

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | TWENTY-FOURTH 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 - SEPTEMBER 15 - 20, 2026

15 Tues	5:30pm	Windom	• Herb & Mavis Ratzlaff
16 Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	• Marilyn Burns
17 Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	Living/Deceased Bauman/Bonnell Families
18 Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	• Wanda Strunk
19 Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	• Rupert & Vi Busch
20 Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	• Sam Henkels
20 Sun	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
- Joan 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:

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

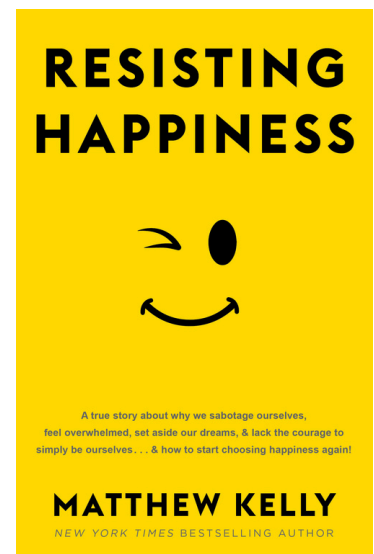
PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from The Rock:

Thoughts from Person's Facing Death

Matthew Kelly in his book *Resisting Happiness*, pages 50-51, shares twenty-four things dying people wished they had done differently. Here is the list:

1. I wish I had the courage to just be myself.
2. I wish I had spent more time with the people I love.
3. I wish I had made spirituality more of a priority.
4. I wish I hadn't spent so much time working.
5. I wish I had discovered my purpose earlier.
6. I wish I had learned to express my feelings more.
7. I wish I hadn't spent so much time worrying about things that never happened.
8. I wish I had taken more risks.
9. I wish I had cared less about what other people thought.
10. I wish I had realized earlier that happiness is a choice.
11. I wish I had loved more.
12. I wish I had taken better care of myself.
13. I wish I had been a better spouse.
14. I wish I had paid less attention to other people's expectations.
15. I wish I had quit my job and found something I really enjoyed doing.
16. I wish I had stayed in touch with old friends.
17. I wish I had spoken my mind more.
18. I wish I hadn't spent so much time chasing the wrong things.
19. I wish I'd had more children.
20. I wish I had touched more lives.
21. I wish I had thought about life's big questions earlier.
22. I wish I had traveled more.
23. I wish I had lived more in the moment.
24. I wish I had pursued more of my dreams.



Matthew Kelly's point in these lessons is that it is good and healthy to think about death from time to time. Death is inevitable and such a reality helps keep our lives in a proper balance. We are reminded of what really matters and to keep what matters at the heart of everything.

With this before us, my question to each of us is, "If I had one week to live, what would be my thoughts as I faced the inevitable – my death? Would I wish I had done anything differently or do I believe I have lived life to its fullest?" Whatever our answer, we are given only one life, and it is still before us – live it to its fullest and in holiness. And in it all, remember to keep God at the center of everything.

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

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - September 20, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
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CHURCH SUPPORT	Brewster 9/05	Heron Lake 9/06	Windom 9/06
Week 10/52	\$ 1,505	\$ 5,421	\$ 3077
YTD	8,865	32,433	13,009

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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

BREWSTER	\$ 611
HERON LAKE	\$ 624
WINDOM	\$ 398

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The Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Native American peoples of the United States.

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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.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **2ND SATURDAY** of the month. The next Adoration is **October 10th** from 4:00-4:45.

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

Faith Formation forms for the 2026-27 school year can be found at the church entrance. Please return the forms to Loretta Smith or Molly Scheidt PO Box 187, Brewster, MN 56119. Can't wait for another great year! We are still in need of First Year Confirmation catechists. Thank You. Molly

Vi Busch passed away August 29, 2026. Her funeral was held September 3rd at Sacred Heart Brewster with burial in Sacred Heart cemetery. May her soul and all souls rest in peace.

Winona-Rochester Diocesan **CCW** will meet at St. Theodore Catholic Church in **Albert Lea** on Saturday, **October 10th**. Please contact Bev if you would like to attend.

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 1/2HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS.**

MEETINGS: Pastoral & Finance Councils will meet on Wednesday, September 16th starting at 6:45 PM.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: 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 Hussong.

The **SOUTHWEST AREA DIOCESAN CCW MEETING** will be held at **SACRED HEART in HERON LAKE** on **Tuesday, October 20th** at 7 PM in the church basement. All are invited to attend.

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 **October 4th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

Parish and Finance Councils will meet Tuesday, September 15th.

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

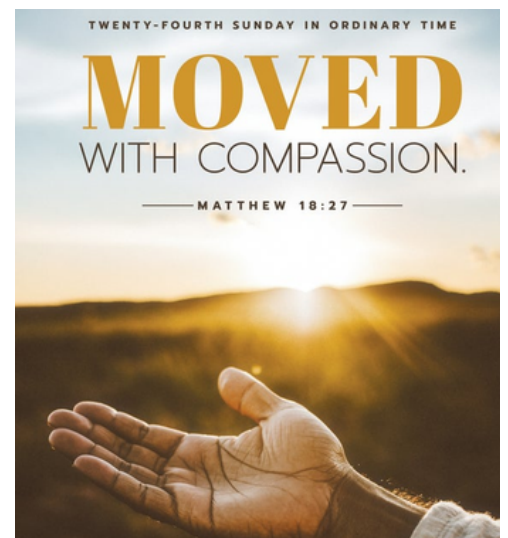
PHONE/ADDRESS UPDATES: Please let the office know if you have any updates to addresses or land lines to cell phones that may be out of date in the system or directory. You can call the office or email your updates to secreatryfrancis2024@gmail.com Thank you!

We are seeking a 3rd & 4th grade sub teacher for Faith Formation. Mark your calendars **September 16th at 6:30 there will be a Parent-Student kick off** and mandatory meeting. We want to celebrate the beginning of another year with a meal being provided.

CMA-Checks should be made payable to : Diocese of Winona-Rochester with **CMA- WINDOM** in the memo line. Envelopes are available at the church entrance on the little table.

Faith Formation starts 3rd grade to Confirmation on Wednesday, **September 23rd** from 6:30-7:30.

Sunday, September 27th: 4-5year old -2nd grade start at 9am.



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.

Register for St. Francis Xavier OCIA program:

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is 5+ months of prayer, learning and reflection designed for:

Those seeking to become Catholic

Those seeking the sacrament of Confirmation

Those exploring the Catholic Faith. Classes are held at St. Francis Xavier Church

Classes are Sunday evenings starting October 4th at 6:30 pm. There will be 12 sessions.

Classes will be every other week until March 21st. A Spanish option is available.

OCIA is open to all adults and serves Windom, Heron Lake and Brewster.

Registration forms, course topics and dates of classes are available at St. Francis Xavier Church.

The deadline to register is September 15th, 2026.

For questions, contact Fr. Jordan Danielson 507-831-3300 or Fr. Schuster 507-304-2541.



Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.

Procedimientos diocesanos para hacer frente al abuso sexual de menores

La Diócesis de Winona-Rochester se ha comprometido a proteger a los niños, los jóvenes y otras personas vulnerables en nuestras escuelas, parroquias y actividades apostólicas. Tenemos un cuidado especial y la intención permanente de atender eventuales víctimas de abuso sexual y sus familias. Para informarnos sobre alegaciones actuales de abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero o empleados laicos o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Winona-Rochester contacte: 507-454-2270, Extensión 255 Víctimas de abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide de dirigirse a la diócesis para recibir asistencia pastoral. El Coordinado de Asistencia a la Víctima le proveerá tal asistencia.

“Cualquier persona que trabaje o sea voluntario en una parroquia o escuela católica, tiene la obligación de reportar o denunciar abusos o negligencias. Cualquier persona que sepa o tenga razones para creer que un menor (una persona menor de 18 años) o un adulto vulnerable es o ha sido abusado o ignorado, debe denunciar toda sospecha de abuso o abandono a las autoridades civiles o autoridades policiales pertinentes dentro de las 24 horas desde que tuvo conocimiento del asunto y además deberá dar seguimiento haciendo un informe escrito a las autoridades civiles dentro de un margen de 72 horas, excluyendo fines de semana y feriados”.

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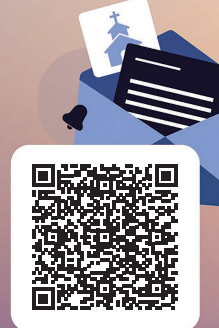
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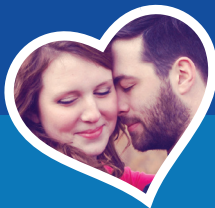
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