

CRUCIFIXION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 20, 2020

Scripture Readings for December 27, 2020

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19,

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 (17)

Pastor's Message

Pope Francis said, "Please don't see life from afar, ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE AMAZED!" Even though our Christmas festivities are smaller and simpler, there is so much to celebrate! Remember that the first Christmas took place in a stable with only three people (the holy family) and a few shepherds. That Christmas changed the world!!! Blessings to you, as we celebrate the *entire* Christmas Season, marking key events: those of the Holy Family, Epiphany, and up *through* the Baptism of the Lord, January 3.

Fr. Evans

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CHURCH OPEN for prayer.

Use the side doors. Front doors will remain locked.

Weekdays 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sundays 10:30 am – 5:00 pm

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK available after Mass or by arrangement.



BLESSING FOR A CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has gathered us together at this our Christmas Feasting Table. Lord of All Gifts, Holy Father of our Savior Jesus, with fullness of heart we now ask Your Holy Blessing upon our food, and upon our family (and our honored guests) who gather for this Great Feast. May your blessing be upon us and the food we share, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confessions : Wed Dec 23: 6:00-6:30 and Saturdays 4:30-4:45.

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ADORATION / EXPOSITION

is 4:30-5:20 pm Wednesday, December 23. STOP and REST before the Blessed Sacrament in our church, to allow yourself some quiet time in these final hours prior to Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday Dec 21 5:30 pm Crucifixion
+Wiendandt family living & deceased

Tuesday Dec 22 5:30 pm St. Patrick's
+Tyler Brott

Wednesday Dec 23 5:30pm Crucifixion
+Altabelle Cloutier

Thursday Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
3pm
Gleason/ Michalke deceased family members
5pm
+Michael Wieser

Friday Dec 25 **Christmas Day 10:30 am**
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Saturday Dec 26 5:00 pm
+Norby Miller

Sunday Dec 27 9:30 am
+For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Registration for Weekend Mass REQUIRED.

Use the **Sign Up Genius Tab** on our website or contact the **Parish Office at 895-4720** or cruych@acegroup.cc.

Check in with Ushers upon Arrival

Attend Christmas Eve Mass Virtually!



The 3pm Christmas Eve Mass will be "live" on our Facebook page

Thank you to Bob Pitel for making this possible!

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **reserved seating only.**



The ushers will prepare a seating chart to

ensure proper distancing of households.

If you are attending: Please read:

Please **check in with usher** upon arrival.

No walk ins will be allowed for these Masses in accordance with Covid capacity guidelines.

This year, there is to be **NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING** due to Covid regulations. All music is to be provided by our cantors and instrumentalists.

Those coming forward in Communion lines should maintain a **6 foot distance** from other households.

Note: Due to low numbers, the 8pm Mass was cancelled. Following conversations with the Diocese, it has been recommended to have a more manageable schedule for priests and all volunteers. As in previous years, we are offering the traditional 3 Masses at Crucifixion.

Scrip Sales Dec 21-23



Scrip will be available Monday – Wednesday:

- 9am- Noon: at the school office
- 1pm-3:00pm: at the Parish Office

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The final lesson of 2020 was emailed out to families this week! We look forward to 2021 to hopefully be meeting again in-person to grow in faith and love of Christ. Watch your email for our first lessons in January, as we will still be virtual until the school district returns to in-person on January 18th.



Virtual Christmas Pageant

We are very excited to share with you this year's Parish Christmas Pageant! You can find it on the parish FaceBook page (Crucifixion Catholic Church-La Crescent, MN), or on our YouTube Channel (Crucifixion Parish-La Crescent.) We hope you enjoy watching it as much we enjoyed putting it together.

Contributions – All contributions to the church need to be received at the Parish Office by Dec 31, 2020 to be included and recorded for 2020 contributions.

Cemetery News

As of the last meeting of the Cemetery Board, these are the prices beginning Jan 1, 2021:

Columbarium (parishioner) = \$1400
(non-parishioner) = \$1500
Adult Grave (parishioner) = \$800
(non-parishioner) = \$900

Thank you to those who prepared and our church environment for the Christmas season, especially Nancy and Jim Wally.

School News:

FB Mania Winners: \$25 Marilyn Rose

Funny story from Mr. Harpenau: .Benson Gerardy (1) came up to me in class and said that he will have cookies for me next week. Told him that was great but we don't have school next week. He looked up at me and with a matter of fact voice said 'that is okay because your Santa....right?'. Startled me for a little bit but I quickly responded 'I would love some cookies'.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Christmas, thank you for your support this past year!



Check out our FaceBook page, at "Crucifixion Catholic Church - La Crescent, MN." You will be treated to Live-streamed Masses, parish information, reflections, prayers, Saints, pictures/videos of Faith Formation students' work, and more!

Not able to attend Mass in person?

Attend Mass Virtually at 5:00pm Saturdays, live from Crucifixion Church, available on our Facebook page.

The Parish office is open 7:30-3:30 M-W this coming week. Due to the rise of Covid in our community, please ring the bell and come to the front counter. Envelopes may be dropped in the mailbox at the front entrance. Thank you!

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Send greetings to Ginny Dockweiler, Bethany St. Joseph, Rm 303, Shelby Road, La Crosse WI 54601, 507-459-7430.

Fr. Havel: St. Casimir Catholic Church, 320 2nd Ave SW, Wells Mn 56097

Thank you to all who donated cookies to our cookie drive! It is sure to bring a smile to many!

Christmas Flowers



*In Memory
of*

**John, Sigrid and Fred
Mueller** (John & Catherine
Klug)

Deceased members of Ormsby & Munk families
(Thomas and Carol Munk)

**Mark, Elias, and Lawrence Briggeman, Irene and
John Hurm** (Joe & Pat Brueggeman family)

Frank & Anna Walter (MaryAnn/Marty Zadow)

Norby Miller (Rita, Janice, Dane & Dave Miller)

**Richard and Bertha Schmitt, Orrin, Doris, Bill, Karen
and Gary Berg** (Clark & Margaret Berg, Jeff & Patti
Balacek family)

Deceased members Bubbers family (Gary & Mary
Bubbers)

**Leonard, Mary, Pat Smith, Bob & Pat Geronime,
Steve Krueger** (Paul & Kathy Geronime)

Jim & Luciel Marcou (Steve & Therese Laufenberg)

Everett Speltz (Barbara, Mary, Suzanne & Mark Speltz)

**Charlie, Al & Malinda Wieser, Jerome Frank, Barbara
Wiegrefe** (Joanne Wieser and family)

Annette and Rachael Reisbig (Reisbig family)

**Lloyd & Harriet Gleason, Babe Michalke, Gayl
Vetsch, John Randall** (Joe & Jane Michalke Family)

We extend our Sympathy:

to the families of Pauline Dolder and Jerry Morrison.

MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass Intention is a person's request for the Mass to be prayed for particular individual(s) living or deceased. It is inspiring to see the number of Mass intentions requested for members of our community at Crucifixion Parish. May God Bless your efforts and those for whom we are praying.

***Church law requires all priests to fulfill all Mass Stipends within one calendar year.** Any Mass Intentions not fulfilled within the year must be forwarded to priests at our local Seminary, or to other priests in our diocese.

Due to the large number of requests for Mass Intentions at Crucifixion, we find it necessary to limit requests to **3 per person** in order to meet your requests in a more timely manner and open the calendar in a fair and consistent way to provide a shorter wait period for Masses.

Contact the parish office if you wish to request a Mass Intention.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers a unique opportunity for you to give back to the God of Love, from whom all things are given. Grow closer to Christ by doing your part to build up His Church in love. For 26 years, the Appeal has funded ministries to invite more than 147,000 individuals each year to encounter Christ and embrace His Church.

If you haven't already contributed, please return your donation in the gold offertory envelope, or give online at www.catholicsmn.org/Appeal. Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota

Thank you to Greg Schild and Jeff Henthorne for installing plastic on Parish Office windows and moving furniture to provide us with a front counter.