Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord
April 16, 2017

We are God’s people.
The sheep of His flock, Alleluia!

WEEKEND LITURGIES

† SACRED HEART BREWSTER SATURDAY 5:00 PM
† SACRED HEART HERON LAKE SUNDAY 8:30 AM
† ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WINDOM SUNDAY 10:00 AM
SPANISH MASS 2:30PM

† MARRIAGE
Arrangements must be made with the priest at least six to eight 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 PARISH COMMUNITIES OF:

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SACRED HEART, HERON LAKE
SACRED HEART, BREWSTER

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Easter Monday NO MASS
Easter Tues. 5:30PM Windom Clara Bartosh
Easter Wed. 12:00PM Heron Lake Donald & Elaine Stenzel
Easter Thurs. 9:00AM Brewster Lawrence & Esther Damm
Easter Friday 9:00AM Windom Frank Schneider
Saturday 9:00AM Windom Richard Young
Sunday 5:00PM Brewster Therese Molitor
Sunday 8:30AM Heron Lake Clayton Mathias
Sunday 10:00AM Windom Wm ‘Woody’ Ahrens
Spanish Mass 2:30PM Windom For the People

SATURDAY BREWSTER 5:00PM
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HERON LAKE 8:30AM
WINDEOM 10:00AM

SERVORS
Tanner & Jayden Hennings
Parker Murphy
Melanie Haberman
Molly Scheidt

LECTOR
Melanie Haberman
Diana Madsen
Sarah Madsen

CANTOR
Steve & Kayla McNab
Jeremy & Sara Bartosh Family

GIFTS
Ed Smith
Loretta Smith

COMM MIN
Ed Smith
Diana Madsen
Kim Leopold

USHERS
Steve McNab

GREETERS
Bob & Charlene Kirchner

SOGGE HOME - April 22nd

ROSARY

CONTRIB
Ed Smith

STEWARDS
Darol Schmitz

BREWSTER HERON LAKE WINDOM

Week 42/52 $ 788 $ 2556 $ 2588
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My friends,

On Monday over 1000 people attended our Diocesan Chrism Mass at Resurrection Church in Rochester. It was again a very beautiful and moving liturgy where people from all across the diocese joined in prayer with all of the priests and Bishop Quinn blessed and consecrated the Holy Oils which will be used in the sacraments throughout the year.

Holy Week brings us many of the best blessings of the Church Year. In these days we not only remember what Jesus has done for us, but we re-live it, experience it and participate in it. That is the beauty of the sacraments. The sacraments allow something that happened 2000 years ago to benefit us and bring us God's grace in the here and now. May we always treasure these sacred days and see how God works through them to raise up our lives.

On this Easter weekend, we pray that the Lord will fill our lives with the glory of His resurrection. Things can and will be better with what God offers us through the practice of our Catholic Faith. Each Sunday of the year we celebrate the resurrection by participating in the Mass, and as we do so, we are transformed and raised up so that someday we will be able to be raised up for all eternity to be with Christ in heaven.

Next weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. The resurrection of Christ brings us the most important gift from God: the ability to have our sins forgiven. On Divine Mercy Sunday complete mercy is offered, even from the temporal punishment due to sin that we know as Purgatory. May the resurrection of Jesus be the center of our lives, and may we always look for opportunities for His mercy, on Easter and throughout the entire year.

In Christ, our Risen Lord,

Fr. Arens

"This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad" ~Psalm 118

PLEASE BRING in your Rice Bowl money so it can be sent to the Catholic Relief Services. Please set the rice bowls on the table at the entrance of the church or put your money into an envelope, mark it "Rice Bowl" and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you.

IN HONOR OF ALL WOMEN, Masses will be celebrated on Mother's Day weekend at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The NCCW has donated many years to Mary's Garden on the grounds of the Shrine. All donations will be split between NCCW and the Basilica to continue the care of Mary's Garden. A minimum of $20 per name is requested. Please use the form on the table at the entrance of the church, and give your money to Loretta.

THE AREA CCW meeting will be held at St. Joseph's in Lakefield, on Tuesday, April 25th. Mass for the deceased members of the CCW will begin at 7:00PM. All ladies are urged to attend.

Head Start is offering a no cost preschool program for families who have children who are 0 to 5 years old. For more information about Head Start, call (507) 376-4195, EXT. 245 or 1-800-658-2444.

THE FORESTERS would like to thank everyone who attended the C.O.F. pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday morning. A special thank you goes out to all those who gave of their time and hard work to make this matching funds event successful.

THANK YOU to those families who donated to the CCW Virtual Bake Sale ($500), purchased tickets for the quilt raffle ($932) and items from Olivewood Imports ($467). Mary Mathias generously donated the beautiful quilt that was won by Lisa Thielen this year! The CCW raised a total of $1,899 at this COF matching funds event. We all wish to express our appreciation to the men of Catholic Order of Forester Court #970 for serving the delicious breakfast.

WORTHINGTON AREA CCW MEETING and 7:00PM Mass for the deceased members of CCW will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church (410 Broadway Ave.) in Lakefield on Tuesday, April 25th. All are invited to attend.

AS THE INITIAL FINANCIAL objectives are met for the renovation and repair to the inside of the church, it is time to start forming the committees to make decisions on what the final look will be, and how the work will be done. If you have an interest in serving on this committee please contact Carmen in the parish office, 793-2357.

BEGINNING MAY/2017 the Heron Lake/Okabena Food Shelf will be changing the hours of service to the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month and will be open from 2:00 - 4:00PM. If you find this does not work, please call our emergency #1-800-658-2448 and leave a message if after hours. (United Community Action)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: First Communion will be held April 23rd, during 10:00AM Mass.
RESPECT LIFE:
Please join us for the National Day of Prayer and Protest against Planned Parenthood on Saturday April 29th, from 1:00 to 2:00PM. It will take place across the nation but you can join us in Rochester, MN. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest abortion chain and receives over $500 million from taxpayers each year. Every day, PP receives $1.5 million in tax funding, while killing approximately 887 innocent preborn American babies. We will gather at 1212 7th Street, NW on the public sidewalk, off 7th Street (Northgate Shopping Center). Signs will be provided. Contact Jan Hansgen at (507) 932-4219 or at ejhansgen@homtail.com for questions. Invite your family, friends, and your pastor.

EASTER BLESSINGS! He is Risen ~ Hope Springs Eternal
The staff, volunteers, and board members of Catholic Charities extend wishes for joy to you and your loved ones. We strive to keep the hope of the Risen Lord close to our hearts as we serve the poor and marginalized in southern Minnesota. We hope to inspire all with our Mother’s Day Annual Appeal theme of compassion, “Lifting Up Those Reaching Out.” Your continued support of our Annual Appeal uplifts those most in need.

THE GOOD FRIDAY PONTIFICAL COLLECTION: Please make your donation by using the Holy Land envelope from your packet. You can still drop it in the collection basket throughout the month of April.

YOU’RE INVITED to the 100th Anniversary of Fatima Celebration on Saturday, May 13th, beginning at 12:45 PM at the farm of Andy and Natalie Price, Kasson. Guest Speakers include Rev. Thien Nguyen, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Cook, and Mother Assumpta, Priapress General of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Bernard Harrington at 5:00 PM. There will be Adoration, Rosary Procession, Benediction and Confessions will be available throughout the day. The farm is located at 23274 670th Street, Kasson, MN (15 miles west of Rochester on Highway 14). For more information see www.giftoffatima2017.com or call Andy Price at 507-259-7675 or email stjosephdrivingschool@kmtel.com.

HELP WANTED: St. Mary’s School is seeking teacher(s) for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Applicants must hold a valid Minnesota teaching license. Please send cover letter, resume, and references to 1206 8th Ave., Worthington MN 56187 or email your information to stmarysschool@frontiernet.net.

THE BEST OF IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND: Space is still available to come along November 6-16, 2017, to some of the most enjoyable places in all of Europe, visiting the Emerald Isle! We’ll visit Belfast, Knock, Galway, Dublin and so much more! Mass celebrated each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is $3199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, Immaculate Conception Parish, P.O. Box 658, Cherokee, Iowa 51012 or call 712-225-4606 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

FOR MOTHER’S DAY, honor your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, godmother or any woman who has played an important role in your life by making a contribution in their honor to the National Council of Catholic Women. Those we honor will be remembered in Masses celebrated on Mother’s Day weekend at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. NCCW has maintained a very strong connection to the shrine over the years highlighted by our donation of Mary’s Garden on the grounds of the Shrine. Mary’s Garden is a beautiful sanctuary for visitors and students of Catholic University to gather in prayer before a fountain and beautiful statue of our beloved Mother, Mary. Donations we receive will be split between NCCW and the Basilica for their continued care of Mary's Garden.

A minimum donation of $20 per name is requested. Please send your form listing the name of the woman (or women) you would like remembered directly to the NCCW office using the form inserted in next weekend’s bulletin. If you wish to let those you are honoring know of your special remembrance, please send their name(s) and address(es) along with your donation and a prayer card with a picture of Mary's statue in the garden will be sent to them with a note that a donation has been made in their honor by you (or you may request your gift be given anonymously).

Thank you for your continuing support and have a blessed Easter!