

**First Sunday
of Lent**
February 21, 2010

When the Lord calls, I will answer.

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.

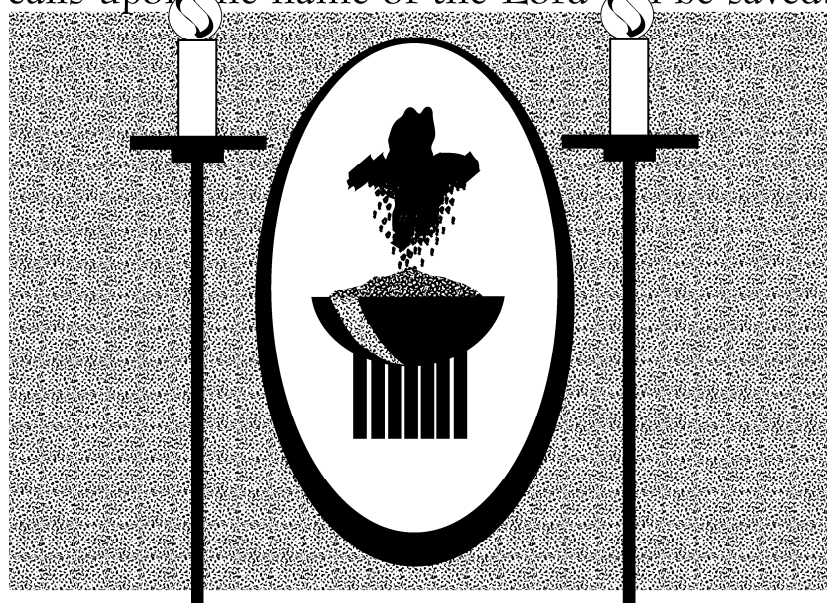


NEW PARISHIONERS

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.

The same Lord is Lord of all. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.



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Father Russell Scepaniak

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18
PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1
LUKE 9:28b-36

Tuesday	5:30 PM	Brewster	Leo McNab
Wednesday	6:45 PM	Windom	Larry Whisney
Stations	7:30 PM followed by Mass	Heron Lake	Dick & Joan Madsen
Thursday	8:30 AM	Windom	Donald Frank
Friday	8:30 AM	Heron Lake	Edna Haberman
Saturday	5:00 PM	Brewster	Parishioner
Sunday	8:00 AM	Heron Lake	Deceased Members of NCSF
	10:00 AM	Windom	Deceased Members of David & Judy Green Family



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Liturgical Roles

SATURDAY BREWSTER 5:00 PM

SUNDAY
SERVERS Jacob Clarke
Branden Anderson
LECTORS Melonie Haberman
Darol Schmitz

CANTOR
GIFTS Jay & Pam Clarke
COMM MIN Denise Schmitz
Sara Hartzler
Alice O'Connor

USHERS Larry Haberman
Ron McCarvel
GREETERS Jay & Pam Clarke

SOGGE HOME
ROSARY
CONTRIB. Mike/Deb Thiner
STEWARDS Larry/Denise Schmitz

HERON LAKE 8:00 AM
Lucas DeWall
Taylor DeWall
Collette Diemer
Kevin Leopold

Don & Maurita Volk
Collette Diemer, Mitz Diemer
Kevin & Colette Leopold
Marsha Edwards
Marty & Cathy Henkels
Mary E. Stenzel, Marsha Edwards
Laurene Henkels, Rita Henkels

Margaret Henkels
Marv & Anne Liepold
Jim & Lynne Salentiny

WINDOM 10:00 AM
Andrea Muller
Michael Farrell
Patty Symens
Elaine Tasler
Tom Riordan
Mark Langland Family
John Reid, Kathy Smith
Arlene & Leo Bartosh
Dianne Beens
Paul & Pat Reinhardt
Terry Utech, Ronald Gregg
Judy Green Family
Shirley Carter, Betty Harrington

	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 33/52	\$ 400	\$ 928	\$ 1,703
YTD	\$ 37,907	\$ 103,496	\$ 72,940
BUDGET		\$ 81,351	
		+ 22,145	



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered Sunday 7:30-7:45 am before Mass at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake.

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

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord calls us to be merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Luke 7:1-10)

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.



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WELCOME FATHER RUSSELL SCEPANIAK

We welcome Father Russell Scepaniak to our parishes. He said, "He is glad to be here and is getting settled in." He is a little over whelmed with the amount of snow here. We are too. But each day we are closer to spring. We look forward to Father's writing next week.

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.

PARISHIONERS please pick up the CCW booklet as well your church support statements at the entrance of the church if you have not done so as of yet. Thank you!

HERON LAKE

LENTEN PROGRAMS: Coffee and Rolls will be served after Mass EVERY Sunday of Lent followed with a short program. Everyone is invited and welcome.

February 28, Five Wishes—presented by Kathi Haberman
March 7, Video -A Culture of Life and The Penalty of Death.
March 14, Video- The Loving Father
March 21, Video-Jesus the Christ
March 28, Palm Sunday COF Annual Pancake Brunch

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

THIRD BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN A CONTINUED SUCCESS: The Diocese of Winona and Catholic Charities Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption Program thank everyone who donated, those who coordinated this effort in your parish and to the parish for their participation in the Baby Bottle Campaign! With a simple baby bottle to collect coins, we raised over \$33,000 to assist pregnant women and women with young children through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund. Thank you.

A PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 608 Okabena will be held Sunday, February 28. Serving will be from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Legion Post in Okabena. A free will offering will be accepted.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY for the week of February 22-26 will be done by Bill & Marilyn Fest.

WINDOM

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be held on Friday, March 5, at 9:30 am at the American Lutheran Church. The World Day of Prayer theme is *Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God*. Refreshments will be served following the service. We welcome everyone, men and women, to attend.

CHILI FEED FUND RAISER: The Students of St. Francis Xavier will conduct a chili fundraiser for "Feed My Children" on Wednesday, March 3 from 5-6:30 pm in the education wing.

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.

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.

NEWS NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

RESPECT LIFE: Priests For Life is an officially approved association of Catholic Clergy who give special emphasis to the pro-life teachings of the Church. They offer ongoing assistance to the clergy in addressing the topics of abortion and euthanasia, and training and resources to the entire pro-life movement. One can find a wonderful assortment of educational resources on their website. In addition, they invite everyone to participate in the Prayer Campaign. Prayers and Novenas can be accessed at <http://www.priestsforlife.org> or call 1-888-PFL-3448. The

next Novena will be during Lent and occur from February 17 through April 1.

PARISH NURSING NOTES: *Welcome A New Parish Nurse!* By Kathi Haberman, RN, Parish Nurse

I am pleased to announce that Rhonda Ferguson, RN, will join the health ministry at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake and Sacred Heart in Brewster. Rhonda has been an RN for 25 years and has worked at the Worthington hospital for 23 years. Rhonda attended the Parish Nurse Preparation course at Augustana College last summer and

is excited to join the ministry. Parishioners are invited to join Rhonda and me for a program entitled *Five Wishes* after mass in Heron Lake on Sunday February 28th. *Five Wishes* is changing the way America talks about and plans for care at the end of life. It has become America's most popular living will because it is written in everyday language and helps start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness. *Five Wishes* lets your family and doctors know: 1) who you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them; 2) the kind of medical treatment you want or don't want; 3) how comfortable you want to be at the end of life; 4) how you want people to treat you at the end of life, and 5) what you want your loved ones to know. Come learn more about *Five Wishes*, and enjoy coffee, rolls and fellowship with other parishioners!

A walking to Jerusalem update: The walkers last reported in on Jan 10th and alas, the number of miles reported are declining! There were only 475 miles reported in January (along with a few December miles) and the walkers only progressed from Munich, Germany to Belgrade in Serbia (formerly part of Yugoslavia). The walkers have enjoyed their time in Belgrade – one of the oldest cities in Europe. There is much to see in Belgrade, but the walkers chose to visit ten of the 65 public parks and 35 of the 39 famous drinking fountains. The walkers have a long walk through the Republic of Turkey. They do plan to walk along the Mediterranean coast where it is a bit warmer than Turkey's interior but also more rainy (send umbrellas!). There are 1202 miles to go to Jerusalem, so an Easter arrival in Jerusalem is possible.

A note: the last time I wrote the *Parish Nursing Note* (2/14) I spoke of the 24 CD set, the *Great Adventure Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation*, by Jeff Cavins. Cleo tells me that Heron Lake Sacred Heart owns a set which can be borrowed and I believe St. Francis Xavier owns a set as well.

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DIOCESAN APPEAL 2010:

	GOAL	GENERATED	Donor	%
<u>BREWSTER</u>	\$ 4,860			
<u>HERON LAKE</u>	\$ 9,600	\$1,000	1	.52
<u>WINDOM</u>	\$12,720	\$1,100	2	1.47

Thank you to those who have been generous and ask for continued support for this appeal. Be as generous as He has been generous to you.

Mark
yourselves
with the
sign of
repentance



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**LOVING God,
through Baptism you call
us to discipleship;
may we be a sign of Your love in
our homes, our parishes and our world.
Open our minds and hearts to your
invitation which will fulfill our
baptismal calling.**

**Help us, O God, to respond to the
grace you plant in our hearts.
Lead us in serving You and our
sisters and brothers...
as religious, priests, married
couples or single persons.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**



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A PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, in your most difficult hour, you asked your friends to watch and pray with you. We pray now for the courage to remain faithful to you, surrounded as we are by the difficulties of our own lives. Help us to learn from you what it means to take up our cross each day and to seek the will of the Father. As our Lenten prayer and action bring us closer to you, open our eyes to the gift of your saving grace in our lives. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.