

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS



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 - NOVEMBER 3 - 8, 2026

03 Tues	5:30pm	Windom	• Richard Krueger
04 Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	• JoAnn Polzine
05 Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	Agnes Lohse
06 Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	• JoAnn Bregel
07 Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	Jim Starner
08 Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	For the People
08 Sun	10:00am	Windom	• Wanda Strunk

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
- 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:

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Next week's readings:

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Matthew 25:1-13

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Words from the Rock:

Father Schuster's Vacation

I will be taking vacation the following dates:

October 26-November 2

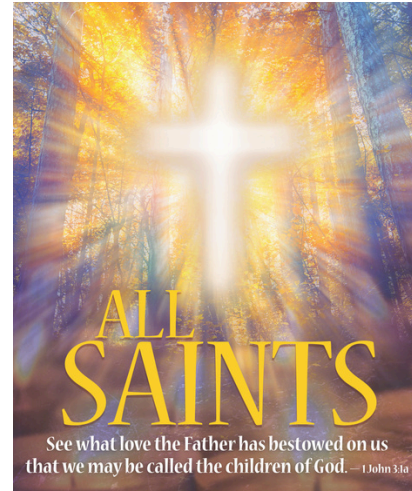
November 9-16

Catholics and Saints

On this All Saint's Day weekend, I share some of my favorite saints:

- St. Peter
- St. Paul
- St. John Vianney
- St. Joseph

With that, let us look at a question about Catholics and saints.



Question: Protestants often criticize Catholics for praying to Mary and the saints. They say this is a violation of the First Commandment. Or, to look at the question from another perspective: If God is all-knowing and all-powerful, why not pray directly to God and avoid the intermediaries? How does the Catholic Church respond to these criticisms?

Answer: The charge of violating the First Commandment would only be the case if Catholics were worshipping Mary or the saints. But we aren't. Part of the misunderstanding is that some Protestants equate prayer or praying with worship. But the word "pray" means first "to ask." For example, in a legal brief, the document will often conclude: "The defendant prays the court to find in his favor." So, to pray in its original meaning meant to ask or request, and only in recent times has it come to be equated merely with worship. When as Catholics we say, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners..." we are requesting her to ask of her Son on our behalf, as she did at the wedding feast at Cana.

As for God already knowing what we need, this is certainly true. But if that be the case, then why are we instructed throughout the whole of Scripture to pray for ourselves and for others? For Jesus in the Our Father bids us to say, "Give us this day our daily bread." But doesn't the Father already know we need bread? Why bother asking? Did Jesus not get the memo that praying for ourselves or asking others to pray for us was pointless? But, of course, Jesus was not misled.

Some others also say, "Why ask the saints to pray if you can just pray for yourself?" But here, too, if that be the case then why ask anyone at any time to pray for you? The point is that we can do both. We can pray for ourselves and also ask others (including the saints) to pray for us as well.

Finally, some charge that the saints are up in heaven and can't hear us. And yet Revelation 5 describes the 24 elders as holding golden bowls, filled with the prayers of the faithful on earth. Such communication is obviously facilitated by Jesus himself. Hence, just as my right hand can work with and know of my left hand only through the head, so the saints can only hear our prayers through Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "God alone of himself knows the thoughts of the heart: yet others know them, in so far as these are revealed to them, either by their vision of the Word of by any other means" (Summa Theologiae, Supplement to Part II, Question 72, Article 5)

(Written by Msgr. Charles Pope, Our Sunday Visitor, August 15-21, 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

In You, Lord, I have found my peace. Is the Lord calling me to be a peacemaker? (Psalm 131)

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - November 8, 2026

Brewster Saturday 5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday 8:00 am	Windom Sunday 10:00 am
SERVERS	Katherine Krumbach Hailey Doll	Rogan Brown
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VIDEO STREAMING		Gale Symens
GREETERS		Jose Fuentes Luis Rameriz



CHURCH SUPPORT	Brewster 10/24	Heron Lake 10/25	Windom 10/25
Week 17/52	\$ 624	\$ 2,712	\$ 2,427
YTD	19,034	55,001	30,424

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Campaign for Human
Development

November 14-15th

BREWSTER	\$
HERON LAKE	\$
WINDOM	\$

Founded in 1969, is the U.S. bishops' social justice, anti-poverty campaign. . When you support CCHD, you give hope to poor and low-income Americans struggling to build a better life.

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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 con-
tact 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 req-
uisitos, 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 par-
ish office, if interested.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Contact the
parish office a month in advance to fill out
the form and to attend Baptism Mentoring
Sessions.



Elaina Lucille Higley was baptized Saturday,
October 24th at Saint Francis Xavier in
Windom. Parents are Jordan and Brittany
Higley of Windom.



INSIDE OUR PARISHES

BREWSTER

ADORATION AND CONFESSION will be offered on the **2ND SATURDAY** of the month. The next Adoration is **December 12th** from 4:00-4:45.

Thank you, Peter Schmitz for serving last Saturday night. You did well!! Hattie McNab will serve this week. Thanks kids!!

The **Blood Drive** will be held on Monday, **November 9th, 2026** from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at the Brewster Legion Hall. Please come and donate to those in need.

THE **OCTOBER 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!

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, \$2,570 has been donated. Please remember to contribute to our goal. All monies over the goal will be returned to our parish. Thank you!

In this season of gratitude, the Faith Formation students invite you to **share your blessings** by donating non-perishable food items thru November 18th to help those in need. Please leave your donations at the entry of the church. Thank You!!

HERON LAKE

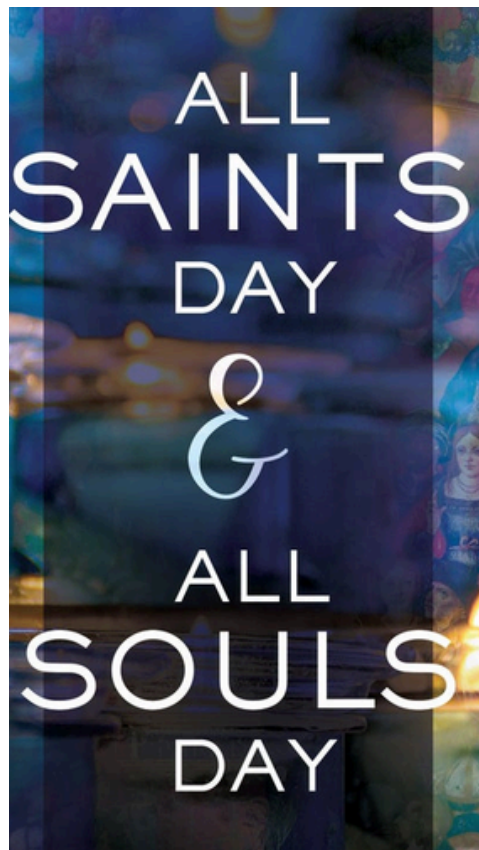
There will be **CONFESSION AVAILABLE 1/2HOUR BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS.**

MEETING: CCW will meet on November 10th at 7PM in the church basement.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN has concluded. Thank you so much for helping support this wonderful campaign to help mothers and babies in our area.

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.

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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.

Please **return your filled BABY BOTTLES to the Office ASAP!!**

We are looking for individuals to **help with the Christmas program** for costumes, **two** children's practices and organizing for 3 hours of time.

Meals on Wheels needs your help. St. Francis Xavier is responsible for delivering meals for the month of **November**. Please call Wanda Stone at 507-822-1642, if you are able to help, even for a couple of days. We have two delivery routes which require a minimum of four volunteers per day. Thank you to all of those who continue to volunteer for this important and rewarding service.

Christmas Joy for Mickelson Manor and the Sogge Home. We only have 10 tags to arrive second week in November. Please contact Sherri Zimmerman for a tag. Bring Christmas Joy to a shut in.

On behalf of the Faith Formation, we want to say a **heartfelt thank you** for your incredible generosity during our recent breakfast. It will help us differ the cost of sending students to Steubenville, camp Summit and the retreats that are up coming.

We also want to give a special and enthusiastic thank you to the confirmation Students and everyone who rolled up their sleeves to help with your time, energy, and joyful spirits made all the difference. We simply could not pull this off without working together as the hands and feet of Christ. And, get ready next month on the **15th of November** Faith Formation will be serving **pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, and coleslaw.** Thank you.

There will **no Mass on Monday for All Souls Day .**

There is a book by the organ to enter deceased loved ones names to be prayed for All Saints & All Souls Day.

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.

The Praying Family is a multi-media initiative arising from the Synod on Vocations and Evangelization and carried forward by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's Departments of Evangelization. In support of Bishop Barron's two key goals--promoting vocations and deepening evangelization--the Diocese is working to foster more praying families throughout our local Church.

The home stands as the Church's earliest and most essential place for forming faith and inspiring vocations. When families root their daily lives in prayer, they create the environment where discipleship can flourish and where future vocations—to marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, and dedicated service—can take shape.



The Community Christmas Cantata is looking for more volunteers to sing. They will meet on Sundays at 7PM at the ALC in Windom.



My Catholic Charities
of Southern Minnesota
Weekly Update

Election Day is
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd!

As people of faith, we are called to promote human dignity not only through direct service to our neighbor, but also by voting our values.

The current state of politics can be discouraging, but often that is precisely because so many good people stay on the sidelines. Democracy is not a spectator sport. That is why Pope Francis said, "a good Catholic meddles in politics." 2026 is a big election year, with local, state, and federal elections on the ballot. The MN Catholic Conference has a comprehensive **Election Resource Guide** with info that can help you form your conscience, be informed on where each candidate stands, and then transform your community by voting for the common good!

Learn more at
mncatholic.org



November 21, 2026

Each year, AFSP supports hundreds of large and small Survivor Day events around the world, in which suicide loss survivors come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared experience. While each event is unique and offers various programming, all feature an AFSP-produced documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection.

Register



Questions?

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Community Health
Planner, DVHHS
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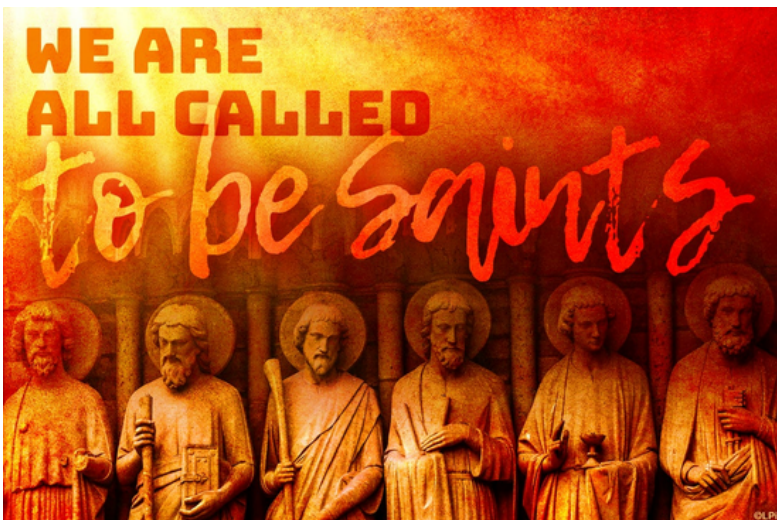
Jackson/Windom Event Information

LaCane Family Celebration of Life Center, Windom
2280 6th Ave, Windom, MN 56101

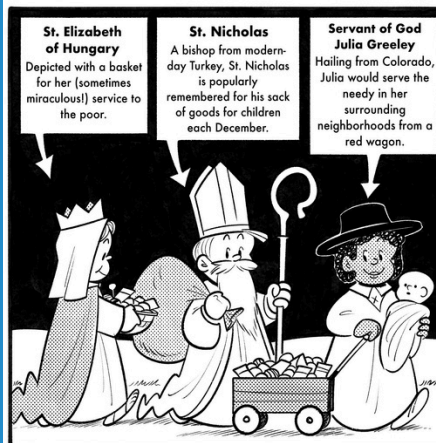
10am - 2pm

Lunch will be provided.

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Fun saints you can honor (who can also carry a bunch of candy!)



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