

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | TWENTY-SIXTH 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 - SEPT 29 - OCT 4, 2026

29 Tues	5:30pm	Windom	• Lonnie Ahrens
30 Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	• Mary Ellen Stenzel
01 Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	Charlene Kirchner
02 Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	• Al Purrington
03 Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
04 Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	• Clair & Bernadine Haberman
04 Sun	10:00am	Windom	• Martin & Mildred Bockelmann

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
- Dorothy Menke
- 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:

**Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5;
Matthew 21:28-32**

Next week's readings:

**Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew
21:33-43**

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from the Rock:

What if?

What if? That was the question which came to mind as I was writing this column? What if I was a farmer instead of a priest? Things would be different in my life:

I would be preparing machinery for the fall harvest rather than preparing a Sunday homily.

I would be wondering about the corn and bean prices, doing a comparison with my input costs, wondering if there was money to be made.

I would be asking the question, "Should I be purchasing fertilizer and fuel for the spring months?"

I would be constantly checking the weather for just the right mixture of rain and sun.

I would be doing a test run of the dryer and bin fans.

I would be walking the fields checking pods (in beans) and ears (in corn).

I would be making runs to implement dealers to purchase parts.

I would have my semi(s) go through DOT inspection.

I would pay bills prior to harvest because there isn't time to pay bills while the harvest is in full swing.

I would be wondering how many bushels a field will hold.

The reality is that I am not a farmer. I am a priest. But let us stay with the question for a moment. What if Jesus...

What if Jesus concerned himself with healing everyone who came to him?

Some desired Jesus to overthrow the Romans. What if Jesus concerned himself with staffing and preparing an army?

What if Jesus tried to teach everything?

What if Jesus never left Nazareth?

What if Jesus had lived thirty more years?

What if Jesus concerned himself only with debating the religious leaders?

These questions pose the reality of Jesus focusing on something other than his suffering, death, and resurrection. If Jesus had refused to suffer, die, and rise, these are some of the realities:

I find it hard to believe we would be worshipping a Savior.

I find it hard to believe that as many people would follow Jesus Christ.

I find it hard to believe that we would believe in the resurrection.

I find it hard to believe that we would come together as the Body of Christ and receive the Eucharist.

I find it hard to believe we would have the hope we currently have.

I find it hard to believe we would make sense of suffering.

I find it hard to believe we would make sense of death.

In the end, aren't we glad that Jesus knew the path the Father had in store for him and he remained faithful to the will of the Father. For without that resolve, we would be left posing the question, "What if? What if Jesus Christ, instead of being a military leader, great healer, renowned debater, had chosen to die and rise for each of us? How would my life, my hope, my faith be different if Jesus suffered and died for me?" Aren't you glad such a question does not need an answer? Jesus Christ did suffer, die, and rise for you and me. He is our Lord and Savior!

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

Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a slave. Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to priesthood and religious life. (Philippians 2:1-11)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - October 4, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Brynn Erickson Katherine Krumbach	Marcus Hoppe
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CHURCH SUPPORT	Brewster 9/19	Heron Lake 9/20	Windom 9/20
Week 12/52	\$ 1,060	\$ 2,315	\$ 2,332
YTD	12,688	36,100	17,779

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
(PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH)

OCTOBER 18TH

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

This day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity, so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

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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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INSIDE OUR PARISHES

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.

Sacred Heart Brewster is looking for someone who would be willing to make a wooden hand rail for the sanctuary. If you are interested please contact Father Schuster, Father Jordan, or Loretta. Thank you!

THE BOX OF JOY are at the entrances of the Church to be picked up and returned by Saturday, October 17th. Please take one or two and help a child have merrier Christmas. There is a list-add your name and the number of boxes you have taken. Thank you!

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.

OUR CMA GOAL for 2026-2027 is \$5,570. Thus far, \$1,900 has been donated. Please remember to contribute to our goal. All monies over the goal will be returned to our parish. Thank you!

HERON LAKE

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

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Please return registrations to Judy Stenzel or the office **ASAP.**

FAITH FORMATION: Classes will begin for K-7th grades on Sunday, September 27th and for 8th-12th grades on Wednesday, September 30th. **(Please note the change in times for 7th grade students. They will attend Sunday mornings instead of Wednesday nights)**

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN will begin on October 4th, Respect Life Sunday, and go through the 31st. Your support gives local new and expectant mothers the help they need like rent, utilities and baby supplies, so they can choose life with hope and dignity. Please grab a bottle when available and please be generous. Thank you!

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.

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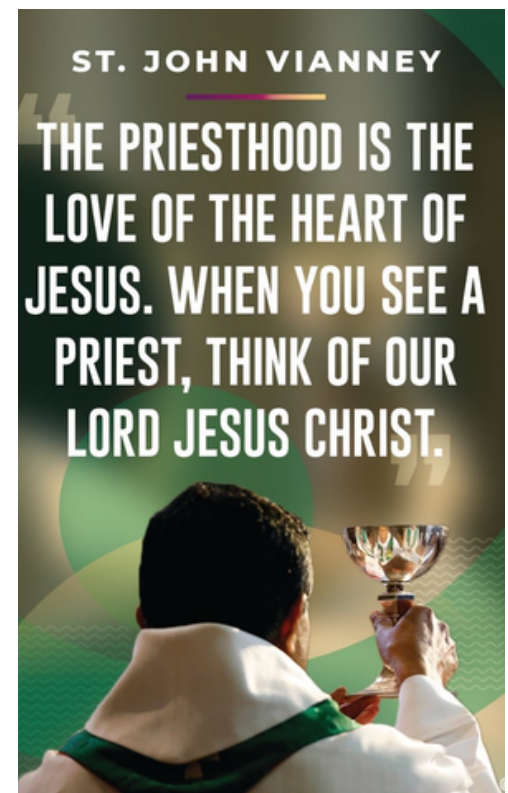
Adoration and Confession will be offered the 1st Sunday of the Month. The next Adoration is **October 4th** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

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 **volunteers to assist the teachers for Faith Formation.** Call Sherri Zimmerman 507-221-0354.

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

Baby Bottle Campaign is starting now through October 31st. Please be generous in supporting the Mother & Child Assistance Fund.



NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

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.

Fall in love all over again by attending the October 17-18 Marriage Encounter. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other!

Marriage
Encounter

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.



Baby Bottle Campaign Provides Help and Creates Hope

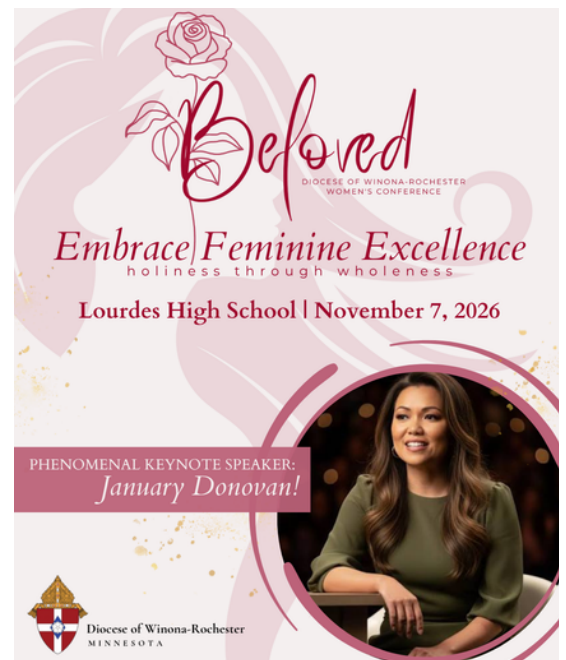
You can help Catholic Charities in providing help and hope to new and expectant parents in your community! The Baby Bottle Campaign starts next week on Respect Life Sunday, October 4th. Support women who are choosing life for their babies by taking home a bottle and filling it with change or a check and returning to church by October 31. All donations through the Baby Bottle Campaign will be used for rent and utility assistance for new mothers.

Three ways to give:

- Fill a bottle with cash, change or check at your parish.
- Mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987
- Give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle

"This program has helped me in an unexpected hard time. Catholic Charities answered my prayers and helped me pay rent at 8 months pregnant with no job. I'm so happy they were able to lend a hand!"

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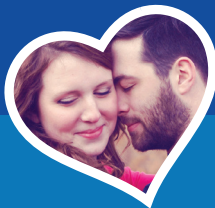
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