NOVEMBER 29, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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 - DECEMBER 1 - 6, 2026

01 Tues	5:30pm	Windom	• Jermaine Grove
02 Wed	9:00am	Heron Lake	• Leonard T & Mary Ann Leopold
03 Thurs	9:00am	Brewster	• Leo & Mary Anne McNab
04 Fri	9:30am	Sogge Home	• JoAnn Bregel
05 Sat	5:00pm	Brewster	For the People
06 Sun	8:00am	Heron Lake	• Dick & Joanie Madsen
06 Sun	10:00am	Windom	• Paul & Antonio Juarez, Raul Juarez Gutierrez

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 Esquival
- Todd Hines
- Maria Caballero
- Amber Determan
- Margaret Juhnke
- John Zschetzsche
- 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

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This week's readings:
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37
Next week's readings:
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Words from the Rock:

I am asked questions on Holy Communion quite frequently. Such questions may be:

- If a parish doesn't offer low gluten hosts and I receive from the Precious Cup, am I receiving what is also contained in the Precious Body?
- Do I need to receive both forms of Holy Communion to receive the "fullness" of Jesus Christ?
- Is it acceptable to receive only one form of Communion when both forms are offered?



Let us look at the latter question.

Question: In my parish, holy Communion is offered under both kinds: the host and the chalice. Is it wrong to receive only the host and to refuse the offer of the chalice? Someone told me that Jesus said we must eat his flesh AND drink his blood.
Answer: No. Other than the priest, a Catholic is not required to receive the Eucharist under both species, thus no sin is incurred in not partaking of the chalice.

The Catechism of the Catholic church states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, Communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons, this manner of receiving Communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But 'the sign of Communion is more complete when given under both kinds (forms), since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.' This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites." (No. 1390).

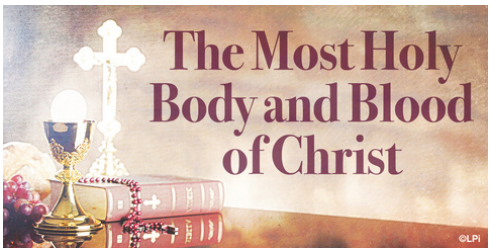
Thus, although receiving under both forms is commendable, it is not required to do so, because the whole Christ is received under one form alone. Further, it is not always logistically reasonable for both forms to be offered at every Mass.

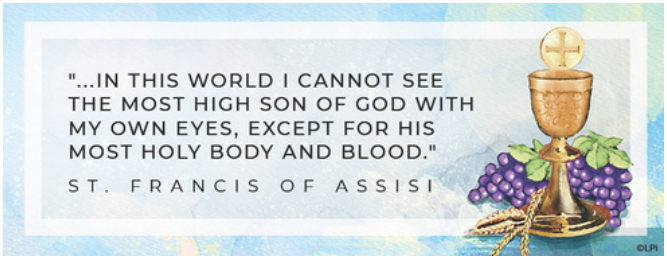
There are also cases where one cannot receive the host (due, perhaps, to celiac disease), and such persons therefore can receive from the chalice. In the same way, they receive the whole Christ, as do those who receive only the host.

You also wonder about the meaning of Jesus' words, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). Here, too, it must be emphasized that in receiving the host, we receive the whole Christ: body, blood, soul, and divinity. Jesus is not divided up in holy Communion. He is fully present in the smallest particle of the host and the smallest drop of the precious blood. Thus, in receiving the host you are also partaking of his blood, as he commands.

Thus, whether one receives the Precious Body or the Precious Blood, one is receiving the whole Christ: body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ.

(Written by Msgr. Charles Pope, Our Sunday Visitor, July 14-20, 2019, page 15).





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 **At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised.** **(Mark 13:33-37)**

LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES - December 6, 2026

	Brewster Saturday|5:00 pm	Heron Lake Sunday|8:00 am	Windom Sunday|10:00 am
SERVERS		Bristol VandeKamp Nathan Madsen	Danna Flores
LECTOR		Loren Liepold Andrea Christoffer	Tom Resch
CANTOR			Mary Theesfeld
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SACRISTAN			Jackie Jurgens Vicki Ommen
ROSARY		Pat Bonnell	David Bockelmann
VIDEO STREAMING			Gale Symens
GREETERS			Eli Rothenberger Ethan Buhler

Parish Support Parish Support Parish Support

CHURCH SUPPORT	Brewster 11/21	Heron Lake 11/22	Windom 11/22
Week 21/52	$ -	$ -	$ -
YTD	22,723	80,421	38,984

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Retirement Fund for Religious
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WINDOM $

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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

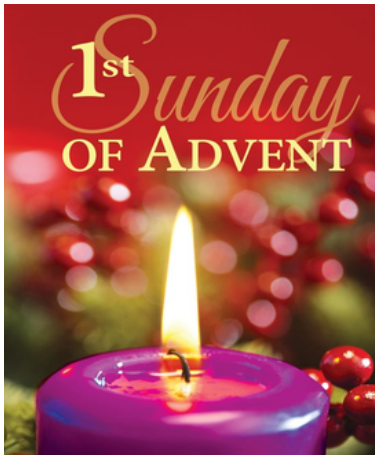
"Is there a Quinceanera in your near future? This is a reminder that we need at least three (3) months notice for this celebration. For more details and requirements, please contact the office.

¿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.



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.

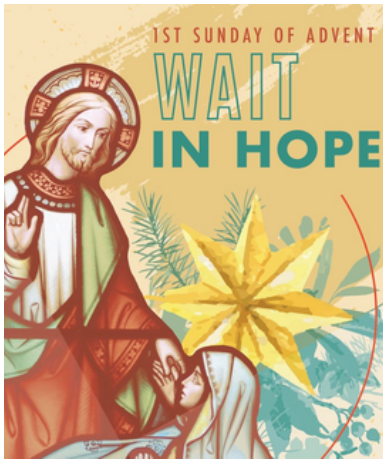
Thank you, Savvy Scheidt for serving last Saturday night. Parker Jacobs will serve this week. Thank you kids!!

We would like to thank the Busch Family for donating our new Papal Flag in memory of Vi Busch.

THE **NOVEMBER 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!

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, $3,185 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.**

MEETING: Tuesday, December 1st Finance Council will meet at 5 PM and Pastoral will meet at 6 PM.

NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to fill the Liturgical Roles for Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass on Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30 AM. Sign up sheet is located in the back of Church. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE: Angel Tree tags have been distributed. Please return gifts (unwrapped) with tags to the rectory or church **before Sunday, December 13th.** These gifts will help bring joy to a local family.

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** for **Joseph Bartosh** today.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed from December 24th - January 3rd. Please get year end contributions to the office by Wednesday, December 23rd.

CEMETERY DECORATIONS: Please remove any unattached decorations before the first snowfall. Thank you!

Heron Lake-Okabena Community Cupboard (Food Shelf) is looking for volunteers to help on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12-2 and the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4-6. Please let Melanie know or call 507-537-1416 if interested. Thank you!

CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS for 2027 are available to pick up. **THANK YOU to LACANNE FAMILY CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER** for sponsoring the calendars again this year.

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OUR CMA GOAL for 2026-2027 is $10,939. Thus far, $6,210 has been donated.

WINDOM

Adoration and Confession will be offered the 1st Sunday of the Month. The next Adoration is **January 3rd** from 11:00-12:00. Please come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All ages are welcome.

The Christmas program will be Dec. 13th after Mass with a free will Soup and fixings meal to sate your appetite. Parish Bake Sale will be before and after Mass the same day. Show off your favorite recipe to help our youth. Come and enjoy Christmas with food and fellowship.

Christmas Joy for Mickelson Manor and the Sogge Home. We have **15 tags**. Contact Sherri Zimmerman for a tag. **Presents and tag need to be turned in by Dec. 10th**. Bring Christmas Joy to a shut in.

Confirmation students will be Red Kettle **bell ringing for Salvation Army at Hy-Vee** the month of December. Additional volunteers willing to take a two hour shift contact Sherri at 507-221-0354.

Camp Summit is confirmed the week of July 19th-22nd. Interested students in grades 5-7 need to have their non-refundable $50 and registration turned into the Faith Formation office **by Dec. 9th.**

CMA Checks should be made payable to: Diocese of Winona-Rochester with CMA-Windom in the memo line. Our goal for 2026-2027 is **$13,526**. Thus far $19,835 has been received..

There will be a **Bi-lingual Mass** on **December 6th at 10 am** with a meal to follow.

There is a liturgical sign up sheet at the Church entrance for **Christmas Eve Mass**, Thursday, December 24th at 4pm.

Pre-school thru 2nd grade will be practicing for the Christmas Program **after Mass on December 6th**.

Thank you to all who supported the Baby Bottle Campaign. Your prayers and gifts bring real hope and vital resources to mothers and babies in our community. May God bless you abundantly for cherishing and defending the gift of life.

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 quesions 507-831-0745.

Steubenville, Camp Summit and Youth Festival

Camp Summit - Emails have been sent out to families with students in grades 5-7 and we want students to attend. We will be attending **July 19th - July 22nd, 2027**. Please put this on your summer calendar. If your family would like more info, contact the Faith Formation office. Cost is $350/per student.

Steubenville - **Rochester 2027** is July 9th - July 11th. All students in grades 9-11 are invited to attend. Please encourage your student to attend this amazing experience in their confirmation journey. **Registration starts the 18th of November**.

High School Youth Retreat will be January 9th & 10th, 2027. This is an overnight and there is still room. The Theme is "The Darkroom". This is a great event, but **need to know by Nov. 23rd**.

Families don't let the price tag hold you back, grab a registration or come and talk to the Faith Formation Office. These are amazing opportunities for our students.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception of Mary Mass
Tuesday, December 8th - Heron Lake at 8:30 AM
Tuesday, December 8th - Windom at 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, December 24th - Windom at 4:00 PM
Thursday, December 24th - Heron Lake at 6:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 25th - Brewster at 9:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God Mass
Thursday, December 31st - Brewster at 5:30 PM
Friday, January 1st - Windom at 9:00 AM

Windom Women of Today Cheer Box

The Windom Women of Today are hosting Christmas Cheer Box.
Contact Monica Muller at 507-220-8326.
Application deadline is December 1st. Applications are located at the church entrances. Cheer Box donations will be picked up on Tuesday, December 8th from the church.
Items can include: toys (0-18 years), diapers, blankets, games, stocking stuffers, and stuffed animals.



Early Bulletin Submission Dates

With the holidays approaching we will have to submit bulletins earlier than normal. Please get information to your respective offices for the bulletin submitted by the following dates:

Sunday, Dec 6th - Submit by Monday, Nov 30th
Sunday, Dec 13th - Submit by Sunday, Dec 6th
Sunday, Dec 20th - Submit by Sunday, Dec 13th
Sunday, Dec 27th - Submit by Thursday, Dec 17th
Sunday, Jan 3rd - Submit by Sunday, Dec 27th

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