

**Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
February 14, 2010**

Bring us your salvation, Lord!

THE PARISH COMMUNITIES OF:

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, WINDOM

SACRED HEART, HERON LAKE

SACRED HEART, BREWSTER

**WEEKEND
LITURGIES**



**SACRED HEART
BREWSTER
SATURDAY
5:00 PM**



**SACRED HEART
HERON LAKE
SUNDAY
8:00AM**



**ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER
WINDOM
SUNDAY
10:00 AM**



MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with the priest at least four months prior to your intended date of marriage to begin preparation.



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you into God's family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please stop in the Parish Office.

Please notify the Parish Office of any change of address.



BLESSED
are the ones who trust
in the LORD.

They are like a tree
planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots
to the stream. It fears not
the heat, its leaves stay green.
It bears much fruit.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

NEXT WEEK'S
READINGS
DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10
ROMANS 10:8-13
LUKE 4:1-13



Tuesday	5:00 PM	Brewster	Joe Follen
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Windom	Margaret Haberman
	8:00 PM	Heron Lake	Clayton Mathias
Thursday	8:30 AM	Windom	Bernie Flynn
Saturday	5:00 PM	Brewster	Barbara (Kroneberger) Rath
Sunday	8:00 AM	Heron Lake	William J. Haberman
	10:00 AM	Windom	Parishioners

Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY BREWSTER 5:00 PM

SUNDAY	HERON LAKE 8:00 AM	WINDOM 10:00 AM
SERVERS Kurt Schmitz D. J. Lambert	Jacob Olson Josh Christoffer, Jessica Christoffer Children	Joel Riordan Tom Hacker Greg Soupir Lisa Soupir Theresa Green
LECTORS Kim Lambert Norma Volk		Tim Jenniges Family John Reid, Kathy Smith Arlene & Leo Bartosh Dianne Beens
CANTOR	Children	
GIFTS Lon & Martha Eichenberger	Kim Leopold, Alan Freking	
COMM MIN Tom Volk Ceilia Schmitz Mara Eichenberger	Tracy Freking Wm. & Agnes Lohse	
USHERS Mel Tennesen Jack Strouth	Larry Liepold, Mark Fest Tom Fest, John Volk	Paul & Pat Reinhardt Terry Utech, Ronald Gregg
GREETERS Larry & Denise Schmitz	Joe & Marsha Edwards	Joe LaCanne Family Joan Bregel, Margaret Keffeler
SOGGE HOME		
CHAPLET	Chaplet	
CONTRIB. Mike/Deb Thiner	Marv & Anne Liepold	
STEWARDS Larry/Denise Schmitz	Jim & Lynne Salenty	

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 32/52	\$ 699	\$ 2,198	\$ 2,215
YTD	\$ 37,507	\$ 102,498	\$ 71,237
BUDGET		\$ 78,884	
		+ 23,614	

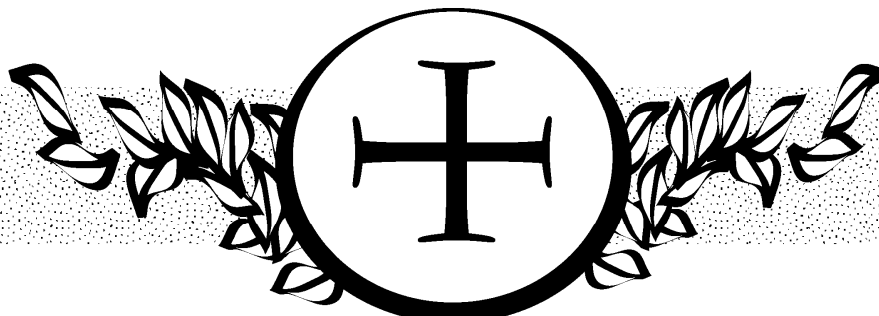


THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: February 13, 3:00 – 4:00 pm Sacred Heart in Heron Lake.

THE ROSARY will **NOT** be said on Mondays until after Easter due to weather related conditions.

VOCATION VIEW: Saint Luke tells us today where true blessing lies-and where the fleeting rewards of the world are. Blessed are we who respond to God's call; happy shall we be. (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

BIBLE STUDY for adults of St. Francis Xavier will be on the second Sunday of the month at 11:00 am at St. Francis Xavier Church. Any questions you have please call Joan Schafer at 832-8328.



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

There is a “whooshing” sound as these 73 plus years of my life have gone by. What is beyond the time of one’s journey seems a bit more real now that you can reach out and touch the moment of transition to what lies beyond the grave. While being prepared for what will happen in the foreseeable future, I try to follow the wisdom that you prepare for the future, whatever it is, by the way you live in the present.

I know as a Jesuit that my salvation has been the call to serve others as a Jesuit and a priest. Thank you for letting me serve you. I always rediscover that service is not my exclusive preserve, but that community means we serve one another. Thank you for your kindness and generosity toward me in accepting both my service and my limitations. As I grow older there is less service and more limitation to accept. Still it is a privilege to be part of three church communities that are alive and try to follow the way of Christ.

As age accumulates, I feel like I know less rather than more. It takes too much energy to pretend to know more than you do. I identify more now with a definition someone gave me of a “teacher”: Someone who appears to have known all their life what they just learned this morning. And since you are always learning, I now define “wisdom as: what one learns from having changed your mind many times. (It sounds better than waffling or being wishy washy.)

For some reason God still calls me to serve and I have enough health and energy to still do what I’ve set out to do under the guidance of His Spirit: to be a help and aid to the local church in the Diocese of Winona. Being able to serve others in some way gives meaning to life and is a gift appreciated now more than ever. I can become fearful and apprehensive about the future, but I find peace in knowing that God has really walked with me for 73 years, so why fear God will let go of me now? Can’t ask you see and believe that about yourself if I don’t believe it!

God’s Peace

Fr. Jim Von Tobel, S.J

BREWSTER

LENTEN PROGRAMS will begin on Tuesday, February 23, with Stations and Mass followed by a light supper served by the CCW and a short program.

HERON LAKE

THANK YOU to all those who attended Family Fun Day! We especially appreciate the hard work of our guild chairs, Tracy Freking, Judy Stenzel, Marietta Bartosh, Deb Freking, Julianne Volk, Lori Henkels and Melissa Haberman for the many hours of planning and preparing. To those who volunteered to work, brought cakes and pies, donated raffle items and food for the kitchen, grilled burgers -THANK YOU! Without the support of the entire congregation, we could not have such a successful day.

BOILER FUND UP-DATE: Thank you for your generous contributions to this fund it is very much appreciated. To date \$24,149 has been donated to this fund. The cost of the boiler was \$42,645. If you wish to contribute to this fund please place your donation in an envelope so marked and place in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Thank you.

LENTEN PROGRAM: Coffee and Rolls will be served after Mass February 21 followed with a short program—What’s Your Catholic ID? Everyone is invited and welcome.

MISSION SEWING will be on Tuesday in Steger Hall at 1:30 pm. Anyone interested in sharing a few hours each week to help assemble or tie quilts for the needy is most welcome. You may do knitting or crocheting of caps and scarves in your home also. Give Elaine Stenzel a call at 793-2249.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY for the week of February 15-19, will be Bill and Agnes Lohse.

MOUNT KATO SKI TRIP: Juvenile Foresters have the opportunity to go skiing again on Sunday, February 21. The bus will leave at 12:00 noon from the Community Center. Call Kevin Leopold at 793-2894 to let him know if you are planning to go.

WINDOM

PLEASE NOTE: If you or anyone you know is not able to attend Ash Wednesday Mass and would like to receive the ashes, please contact Tami, your parish nurse.

THE ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY meeting is to be held at 1:00 February 24, 2010 at the church hall. ALL board members should attend along with Fr. Russell Scepaniak and any parish members wishing to attend. The cemetery’s annual financial statement should be turned in and dated by February 28, 2010.

RESCHEDULED--The Windom Knights of Columbus Valentine Party at PJ’s has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 21. The Social hour begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00. The Council will pay for our sweetheart’s meal. All Windom Knights and their spouse or significant other are invited. Spouses of our departed brothers are most cordially invited - your meal is on the council as well!!

POSITION OPENING: St. Francis Xavier, Windom, has a new position opening. St. Francis is looking for a church office coordinator to work approximately 16 hours per week on a flexible schedule. Salary will be based on experience. Position requires clerical, computer, organizational, and people skills. Application and job description are available at the church office or call 831-3300.

WINDOM COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN will meet on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:45 pm. We will begin with the rosary followed by our quarterly meeting and refreshments. All ladies as members of the CCW are encouraged to attend.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH: Your volunteer hours from January 1 through December 31, 2009 are needed to be sent to your commission chairperson. These must be in by March 31 so they can be forwarded to our area chairperson. Thank you for your time and support. If you have any questions you may call Ronda Kelly at 831-4932.

MISSION SEWING will begin February 18, 1:00 pm. at the church hall. This year we will begin by making children's quilts. Consider making a Lenten commitment to share your time and talent and join us in this very needy project. In the 10 years since we have started making quilts CCW has made and given away 2048 quilts to people

in need. Thank you to these wonderful volunteers for keeping so many people warm.

DITTY BAGS will be given out the first Sunday of Lent, February 21. Many people have benefited from your generosity of this project. These last ten years CCW has donated 2369 ditty bags to people who consider these hygiene products as a luxury. Please open your hearts again and continue your generosity. Thank you.

NEWS NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

RESPECT LIFE: Many people are under the mistaken impression that our world is over-populated and that too many people are the cause of our many problems. The **Population Research Institute**, founded in 1989, is a non-profit research and educational organization dedicated to objectively presenting the truth about population-related issues. One of its key missions is to document abuses of human rights in the name of population control, which have occurred in China, Bangladesh, and dozens of other countries around the world, and work for their elimination. To learn more, see www.pop.org or call 1-540- 622-5240.

PARISH NURSING NOTES: *By Tami Anderson, Parish Nurse*

It has been 5 ½ years since parish nursing came to our three parish cluster. I would like to review some information with you on parish nursing.

The term "parish" has its origin from a root word which means "to walk beside", and was chosen initially to describe the type of nursing paradigm where the nurse functions within a congregational setting. In 1998 the American Nurses Association (ANA) recognized parish nursing as a specialty role. In 2005, the ANA changed the role to "Faith Community Nursing" to be more inclusive of all faiths. According to the ANA definition, a parish nurse is a registered professional nurse who serves as a member of the ministry staff of a faith community, and focuses on the intentional care of the spirit, promote wholistic health, and prevent or minimize illness within the faith community.

As a member of the ministerial staff, the parish nurse "walks beside" the parish members to empower each to take ownership of their personal health and achieve the optimal level possible. Futurists talk about parish nursing as a powerful new movement that will be part of the solution for current health care system problems. Parish nursing has emerged as one of the fastest growing movements in nursing today.

Some roles of the parish nurse are:

- Health Educator – focusing on a variety of educational activities for all ages that explore the relationship between values, attitudes, lifestyle, faith and health.
- Personal Health Counselor – assisting individuals to deal with health issues and problems and may include hospital, home, and nursing home visits.
- Referral Agent – providing congregational and community resources for healing and wellness.
- Health Advocate – encouraging all systems (congregant, faith community, primary health resources) to find the best solution for healing and wholeness - body, mind and spirit.
- Facilitator of Volunteers – recruiting and coordinating resources within the faith community to serve in its various health ministries.

- Developer of support groups <http://allnurses.com/> – facilitating the development of support groups to meet member needs and those of the external community.
- Integrator of Faith and Health – seeking, in all activities and contacts, to promote the understanding of the relationship between faith and health.

If you think the parish nurse may be of service to you, a loved one, or someone you know in the church, call Tami at 507-822-0962 or Kathi at 507-360-1469.

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2009:

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GENERATED</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>
<u>BREWSTER</u>	\$ 4610	\$4380	33%
<u>HERON LAKE</u>	\$ 9190	\$7125	29%
<u>WINDOM</u>	\$13340	\$7960	20%

Thank You to those who have participated in this appeal and ask those who would still like to contribute to this to do so by picking up an envelope from the tables at the entrance of the church and mailing your contribution. This shortfall must be paid by the parish. The new Appeal for 2010 will be begin soon.

THANK YOU, Father Von Tobel, for sharing the faith with us these past few months. We have enjoyed having you here with us. We wish you the very best as you go forth to serve and fulfill the will of God.

Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Tuesday, February 16	Brewster	5:30 PM
Wednesday, February 17	Windom	6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 17	Heron Lake	8:00 PM

Mass times during the week in Lent

Tuesday	Brewster	5:30 PM	Stations-Mass
Wednesday	Windom	6:45 PM	Mass - Stations
Wednesday	Heron Lake	7:30 PM	Stations – Mass

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

HAPPY MARRIAGE DAY