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*Sunday, August 17, 2025*

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Scripture Readings: August 24: Is 66:18-21, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30 (123)

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## **In Case You Missed It**

Ephesians 2:20

*built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.*



Last week, Crucifixion announced the **Building for Our Future Capital Campaign** to fund construction of a parish gathering space connected to our church and a daycare center connected to our school building. The campaign theme Building for Our Future, communicates the importance of these projects to the future vitality of Crucifixion.

All households should have received a letter in the mail last week with additional information and our logo seen here. If you didn't receive the letter, please reach out to the parish office. Over the next few months, there will be opportunities to learn more and ask questions before parishioners and daycare/school parents are asked to make a three-year pledge. We ask that you pray for God's guidance throughout this process, as well as the campaign volunteers and entire parish. This is an important moment in Crucifixion's history and we thank you for your interest!

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tues Aug 19** 4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration  
5:30 pm Mass  
+Marty Zadow

**Wed Aug 20** 8:05 am Crucifixion  
+Richard Franzen

**Thu Aug 21** No Mass (Diocesan Synod)

**Fri Aug 22** No Mass (Diocesan Synod)

**Sat Aug 23** 5:00 pm Crucifixion  
+Francis & Esther Busch

**Sun Aug 24** 8:00 am St. Peters  
+Alfred Miller  
10:00 am Crucifixion  
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

**CONFESSIONS** Tues: 4:00 -4:20 pm Crucifixion  
Sat: 4:15-4:40 pm Crucifixion  
Sun: 7:30-7:50 am St. Peter's

Confessions will be 4:15-4:40 throughout August. Confessions are also 4:00-4:20 Tuesdays and by appointment.

**Altar Servers:** Those who have graduated from High School and regularly serve at the altar, wear the distinction of the **black cassock and white surplis.** Servers who wear the **silver crucifix** instead of the brown cross are designated as head servers who also assist in training others at the altar.

**Sunday Scripture Preview:** These sessions have resumed! Tuesdays 9-10 am at the Crucifixion parish office. All are welcome!

**Catechists needed for our Faith Formation Program!!** Have you been feeling the nudge to share your faith?? When Jesus called his apostles, he did not just call them to be his friends. He called them to go out and tell the world! Our Faith Formation programs can only exist and succeed if we have people who want to share their faith with our young people. This upcoming year, we have openings for leaders at the elementary level (one Sunday evening per month) and at the middle school level (Wednesday evenings). You will not need to do lesson planning or supply prep. Contact Rebecca (cruxffc@acegroup.cc) for more

information. **This is your nudge!!!** Go out and tell the world!!



### **Saint of the Week**

**Saint Bernard** (no, not the dog) is not a saint we hear about often, but he is definitely not a saint to be ignored. He was an advisor to the Pope, a preacher, a scholar of Scripture and known to be a mediator who could peacefully settle long-standing, bitter disputes. At the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join a monastic community, taking his five brothers and about 30 friends with him! This huge growth in the community allowed them to spend many hours in prayer and contemplation, which then gave them the strength and direction to defend and grow the Faith. St. Bernard is an example to us of a Spirit-filled disciple, serving through God's love.

### **Camp Summit**

Last week, I shared reflection from our teen FIAT team member about her time at Camp Summit. This week, we are taking a glimpse from a camper. This young man attended camp for the first time this year and came back eager to share with me the fact that he won a poster of St. Maximillian Kolbe! I will be sure to put it to good use!! **Here is what Marcus has to say about Camp:** *"I liked getting to go to confession, and I liked doing the treetops ropes course, especially the zipline! I liked having a different priest for Mass every day and meeting new people. The people were so respectful of my needs. I liked the entertainment and skits from the FIATs and the Seminarians. The FIATs were very nice and helpful. I can't wait to go next year!"*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ray Happel**. We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends who mourn his loss. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

**In need of prayers?** Contact one of our parish offices and we will forward your intention to our prayer chains.



### **Crucifixion**

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

#### **Liturgical Schedule**

##### **Sat Aug 23: 5:00 pm**

**EuchMinisters:** Lisa Inglett, Gary Bubbers, Therese P  
Cup – Need 2

**Lectors:** Pat Morrison, Need 1

**Servers:** Oliver, Alayna, Need 1

##### **Sun Aug 24: 10:00 am**

**EuchMinister:** James Wally, Roger Johnson, Need 1  
Cup – Need 2

**Lectors:** Angela Lehmann, Need 1

**Servers:** Hunter, Benson, Owen

**Parish Support:** Aug 9/10: \$6,249.00

**Thank you** to the family of **Donnis Buchan** for donations in her memory to the Crucifixion Cemetery!

**Prayer Shawls:** prior to Covid, there was a prayer shawl ministry at Crucifixion. We have several shawls available in the Church entrance. Prayers are said with each stitch, and the intention is for them to bring comfort to those who need it. Please consider taking one and giving to someone in need. They work as shawls or lap blankets.

#### **The Diocesan Synod will take place August 21-22.**

A diocesan synod is a gathering convened by the bishop to assist him in the governance of the diocese. By bringing together people with different backgrounds from across the local Church, the synod can aid the Bishop in identifying key priorities and initiatives to consider when setting a course for pastoral ministry. Put another way, it is an exercise of the bishop's episcopal ministry meant to "promote acceptance of the Church's salvific doctrine and to encourage the faithful in their following of Christ" (Instruction on Diocesan Synods,

1997, 3). **Fr. Evans, Bob & Jenny Heth, Georgia Von Arx, and Aaron Franta** will be attending as representatives of Crucifixion and St. Peter's parishes.



### **St. Peter's**

#### **Liturgical Schedule** **Sunday August 24, 2025**

**Greeter:** Mary Kay Sheehan

**Lector:** Don Petersen

**Servers:** Toby, Jayven, Finnick

**Gift Bearers:** Eric and Kathy Rogich

**Euch Min/Choir:** Nate Culver, Sandy Culver -c

**Ushers:** Don Petersen and Dave Feuerhelm

**Rosary:** Aaron Franta

**Parish Support: Aug 10:** \$ N/A

**St. Peters Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish Goal is \$8,258.00.** We have received **\$7695.00**, from 25 donors, which is **93.18%** of our goal! All donations, big or small, help the parish reach its goal. **Goals not met must be paid by the parish.** If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card today, or give online at [www.catholicismn.org](http://www.catholicismn.org). Reminder: 100% of all funds raised over the goal are returned to the parish.

#### **St. Peter's School Open House Sunday, August 24th**

Coffee and donuts will be served downstairs following Mass, and ALL are welcome! The classrooms will be open for you to visit. Parishioners are encouraged to join with our school families to tour the classrooms and see our brand new (free) lockers! Thanks to all who helped get our school ready for its 108th year of school!!

**Widow's Social Gathering:** Wed, Aug 20, 11:45AM at Swing Bridge restaurant. in La Crescent. For information or RSVP please call Pat Morrison at 507-895-3714 or 507-459-6113(cell) or email [Pmorrison44@gmail.com](mailto:Pmorrison44@gmail.com)

**St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote** that "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the

best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven.”

**40 Days for Life is scheduled for September 24th-November 2nd.** The Kickoff Rally will be held at noon on September 25th at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St. Ramona Trevino, a former Planned Parenthood facility manager in Texas, will be the keynote speaker. Watch for more information about praying outside Planned Parenthood with members of the committee during the 40 Days Campaign.

**Respect Life Month Activities:** October is right around the corner so our activities will again be taking place. The Diaper Drive and CRIB collection will support six of our local pregnancy resource centers. **Watch for sales on diaper, wipes, baby clothes, bottles, bibs, onesies, sleepers and any other items for infants, toddlers and young children.**

**The next Respect Life Mass** will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30 with the Rosary following Mass.

**Neighbors in Action:** A program of the La Crescent Area Healthy Community Partnership: Helping Seniors Stay at Home. This program is available to connect older and disabled adults in Houston County to resources that improve their quality of life, help them age safely, and enable them to engage in the community. They use volunteers to provide transportation for appointments, outdoor chores, or friendly visiting. Fees are determined using a sliding scale and no service is denied due to an inability to pay. Call **507-895-8123**.

**Listening Together: A Monthly Grief Support Group:** Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10: 5:30-6:30 pm, Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St, La Crosse. Free, and registration not required. Attend any or all sessions.

**Bulletin Submissions: Due Tuesdays by noon. Email Bonnie at Crucifixion office: [cruxch@acegroup.cc](mailto:cruxch@acegroup.cc)**

**Safe Environment** The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or [mgerard@dowr.org](mailto:mgerard@dowr.org).

**Mass for Peace with Bishop Barron**

As conflicts and unrest continue globally and locally, Bishop Barron will be celebrating a Mass for Peace on Tuesday, September 2, at 5:30pm at Pax Christi in Rochester. All are invited to this Mass to pray for peace in our world, nation, and communities.

**Pilgrimage to England & Scotland:** Come along April 20-30, 2026, as we visit some of the most beautiful and historical places in all of Europe. We will visit the prehistoric Stonehenge, Stratford, the home of William Shakespeare, Edinburgh and its famous Scottish Castle, Big Ben in London, Buckingham Palace and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$5,169 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa