

OCTOBER 4, 2026 | TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 - OCTOBER 6 - 11, 2026

06 Tues	5:30pm	Windom	• Lonnie Ahrens
07 Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	• Mary Ellen Stenzel
08 Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	Charlene Kirchner
09 Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	• Al Purrington
10 Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
11 Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	• Clair & Bernadine Haberman
11 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 Zschetzsche
- 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:

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

Next week's readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-10

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from the Rock:

Why is the God of the Old Testament so Violent?

Question: A nurse I know with experience in the ER and ICU had planned to read the complete Bible when she retired, starting with the Old Testament, but she gave up because of the violence. Why is the Old Testament so violent?

Answer: It is true that the early books of the Bible and most of the Old Testament depict acts of great violence. The crucifixion of our Lord is also an act of great cruelty and violence in the New Testament. The first thing to remember about all such matters is how the fact that the Bible records them does not necessarily mean the Bible approves of them. That said, there are difficult and dark passages that record God commanding certain cities and places to be utterly destroyed and that no one is to be left alive, no man, woman, child, or animal. There is great debate at how to interpret these passages. Some say they are simply the Israelites projecting their own genocidal wishes on God. Others see them as merely an admonition to make no compromises with the world or the nations around them. Still others, as I do, see them as straight-forward commands to completely remove a people or city, leaving nothing that might influence the people of God to idolatry or imitation of the nations they were supplanting.

Two things should be observed. First, God, who gives life, also has the right to set limits and end life when He sees fit. If I own property and decide to remove roses and plant begonias, that is within my rights to do...Even more so with God with individuals or nations.

In a broader sense, we need to recall that, in the ancient world, things were tough all over. Life was brutal and short. There were no agreed-upon borders, there was no body of law to adjudicate differences, there was no judicial system of trial persecution, there was no police force. Tribes moved about and conflicted over food, land, and resources. Mankind emerged from the garden in a fallen and brutal state. That is what God was dealing with.

However, God, by stages, brought us from this brutal chaos to better order and peace. He chooses a people, Israel, gives them the Law, instructs them, and prepares them for the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. He limits retaliation, establishes the structures of family, the corporal works of mercy, the importance of hospitality, the rights of foreigners and the proper punishments due to sin. He commands that we love our neighbor and so forth. Hence, God draws them away from violence and chaos toward love, respect, and order. It is somewhat like a parent who has a small child who is subject to tantrums, selfishness, and only understands punishments. But as the child grows older, the parent can reason with him and call him to respect, justice, and love. When Jesus arrives, he builds on the progress and calls us even higher: to love our enemies, not retaliate, and to be willing to suffer for the truth without hatred.

Hence, your friend might consider that the Scriptures depict a journey of God's people out of brutality and chaos toward a growing sense of justice, respect, and love. The early days were brutal, and God dealt with them in ways they could understand. But he brought them higher and to a better understanding of godliness and being more fully human.

(Written by Msgr. Charles People, Our Sunday Visitor, January 24-30, 2021, page 19).

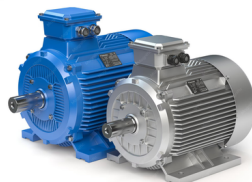


Electric Motors

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

Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Let us present our needs to God in the form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude. Let us pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. 2 (Philippians 4:6-9)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - October 11, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Samantha Krumbach Adley Haberman	Seth Hoppe Josianne DeWall
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GREETERS		Wayne & Debby Mau



CHURCH SUPPORT	Brewster 9/26	Heron Lake 9/27	Windom 9/27
Week 13/52	\$ 831	\$ 8,047	\$ 2,916
YTD	13,519	44,147	20,695

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
(PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH)

OCTOBER 18TH

BREWSTER	\$
HERON LAKE	\$
WINDOM	\$

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.



Welcome to the family of God!

Caroline Bernadette Haberman, child of Ted and Jordan Haberman, was baptized on Saturday, September 26th at Sacred Heart in Brewster. We welcome her into our family of faith.

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.

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 MASS BOOKS FOR CHILDREN are at the entrances of the Church. The books are to be used during Mass and put back at the entrances at the end of Mass. Thank you!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN is beginning now and runs through October 31st. Please support the Mother and Child Assistance Fund for our area.

The weekend of **October 10th - 11th**, **St. Mary's of Worthington** will hold a retreat in our social hall. There will be several cars parked at the Church during these days and evenings.

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!

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.**

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!

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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WINDOM

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

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

Baby Bottle Campaign is starting now through October 31st. Please fill and return to the Office or Sherri Zimmerman.

Thank you for your interest in Faith Formation, but at this time **no more registrations will be accepted this year.**

Gracias por todo vuestro interés en la Formación en la Fe, **pero por ahora ya no aceptamos nuevas inscripciones para este año.**

KOC meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm.

Mark your calendars, Faith Formation will be having a breakfast after Mass Sunday, October 25th. A free will donation will be used for camps, retreats and other activities. Come and support our youth.

We are looking for individuals to **help with the Christmas program** for costumes, children's practices and organizing.



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!



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.

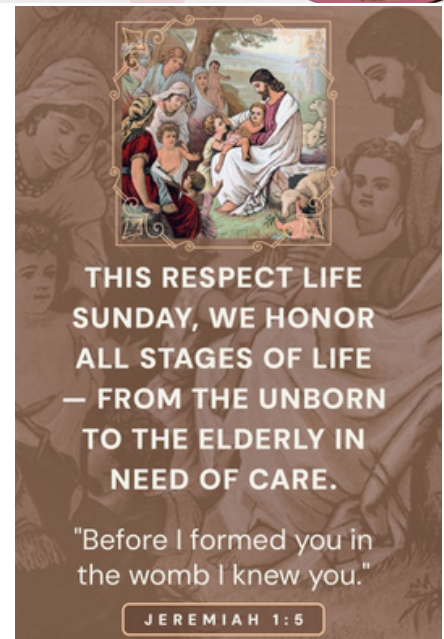
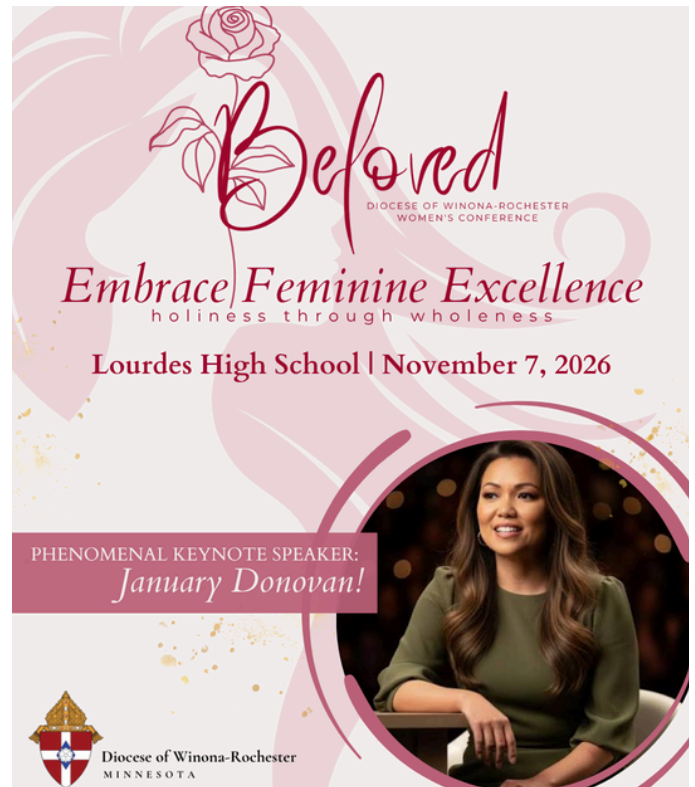
The deadline to register is September 15th, 2026.

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



Baby Bottle Campaign Supports New and Expectant Parents

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. While applying for assistance, women learn about adoption and parenting supports in order to feel confident carrying their baby to term. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis. Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!



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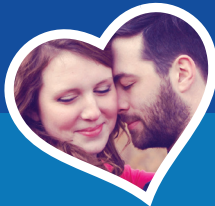
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