



*Crucifixion  
Church  
La Crescent*

*St. Peter's  
Parish  
Hokah*



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*Sunday December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent*

**Scripture Readings Dec 11: Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-19, Mt 11:2-11 (7)**

*Pastor's Message*

In today's Gospel, we read, that the "whole region was going out to him" [John the Baptist], "being baptized," and recognize that the "kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

At Mass, the priest, representing all those gathered, processes from the church entrance with the holy water fonts (representing our common Baptism) to the altar.

This procession is a symbol of our pilgrimage (our journey) in life to the new and eternal Jerusalem (Heaven).

The procession starts with Baptism and focuses on the altar where we are strengthened and fed by the Eucharist ("Food for the Journey"). At St. Peter's, we experience in the beauty of the entire sanctuary the dignity of our heavenly calling. With the restoration of the stained-glass reredos at Crucifixion, there are many symbols that sing out that "heaven and earth are full of your glory."

The GIRM (the US Bishops' guidelines for church architecture and decorations state, "Sacred buildings for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities. The ornamentation of a church should contribute toward its **noble simplicity** rather than to ostentation. The nature and beauty of the place and all its furnishing should foster devotion and express visually the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there."

In next week's bulletin, I will be writing about the new statues at Crucifixion that just arrived from Italy, as I write this column. Stay tuned!

Fr. Evans

**ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** - 6:30pm Tues, Dec 12, at Crucifixion, with Fr. Jeff Dobbs, Fr. Joe Schneider, and Fr. Evans.

**Christmas Eve Mass Times:** 4:00 pm Crucifixion 7:00 pm St. Peter's 9:00 pm Crucifixion  
**Christmas Day Mass** 10:00 am Crucifixion

**JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** following the 5:30 mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Thursday. Benediction will conclude this time of prayer shortly before 7:30pm. Fulton Sheen stated, "*Even friendships are matured in silence. The best friends are those who know how to keep the same silences.*"

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Mon Dec 5</b>	<b>8:25 am St. Peter's</b> + Kelly Maus
<b>Tues Dec 6</b>	<b>5:30 pm Crucifixion</b> +Mike Miller <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation</b>
<b>Wed Dec</b>	<b>5:30 pm Vigil St. Peter's</b> + Bernie Feldmeier
<b>Thur Dec 8</b>	<b>8:05 am Crucifixion (incense)</b> +Michael Wieser <b>10:00 am St. Peter's (incense)</b> +John Petersen <b>5:30 pm Crucifixion</b> +Mabel Thomason <b>Adoration Following Mass</b>
<b>Fri Dec 9</b>	<b>8:05 am Crucifixion</b> +Ryan Wieser
<b>Sat Dec 10</b>	<b>5:00 pm Crucifixion</b> +Stan Johnson
<b>Sun Dec 11</b>	<b>8:00 am St. Peter's</b> +Duane & Joan Conniff <b>9:30 am Crucifixion</b>  +For the Intentions of the parishioners

## CONFESSIONS

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



### **Blessing of the Manger Scene:**

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us (+) whenever we gaze upon this manger scene (+). Through all the days of the Advent and Christmas season may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels, and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill our house with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Livestream of Mass of Rededication** is available on our Crucifixion Facebook page. Check it out to listen to Bishop Barron's sermon and to hear the combined Crucifixion/St. Peter's Choir!



Discipleship

## *Discipleship in Action*

If you wish to join a QUAD at St. Peter's, contact Mary Kay Sheehan, at [marykaysheehan@gmail.com](mailto:marykaysheehan@gmail.com) or 952-457-4803. Many small group discussion sessions are beginning in January. It will be a wonderful learning experience for all of us. At Crucifixion, contact Kristi Schmitz at [kristischmitz8@gmail.com](mailto:kristischmitz8@gmail.com). Quad groups are ongoing and can be started at any time.

## **Reflection on the Saints**

### **Saint Nicholas – Dec 6**

Saint Nicholas was a Bishop in the fourth century. He was known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children and his concern for sailors and ships. Saint Nicholas was also known for vehemently teaching

the truths of the faith, even going so far, as one-story claims, to get into a physical altercation with a contemporary at the Council of Nicea who was attempting to spread a false teaching.

Another story of Saint Nicholas tells of a poor man who did not have enough money for dowries for his three daughters. Without a dowry, his daughters were unlikely to marry and might be sold into slavery. The story tells of bags of gold mysteriously appearing in the young ladies' shoes and stockings that were hanging by the fire to dry. It is believed that Nicholas secretly threw the bags of gold through the open window and they landed in the shoes and stockings. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes for Saint Nicholas to leave them treats.

As we celebrate the feast of Saint Nicholas, *we are reminded to be generous with our time, talent and treasure, and to tirelessly strive to grow in relationship with our one, true God.*

## Crucifixion

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

### Crucifixion Liturgical Schedule Dec 10-11

#### Sat 5:00 pm:

**Euch. Ministers:** Janine Ausdemore, Charlet Sperbeck, Gary Bubbers

**Lectors:** Pat Morrison, Theo Rosendahl

**Servers:** Bobby Kjos, Owen Buehler

#### Sun 9:30 am:

**Euch Ministers:** Ruth and Jerry Berns

**Lectors:** Ed Rydell, Dawn Krutza-Guthrie

**Servers:** Ryland Ranzenberger, need 1 more

**THANK YOU** to our Advent/Christmas seasonal environments group: Mariel Carlisle, Karla Koch, Charlet Sperbeck, Cheri and Joe Weiss. The outdoor Advent wreath is modeled on the one that Mariel saw at the St. Stephens Church square in Passau, Germany. Special gratitude is extended to Joe Weiss for his work on this symbol of our faith.

**HOLY CROSS CHALICE & PATEN** that Bishop Barren blest at Mass this past Thursday, has the four Evangelists on the cup. The base consists of our Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven. We are grateful to Cheryl and Keith Olson had this chalice and paten restored in memory of her brother, **Craig Oxley**. This will be used at Sunday Masses as we pay tribute to our Holy Cross heritage.

**THANK YOU** to Bill Kohlmeyer for designing and creating the sanctuary Advent Wreath stand that will be used for years to come. It is his Christmas gift to our parish.

Thank you to Mike & Anne Trnka who switched out all the missalettes in the pews.

**Widows gathering** for lunch at Swing Bridge 11:30AM, December 7. For more information please call Pat Morrison at 895 -3714 or by email at [pmorrison44@gmail.com](mailto:pmorrison44@gmail.com). RSVP please.

## St. Peter's

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule  
Sunday Dec 11, 2022

**Greeter:** Mary Kay Sheehan

**Lector:** Mary Kay Sheehan

**Servers:** Devon Schulte, Rylee Johnson,  
Miranda Jambois

**Gift Bearers:** Andy & Meghan Von Arx family

**Euch. Minister/Choir:** Deb Hanan, Larry Hanan ©

**Usher:** Tim Von Arx and Don Petersen

**Rosary:** Dave Feuerhelm

**Come One, Come All!** Next Sunday, December 11th, at 3:00 p.m. is the **St. Peter's Christmas Program**. Our students have worked very hard and want to share the message of Christmas with YOU! Our program features a play and the beautiful voices of our children in song. You don't want to miss this!!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ernie Sloan**, of St. Peter's parish. We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends who mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

#### **Food Drive for Hokah Food Shelf:**

This Advent we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, as well as paper products and personal products like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc for the Hokah Food Shelf. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish and School Office through Monday, December 19th.



***Christmas Flowers*** – donations must be received by Dec 19 for recognition in the bulletin at Christmas. Donations

may be placed with the collection, or dropped off at the **Crucifixion** or **St. Peter's Parish Offices**. Please use special envelope or mark envelope "**Christmas flowers**". Include your name, and the name of the person to be honored or remembered.

## Faith Formation

**Wednesday, December 7** - Grades 6-10 Meet at the church for Confessions and Adoration - 6:30pm

**Wednesday, December 21** - No Edge Ministry

**Wednesday, December 28** - NO Edge Ministry

### Youth Ministry

**Friday, December 16th**, 7:30-11pm, is the date/time for our next **La Crescent Youth Faith Collaborative (LCYFC) High School Hangout!** We will be meeting at Prince of Peace Lutheran for a Christmas themed evening of cookies, cocoa and cheer! Gather your friends and join us!!

**Wednesday, December 21st**, is our first **LCYFC Middle School Hangout!** We will be meeting after school, until 5:00pm, at La Crescent United Methodist for a Christmas themed party!



**Christmas Cards, Caroling and Cookies!!** This was so much fun last year, and the community greatly appreciated our amazing singing talents!! All families/All ages are invited

to join us at 5:30pm, on **Wednesday, December 21st**, in the Crucifixion School gym to make Christmas cards and then head outside for some old-fashioned neighborhood Christmas Caroling. We will then head back into the school for cookies and cocoa! All youth in Grades 5 or under must be accompanied by an adult. Middle School youth who are attending the LCYFC party will receive dinner at the party and should have plenty of time to make it to Caroling as well! I would highly encourage parents to organize some carpooling from one event to the other!! :)

### Crucifixion School



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## Bring Christmas Joy to all our homebound/elderly parishioners



The Crucifixion CCW are inviting parishioners to participate in our Christmas cookie project. Please bring 1-2 dozen cookies to mass on Dec. 17 or 18. The cookies will be

packaged and delivered to the homebound and elderly. Let's brighten the lives of these special parishioners. \*\*Refer any questions to Anne Trnka, 895-6281 or Ruth Berns, 895-6492. If you know of a parishioner who is homebound at this time, please call the parish office.

### Next Crucifixion Rummage Sale Donation

**Collection** Friday, Dec 9 from 5-7pm and Saturday Dec 10 from 10 am-12pm. Small items only.

### Crucifixion Gala "Denim and Diamonds"

Our 2023 Gala will be held on April 22, 2023! The theme for our event will be "Denim & Diamonds" so **Mark** your calendars! Of course, we are already looking for new items to put on our auctions, so when you are out there grabbing holiday deals, think about getting something for the Live or Silent Auctions!! Happy Holidays!

**Friends of the Library Holiday Cookie Sale:** Fri Dec 9, 4-til gone, La Crescent Community Center. Pre-plated at \$10 and \$15. All proceeds benefit the La Crescent Public Library.

**End of Year Giving** As you consider your end of year giving, please remember that donations must be received in our parish office by Friday December 30 or have a postmark of December 31 in order to account for the 2022 tax year.

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