and Moriah Morgan children of Tyler and Emily Morgan were baptized on Sunday, August 16th.

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 AUGUST 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.



21st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

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

SECOND COLLECTION for Joseph Bar-tosh on Sunday, August 30th.

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.

COF STEAK FRY will be on Sunday, September 20th, 4:30 PM at Steger Hall. \$5.00 for COF members and burgers are free to those who do not want steak. You **NEED** to reserve a steak to get a steak! Please call Kevin Leopold 507-793-2894 or Dennis Salentiny 507-360-1910 to reserve your steak.

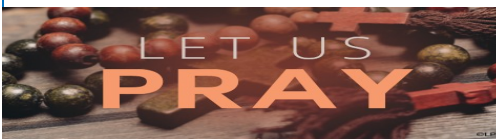
A BOX OF JOY may be the only Christmas gift a child in need receives. Please help your CCW with this project by picking up a Box of Joy from the church; fill it and return it to the rectory by October 20th. A list of gift item suggestions & instructions can be found next to the boxes in church entrance. They have requested that a rosary be included in each box. The postage will be paid by CCW.

WINONA-ROCHESTER DIOCESAN CCW will be holding a meeting at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Albert Lea on Saturday, October 10th. Sign up sheets available on tables.

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.

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.

CMA GOAL is **\$13,526 Pledges to date are \$16,877.58**. Please continue to give as overages come back to our Parish.

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!

We are **STILL seeking** a 3rd & 4th grade, also 5th grade teacher for Faith Formation. . Please contact Sherri Zimmerman at 507-221-0354 as it is drawing near to class time.

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.

NOTHING
is far from
GOD

-St. Monica

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.



Walk Together in Hope

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 8:30 A.M.

ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALBERT LEA, MN

8:30 am	Doors Open - Breakfast - Rochester Medical Mission dropoff
9:00 am	Welcome and Business Meeting
9:30 am	Morning Speaker, Marilyn Baker, Trauma Reboot
10:30 am	Break & Vendors
11:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm	Lunch & Vendors
12:45 pm	Leadership Training
	St. Paul and Minneapolis ArchDiocesan "On the Road" Crew
3:45 pm	Announcements - Drawing for Door prize(s)/Cupcake winner

Speaker: Marilyn Baker, Trauma Reboot Program
Trauma Reboot, is a 12-week in-person or online program of healing through Christ. As a retired registered nurse, Marilyn, along with Kathy Schumann, has helped coordinate this program in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester with hope to expand across the diocese. They assist others heal from traumas while in a Christian setting.

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 Amen.



IHM FALL DINNER

At IHM Catholic Church, Currie, MN

Sunday, September 13, 2026

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal!

* Turkey	* Bun
* Dressing	* Coleslaw
* Mashed Potatoes	* Desserts
* Gravy	
* Corn	

Adults: \$15 Preschool Free Grades K-6: \$10

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On Sunday, August 30th the motorcycle group "Prayer Zone Partners" will be at the High School on the east side by the flag to offer prayers for school children for their school year, their safety and well-being. Listen to KDOM radio station for a tentative time to come and pray with them.



KINGDOM

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

MATTHEW 16:19

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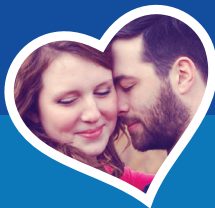
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