

MARCH 8, 2020 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SACRED HEART HERON LAKE

SACRED HEART BREWSTER

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WINDOM

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

Weekly Gospel Meditation

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; 2; Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction of your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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A SPECIAL COLLECTION for the FRANCISCAN MISSION of INDIA will be taken this weekend, March 7th & 8th. Please be generous and remember in prayer the poor people of Fr. Pratap's home country. May God continue to bless our faith community.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS: MARCH 10-15, 2020

Tuesday	5:30pm	Windom	+Jerel Ahrens
Wednesday	9:30am	Lakeview A/L	+Fr. Clayton Haberman
Thursday	9:00am	Brewster	Kirchner Family (Living & Deceased)
Friday	9:30am	Sogge Home	Communion Service
Saturday	5:00pm	Brewster	+Howard Damm
Sunday	8:00am	Heron Lake	+Karen Mathias
	10:00am	Windom	+Brian Spencer

WELCOME!

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42



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.

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Tri Parish Prayer Intentions:

Submit Intentions to Parish Coordinator.

- Bill Fisher
- Lenny Thiner
- Mark Elmer
- Nate Vortherms
- Al Purrington
- Helen Haugen
- Jack Kelly
- Jim Salentiny
- Dorothy Maras
- Sogge Home Residents
- Residents of Lakeview Assisted Living
- For an end to abortion

FUNERAL MASSES

Eternal rest grant unto...

Rita Schoborg, sister of Mary Benson, Francis and Leo Bartosh, whose funeral Mass was held on Friday, February 28th, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Eldora, Ia.

Marlean Horkey, who died on Monday, February 24, 2020. Marlean's service will be held at a later date this Spring.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. We remember them and their families in our prayers.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord called Abraham to be the progenitor of the mighty nation of God's people. This kind of spiritual parenthood is a fulfilling calling. Encourage those you know who have the gifts to be holy, healthy, celibate lover's of God's people. (Genesis 12:1-4)

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. Fr. Pratap is seeking married couples who are practicing Catholics, and have children, who would be willing to volunteer to help prepare our engaged couples for marriage. Please contact Fr. Pratap at 507-226-4536, or 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. All Baptisms will be celebrated during weekend Masses.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be offered beginning at 4:30PM before Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Brewster, and by appointment at Sacred Heart Church in Heron Lake and Saint Francis Xavier in Windom.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY THE ROSARY: At Sacred Heart Church (Brewster) on Thursday mornings 8:40 AM & Saturdays 4:40 PM; At St. Francis Xavier on Sundays at 9:30AM; At Sacred Heart (Heron Lake) before Sunday Mass and prior to 9:30 AM Wednesday Mass at Lakeview Assisted Living; At the Mountain Lake Good Samaritan Nursing Home the first Friday each month and the following Tuesdays, 10:30am in the Chapel.



LITURGICAL LIFE

LITURGICAL ROLES- MARCH 14 & 15

ROLE	BREWSTER Saturday 5:00 pm	HERON LAKE Sunday 8:00 am	WINDOM Sunday 10:00 pm
Servers	Kaiden Haberman Mason Haberman	Marsha Edwards Cameron Brunk	Trey LaCanne Heide Hacker Braxton Brown
Lectors	Norma Volk Melonie Haberman	Mark Fest Larry Liepold	MaKenna McNamara Ellie Schulte
Cantor			Rejoice
Gifts	Ed Smith Loretta Smith	Jeremy & Sara Bartosh Family	James Forman Nadine Forman
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Schmitz	Mark Haberman *Kevin Leopold to Choir	Debby M. John R. Tim J.
Ushers	Ed Smith Neil McNab	Dennis Damm Rhonda Damm Robert Liepold Martha Liepold	David Green Michael Schulte Kevin Pribyl Linda Pribyl
Greeters			Tom Tegels Terry Tegels
Contribution Stewards	Randy Schmitz Kay Schmitz Derek Schmitz Ann Schmitz	Ryan Haberman Carrissa Haberman Erin Haberman	Rod Theesfeld Mary Theesfeld John Duscher
Rosary	Bibi Spartz	Judy Anderson	Mary Benson

CHURCH SUPPORT

Category	Brewster	Heron Lake	Windom
Week 35/52	\$1,167	\$1,394	\$3,123
YTD	\$43,171	\$94,186	\$82,531
Budget		\$110,390	
Total		(\$16,204)	

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2020

	Parish Goal	\$ Received	From # of Parishioners
SFX-W	\$15,300	\$5,985	18
SH-HL	\$10,200	\$2,500	10
SH-B	\$6,250	\$490	7

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE TRI-PARISH TOTALS

Heron Lake	\$255
Brewster	\$169
Windom	\$207
Total	\$631

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITUR

**6° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
16 de febrero de 2020**

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma; la semana pasada tentación, y ahora transfiguración. Grandes contrastes que nos llevan a reflexionar en la grandeza de la presencia del Señor entre nosotros. Al resistir la tentación es que llegamos a la transfiguración. Es un juego de armonía de la gracia de Dios en la vida del ser humano. La oración colectiva de la Misa nos ayuda a reflexionar en la maravilla de la Transfiguración: *“Señor Dios, que nos mandaste escuchar a tu Hijo muy amado, dignate alimentarnos íntimamente con tu palabra, para que, ya purificada nuestra mirada interior, nos alegremos en la contemplación de tu gloria.”* Todos hemos sido llamados a la vida y a la luz que brilla en Cristo Transfigurado como lo atestiguan Pedro, Santiago y Juan. La Transfiguración llama a la conversión desde el fondo del corazón.

¿Qué propósito tienes en esta Cuaresma? ¿Dónde debes buscar la conversión? El Evangelio de hoy invita al encuentro con Jesús en la montaña. Si nos fijamos bien y escuchamos con cuidado, notaremos que Jesús nos mostró quien es en realidad en el misterio de la Transfiguración. Por esto Pedro le dice, convencido de la hermosura del resplandor, *“Señor, ¡qué bueno sería quedarnos aquí! Si quieres, haremos aquí tres chozas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías.”* *“Quedarnos aquí”* pero ¿Dónde estamos? ¿Es bueno el lugar donde estamos para quedarnos? Pidamos en esta Eucaristía que el Espíritu Santo nos ayude a comprender que somos hijos e hijas de Dios y lo que esto significa.

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BREWSTER

OUR LENTEN ACTIVITIES on Tuesday, March 10, begin with the Rosary at 5:40pm, Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by supper served by Leadership Commission. Please join us for part or all of the activities as we journey through Lent together.

COFFEE WILL BE SERVED Following Mass on Thursday, March 12th. Everyone is invited.

THE 2020 CMA Remember to donate to our 2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal. There are envelopes on the back table if you are unable to find yours at home. Please donate your fair share.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on each Saturday during Lent from 9am-11am. There is a sign up sheet in the back. Sign up if you know you will be here, but if you are not signed up and can come, please come and spend sometime with our Lord.

SACRED HEART HERON LAKE will be celebrating the Holy Thursday Mass for the Tri Parish. Each parish is asked to have 4 people take part in the foot washing. Please contact Loretta if you are able to do this.

HERON LAKE

COFFEE & ROLLS will be served after Mass each Sunday of Lent. Our hosts this weekend are Dale and Marietta Bartosh and, on March 15th, Gene and Delores Pelzel will serve. Please join us in the Church Hall; everyone is welcome. On March 22nd, we will not have coffee and rolls after Mass. Instead, please support the Heron Lake Firemen by attending their Pancake Breakfast (9:00 until 12:30) at the H L-O Elementary School.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by our Faith Formation students at 7pm will be held each Wednes-

day throughout Lent. Faith Formation class will be held for the HS students after Stations. On Tuesday, March 31st, Tri Parish Communal Penance will be held at Sacred Heart in Heron Lake beginning at 7:00PM.

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of Sacred Heart of Heron Lake will be held in August of 2021. Anyone interested in participating in the planning phase of this celebration, please contact Carmen in the parish office at 793-2357 or email sacredhearth@gmail.com

THE 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL generates funding for the services and ministries which benefit every Catholic in our Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Share HIS good gifts with ALL! Please be generous and make your donation soon.

THANK YOU for awarding me the Sacred Heart Scholarship. Your support and financial assistance are greatly appreciated! ~Samantha Freking

DITTY BAGS will be distributed on Sunday, March 8th, after Mass. Please willingly participate in this worthwhile Lenten project, helping the less fortunate with the list of personal hygiene items attached to the bag. Filled ditty bags should be returned to the tubs at church by or before Palm Sunday, April 5th. Thank you

OUR PARISH is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to our home bound members. If you would consider this ministry, please contact Fr. Pratap or Carmen at the office (793-2357).

HOME BOUND MINISTRY: If anyone would like to have Communion brought to them at home please contact Carmen at 793-2357 so that we can arrange the date and time that's convenient for both you, and the Eucharistic Minister that will bring Communion to you.

PALM SUNDAY VIRTUAL BAKE SALE: The CCW will again be hosting a Virtual Bake Sale for the Annual Forester Pancake Breakfast on April 5th. Parish families are asked to donate \$10 instead

of a bake sale item. This can be placed in a marked envelope in the collection basket, or mailed to the parish office.

WINDOM

THE NEW LITURGICAL MINISTER schedule is available in the Church entrances. If you are unable to be here when scheduled, please find an alternate or let Ronda or Vicki know. Thank you!

IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE-BASED AGENDA to be discussed with the Priest, schedule an appointment to meet in the office. Do not expect to meet in the church or sacristy between Masses.

FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS will lead Stations of the Cross every Wednesday at 6:30pm during Lent. The 8th Grade students will lead the Rosary following the Stations. Everyone is welcome.

COMPASSIONATE CARE is in need of volunteers, both men and women, to spend time with hospice patients in the Windom area. You will receive training and will not be responsible for any medical care. If you have any questions, please call Maxine Frank at 507-831-4194. The only pay is the satisfaction of helping someone in need.

FRIDAY MORNING MASS will again be celebrated at the Sogge Home on Fridays at 9:30 am. Treats and coffee will be served as usual following Mass. Please join us.

DITTY BAGS are still available in the Church entries. Please take one or more and participate in the worthwhile Lenten project of helping the less fortunate with personal hygiene products. All contents will be sent to Mary Jo Copeland's Caring and Sharing Center.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm.

NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION – Filmed in the Holy Land, Catholic experts

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES

Windom Continued...

break down Christ's Passion with the knowledge and clarity of decades of study. If you can't visit Jerusalem, this is the next best thing. These videos receive rave reviews and we are excited to offer a new video each Sunday evening during Lent in the Church hall at 6 pm.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH

or no longer live with Mom and Dad, **PLEASE** fill out a registration form and return it to the office. The forms can be found in the church entries. Also, if your home address, email address, or phone number has changed, **PLEASE** let Pat know.

HOLY THURSDAY We need four people from our parish to volunteer for Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. If you are willing to volunteer, please let Pat know asap.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in training to become a Eucharistic Minister, a Sacristan, or a Steward, contact Pat.

NOTES FOR ALL PARISHES:

MARCH ISSUES of *THE COURIER* and *Word Among Us* are available at the Church entrances. Please remember to pick one up.

PRE-CANA RETREAT DATES:

Saturday, March 7: St. Charles Borromeo Parish, St. Charles

Saturday, March 28: St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato

Saturday, May 16: St. Thomas More Newman Center, Mankato

Saturday, July 28: St. John Vianney Parish, Fairmont

RESPECT LIFE: Did You Know? The Planned Parenthood (PP) facility in Rochester is again killing pre-born babies by means of the abortion pill. This is done through a "webcam" system in which the abortionist from St. Paul PP communicates through video with the abortion client, where she takes the deadly drug. She takes the first drug at PP and the second drug at home 6 to 48 hours later. Currently, abortion appointments are Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 am. **Sidewalk Counselors and Prayer Supporters are needed in Rochester to Save Lives!** If you live in the Rochester area, please consider spending time at this abortion center in prayer or sidewalk counseling. You could save a life! Literature and sidewalk counseling training is provided. Contact Diana at (507) 438-7742.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: The Precious Blood will not be distributed, the Sign of Peace will be dismissed until further notice.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ADOPTION PROGRAM: Have you ever had questions about adoption? Call Catholic Charities to schedule an adoption information meeting to learn about different types of adoption, the process, and how to begin. Visit us at www.ccsomn.org or call Catholic Charities at 507-387-5586, extn 2 for more information.

A PRESENTATION ON THE LIFE OF ST. OSCAR ROMERO, who was martyred during the civil war in El Salvador will be held on Friday, March 20th, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 901 S. Prairie Ave., Fairmont, Mn. 6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by a soup supper and the presentation at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker Marta Portillo is a Catholic who worked with her fellow Salvadorians during the civil war there. She was a community leader and catechist among the rural indigenous populations in the countryside of El Salvador in the time of Romero. She speaks of drawing powerful inspiration from his Sunday homilies and from the political realities which propelled a new relationship between the Church and its people, the government with its people, the people of El Salvador with themselves as well as with the world. Her son, Julio will join her as an interpreter. Contact Bridget Becker at 507-235-2451 for more information.

THE LIGHT IS ON SOUTHERN MINNESOTA The Light is On is our diocese's initiative to reach out to those with anxiety about confession, and encouraging them God's mercy is there, waiting, and will transform your life. If you would like to receive inspirational emails about the mercy of God this holy season, please visit www.thelightisonSouthernMN.org. Please consider looking at the resources yourself and sharing this website widely: read local witness stories, how-to tips, and encouragement. The Light is On weekend is March 20-22.

OUR TRI PARISH WILL BE PARTICIPATING in a workshop on Missionary Discipleship on March 31st at St. Adrian Church. They would like up to 6 people from each parish to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Pratap or your parish coordinator know ASAP.

THE COUNSELING PROGRAM at Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota has an immediate opening for a part- or full-time Mental Health Therapist. This position provides individual, marriage, and family counseling in our Worthington, MN office. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Catholic Charities, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or email infor@ccsomn.org.

UNLOCK THE POWER OF THE ROSARY THIS LENT. The power of the rosary is beyond description said Bishop Fulton Sheen. It's a potent, saint-making prayer. A spiritual weapon so powerful it has defeated armies and changed world history. It can resolve personal problems, rescue souls from eternal death and conquer despair. But so few of us make the most of its graces. For more information, check out Our Lady's 15 Promises to Those Who Recite The Rosary on the internet. Join fellow parishioners on Sunday (9:30am) and Tuesday (5:10pm) for Rosary.

CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WITH EWTN: Learn more about your Faith during the holiest time of the year with EWTN's first-rate movies, documentaries, musicals, children's programs, and much more! Join in the celebration of Mass from Rome and Washington, D.C. Get program details at www.ewtn.com & visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder to find a station near you! Also, during Lent, be sure to visit the special Lent website by EWTN, ewtn.com/lent.

MARIAN BLUE WAVE is a call to Catholics to pray a weekly Rosary with the specific intentions of ending all clinical, chemical, medical, and surgical abortions and shutting down every Planned Parenthood. It began when Bishop Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, TX tweeted "what this country needs is a Marian Blue Wave." Consider joining this prayer movement! Visit: www.marianbluewave.com or <https://www.all.org/marian-blue-wave-aims-for-5000/>.