



*Crucifixion
Church
La Crescent*

*St. Peter's
Parish
Hokah*



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Sunday October 22, 2023: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings Oct 29: Ex: 22:20-26, 1 Thes 1:5c-10, Mt 22:34-40 (148)

October is Respect Life Month

Pastor's Message

With the Middle East Crisis, let us unite in prayer, fasting, and abstinence for peace and the safety of all people.

During my travels, I was able to encounter many cloistered communities of religious sisters, like our Carmelites outside of Houston, MN. I became more aware of the powerhouse of prayer that these religious sisters provide to our community and the world. They depend daily upon the charity / donations that people give them for food, electricity, heat, and the basic necessities. One community I came across did not have a refrigerator or freezer. They truly trusted that God would provide them with the food that they would need for that particular day. Another household had experienced days with only bread at the most. I was moved with these sisters in their total trust in God's generosity through the charity of others.

Fr. Evans



Annual Memorial Mass, Sunday, November 5 at 3pm. Crucifixion

We will honor the lives of all those who have had a funeral liturgy in our parishes this past year. Invites will be sent to one family member of each departed. Please invite others in your family who wish to attend.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Oct 24 4:30-5:20 Adoration
5:30 pm Crucifixion
+Wayne Hermann

Wed Oct 25 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Dutch & Annie Voss

Thur Oct 26 8:25 am St. Peter's
+Art Miller

Fri Oct 27 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Matthew Pierce

Sat Oct 28 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Sun Oct 29 8:00 am St. Peters
+Jeff Lynch
10:00 am Crucifixion
+Kristine Dyrhaug



EDGE Ministry Saint Museum

Come celebrate All Saints' Day with Mass at 5:30, Wed Nov 1, at Crucifixion followed by our annual EDGE Ministry Saint Museum. Come and hear about the lives of the saints, told by the saints!

CONFESSIONS Tues: 5:00-5:20 pm Crucifixion
Sat 4:00-4:40 pm Crucifixion
Sun 7:30-7:50 am St. Peter's



First Saturday Rosary Group meets in the church the first Saturday of the month at 10am. All are welcome!

Sunday Scripture Preview: Tuesdays at 9am in the Crucifixion Parish Office. All members of Crucifixion and St. Peter's are welcome to join our group as we preview/reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings.

Meetings:

ST. PETER'S FINANCE COUNCIL will meet at 3:30pm Wednesday, October 25, in the St. Joseph Hall.

FACILITY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING will meet at 6:30pm Thursday, October 26, in the Science Room.

In need of prayers? please contact one of our prayer chains: At Crucifixion: contact Mary Ann Ekern at mamekern@gmail.com, Rosanne Buehler at 895-2403, or Barb McGuire at 895-6597. At St. Peter's, Karen Ott at 608-797- 6443 or Teresa Ross at 507-894-4805.



Saints of the Week –Saturday, October 28



St. Jude, Apostle, is often implored for those who are sick and impossible cases. He is often identified in religious art with holding a club, a flame around his head (the

Holy Spirit that he received on the day of Pentecost or holding an image of Jesus Christ). We know very little about him and are struck by the fact that his holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. As our parish vision statement reads, let us *"serve others through God's love, as Spirit-filled disciples."*

MARK RYDELL, son of Ed and Joni Rydell of Crucifixion parish, will be ordained a deacon at 10:00 Saturday, November 25, and a priest at 10:00 Saturday, May 25, at the Cathedral in Green Bay. You are invited to attend, and it will be livestream at www.gbdioc.org/live . Please keep Mark and all our vocations in your prayers.

Crucifixion

*"A Welcoming Community of Spirit-filled disciples,
serving others through God's love."*

Liturgical Schedule Sat Oct 28 and Sun Oct 29

Sat Oct 28: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Lisa Inglett, Janine Ausdemore

Lectors: Judy Farnen, Pat Morrison

Servers: Bobby Kjos, need 3

Sun Oct 29: 10:00 am

EuchMinisters: Charlet Sperbeck, MaryAnn Ekern

Lectors: Tammy Stremcha, need 1

Servers: Marshall, Mya, Ryland

We welcome, through the waters of baptism, **Jude Ryan Voss**, son of Kyle and Abby Voss.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast!

Sun, Oct 29th 8AM-11:30AM

Crucifixion School Auditorium

Proceeds to benefit the **repair of the church bell tower**. Time and the elements have caused structural decay to the tower, ropes, and door, which must be repaired due to safety issues and the repairs will be costly to the parish. A free will donation is requested for the breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee. Thanks for your support.

Attention All Women of Crucifixion Parish!

Please join us for our quarterly CCCW meeting, on Monday, November 6 at 6pm. A potluck supper will be served. If you are new to the parish, this is an excellent chance to meet other women and get involved.

Mission Statement: *We, the women of Crucifixion Council of Catholic Women, in affiliation with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and Winona-Rochester Diocese Council of Catholic women support, empower and educate all Catholic women in our organization in spirituality, leadership, and service. CCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.*

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule Sunday Oct 29, 2023

Greeter: Josh, Jacki & Finnick Ross

Lector: Aaron Franta

Servers: Cole, Evan, Toby

Gift Bearers: Deb & Larry Hanan

Euch. Minister/Choir: Deb Hanan

Larry Hanan (c)

Ushers: Don Petersen, Dave Feuerhelm

Rosary: Dave Feuerhelm

Thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner a success! We served **2,262** dinners!

Join us for a retreat day at St. Peter's!

Date: Saturday November 11, 9am-3pm.

Topic: The Art of Forgiveness: How do you forgive when it is hard?

Come to this retreat day for short talks, conversation, and dedicated prayer time. Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust will join us and offer reflections on one of the most misunderstood challenges of the Christian life: the call to forgive.

Mark your calendars! Bishop Barron will offer a 6:00pm Mass at St. Peter's on Tuesday, November 21. At that time, he will install the Ministry of Acolyte upon **Cullen Gallagher, and Riley Becher**. Everyone is invited to attend!

Faith Formation

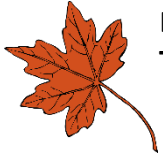
Wed. Oct. 25 - Edge Ministry

Wed Nov 1 – Saint Museum

Trick or Treat for Food

Our La Crescent Youth Faith Collaborative will again be hosting the Trick or Treat for Food. Begin getting a team together to pick up food and plan to stay for our Halloween party at La Crescent United Methodist. Middle school and High school families. Be on the lookout for emails with more details.

45th Annual Crucifixion Roast Beef Dinner



Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023

Time: 3:30-7:00pm

Price: \$15

Children 6 and under eat free in dining room

Tickets will be sold at the door only.

No pre-sale tickets

NEW: There will be **two carry out lines** this year as well as dine-in. **No drive-thru.** Delivery is available to those unable to pick up their own meal. Call the parish office by Thurs Nov 2 at 2pm.

Volunteers are needed! Sign up board will be available after Mass, or at www.crucifixionschool.org, click on Roast Beef Dinner Sign Up.

Discipleship Quad Update Almost one year ago, Discipleship Quads began in our parishes. Since that time, we have had 8 Quads formed at Crucifixion and two of them are already finishing the program. We have one group just starting and the others are about halfway through. If you want to deepen your faith life and get to know your fellow parishioners better, prayerfully consider joining a Quad. All materials are provided by the parish. If you are interested, please contact Kristi Schmitz at kristischmitz8@gmail.com or 608-397-5441 for Crucifixion, and Mary Kay Sheehan for St. Peters. Ask a friend or acquaintance to join you. If you are still not sure or have questions, don't hesitate to email or call Kristi or Mary Kay at marykaysheehan@gmail.com.

Caledonia Area CCW Quarterly Meeting: Tues, Oct 24 at 6pm at the Creamery Restaurant in Rushford. Need a ride? Call Rosanne Buehler at 895-2403.

Next Crucifixion Rummage Sale

Donation Collection:

Saturday, November 4: 9 am – noon.

Respect Life Committee

October is Respect Life Month. There are many activities that will be happening in our parishes and in the community including:

- **40 Days for Life 9/27-11/5-** help save babies by praying, fasting and community outreach. More info at 40daysforlife.org
- **Respect Life Mass – Tuesday, October 24th at 5:30.** The Rosary will follow Mass. We will pray for the respect of all life from conception to natural death and an end to abortion. Please join us!
- **Hope's Door Initiative speakers at all Masses – October 28th and 29th-** a brief introduction to Hope's Door Initiative and how we can help support their mission of a new pregnancy resource center in La Crosse.
- **Christians Rejoicing in Birth (CRIB)weekend at Crucifixion and St. Peter's October 28th and 29th-** We will again be collecting ***new and very gently used*** baby items and cash donations. This collection will support Hope's Door Initiative.



Baby Bottle Campaign Gives Alternatives to Abortion

Help Catholic Charities provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund . Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities provides more than 200 women with financial assistance each year. Every gift makes a difference!

Unable to pick up a bottle? Please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.

Please remember to return your bottles by Oct 29.

