

OCTOBER 11, 2026 | TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 13 - 18, 2026

13 Tues	5:30pm	Windom	NO MASS
14 Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	• Communion Service Rodney Miranowski
15 Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	NO MASS
16 Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	• Wanda Strunk
17 Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	• Gene & Janet Donahue
18 Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	• Arnold, Phyllis, Greg & Mary Jane Appel
18 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
- Maria Caballero
- 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:

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

Next week's readings:

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;
Matthew 22:15-21**

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from the Rock:

Humanity's Freedom

Question: On the solemnity of the Annunciation, I wondered about Mary's "yes" and her choice to agree to or refuse God's request. Did she really have a choice? She was conceived without original sin, therefore was she not predestined to be the mother of his Son? If she really had a choice, would she have been born without original sin? And what of Judas? Jesus had to be betrayed by one of his disciples to suffer and redeem the world. I believe Judas was also predestined by God to play his part in the redemption of humankind, and I believe, if I ever get to heaven, I will see him sitting with Jesus for having accepted his role.

Answer: Your examples presuppose that God, knowing beforehand what we will do, therefore forces us to do it. But this supposition is wrong. One can imagine that we mere humans may know what is going to happen before it does, but see that our knowledge does not rob the participants of freedom.

Suppose you are sitting on a hill and see below that two trains are heading toward each other on the same track. Your knowing what is about to happen does not remove the freedom of the engineers. They continue to act freely even though you know what will soon happen.

God's knowledge is surely more sweeping. But the truth remains that we are not pre-programmed or forced to do what God knows we will do. Rather we act freely, and God, who lives outside of time and sees the whole sweep of time at once, has merely set forth his plans in accord with his knowledge of what we will do.



Mary freely said "Yes," and Judas freely said, "No." God, not forcing but knowing their free choices from all eternity, set his plans in accordance with that.

As for your belief that Judas is in heaven, it may be a bit optimistic. The Church does not declare that any particular person is in hell. However, regarding Judas, Jesus said, "The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born" (Matthew 26:24).

It is hard to imagine Jesus saying of any human person who makes it to heaven that it would be better never to have been born.

The more likely biblical judgment on Judas is that he died in sin and despaired of God's mercy on God's terms. You are free to hope for a different outcome for him. And while the story of Judas does generate some sympathy by many today, the judgment belongs to God.

(Written by Msgr. Charles Pope, Our Sunday Visitor, April 16-22, 2017, 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

The Lord is the shepherd who calls. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Psalm 23)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - October 18, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Cora Haberman Bristol VandeKamp	Danna Flores Adrianna Ortiz
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VIDEO STREAMING		Tom Zimmerman
GREETERS		Pat Spencer Jake & Lori Redmond



CHURCH SUPPORT	Brewster 10/3	Heron Lake 10/4	Windom 10/4
Week 13/52	\$ 2,579	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,728
YTD	16,098	47,797	23,423

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 **November 14th** 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: There will be **NO** Faith Formation on Wednesday, October 14th or Sunday, October 18th due to MEA weekend.

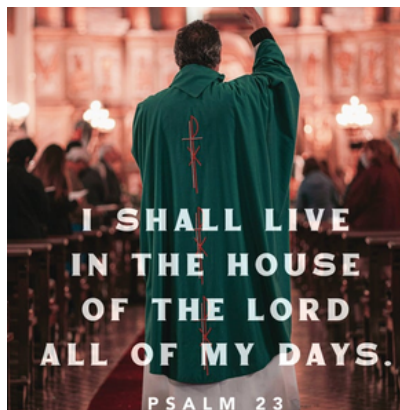
A BOX OF JOY may be the only Christmas gift a child in need receives. Please help your CCW with this project by picking up a Box of Joy from the church; fill it and return it to the rectory by October 20th. A list of gift item suggestions & instructions can be found next to the boxes in church entrance. 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 **November 1st** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome

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

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

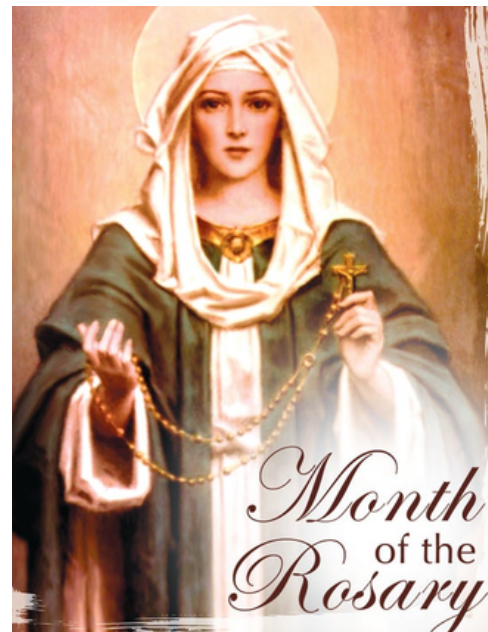
Faith Formation will be hosting a **breakfast after Mass Sunday, October 25th**. A free will donation will be used for camps, retreats and other activities. Come and support our youth.

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

There will be **NO FAITH FORMATION** on Wednesday, October 14th and Sunday the 18th due to MEA Weekend.

CLAS will meet 2pm Tuesday, October 13th in the dining hall. All ladies of the church are welcome for socializing and games.

St. Francis Xavier will be hosting a **movie** at the State Theater in Windom on **Sunday, October 11th** at 1pm called **"Miracles from Heaven"**. Based on a true story starring Jennifer Garner.



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

Saint Francis: Visionary of Life

Read the full version at
respectlife.org/francis-visionary-of-life.

Saint Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself.

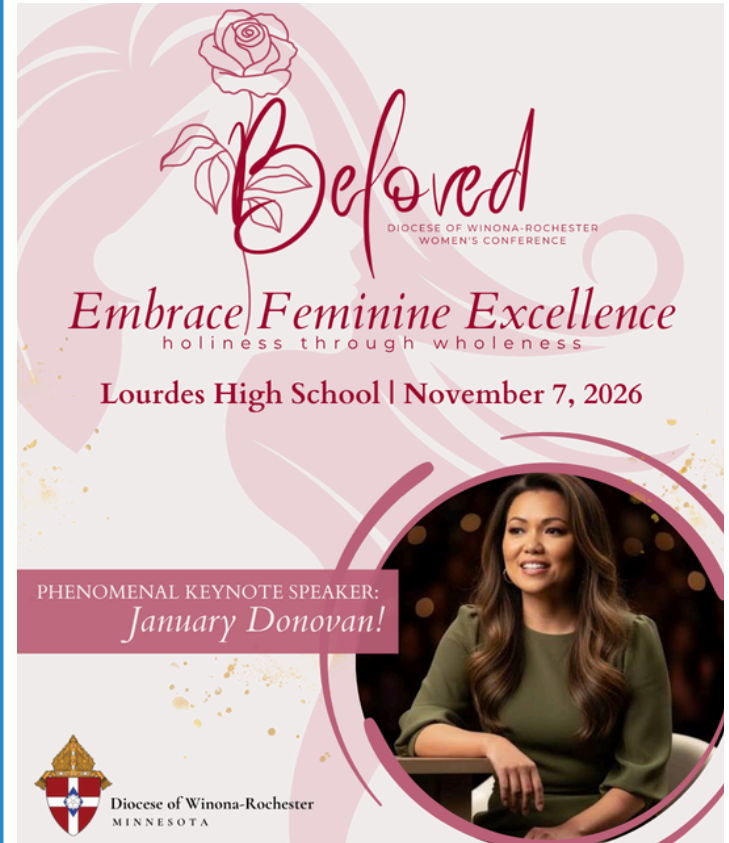


This is particularly true for the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected. Among all creation, the human person has the unique capacity to praise God, highlighting the distinctive dignity of human life.

During this Year of Saint Francis, may we seek his intercession for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

Give to the 20th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

A young single mother called Catholic Charities for help with her utility bill. She had recently left an unhealthy relationship and was now managing all her bills on her own while raising a new baby. She received a disconnection notice and needed help to keep her utilities on. This mother met with a Catholic Charities social worker to apply for assistance. We completed a budget to help her look at income and expenses and make a plan for the future. We were able to pay her outstanding utility bill, and she was able to increase her hours at work. With her increase in income, this mother is confident that she will be able to pay her bills in the future. The funds donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign made this payment possible for this family and many others across Southern Minnesota!



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January Donovan!

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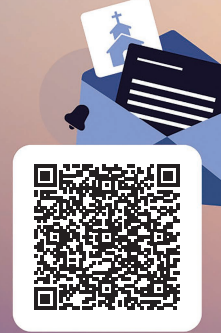
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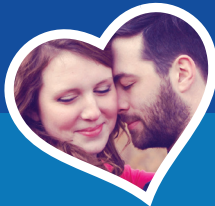
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