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*Sunday January 18, 2026
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings Jan 25: Is 8:23-9.3, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 (67)

Pastor's Message:

Bishop Barron has stated, "You become what you worship. What's of highest value to you? Everyone's got one. Everyone worships something."

Fr. Joseph Taphorn, the rector of the St. Paul Seminary has written, "The faithful brings their entire selves – struggles, joys and even imperfections – to the altar. Active participation is uniting our minds and hearts with what's going on at the altar."

- Standing shows respect and attentiveness, especially during the Gospel reading and prayers.
- Kneeling expresses humility and adoration, particularly during the Consecration when Christ becomes present on the altar.
- Genuflecting before the tabernacle acknowledges Christ's real presence in the Eucharist.
- The Sign of the Cross reminds us of Christ's sacrifice and our baptismal identity as children of God.
- Seating takes place after Communion, once the deacon reposes the Blessed Sacrament back into the tabernacle.

Fr. Evans

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Jan 20	4:30-5:20 pm Adoration 5:30 pm Crucifixion +Mary Beach
Wed Jan 21	8:05 am Crucifixion +Fairbanks family living & deceased
Thur Jan 22	8:25 am St. Peters +Bill Rodewald
Fri Jan 23	8:05 am Crucifixion Devontre Vann
Sat Jan 24	5:00 pm Crucifixion +Dale and Fern Richards
Sun Jan 25	8:00 am St. Peter's +Rosemary Bennett 10:00 am Crucifixion + For the Intentions of the Parishioners



Saint of the Week

Saint Marianne Cope was born in Germany in 1838, but soon after moved to and was raised in New York. She is known for her dedication to the "outcasts" of society. As a Sister of St. Francis, Marianne helped to establish some of the first hospitals in Central New York, working to ensure proper hygiene and medical rights for all patients, regardless of race or religion. She then traveled as a missionary to the leper colony in Moloka'i, Hawaii, to care for those suffering from leprosy (Hansen's disease). She spent the next 35 years dedicating her time and work to transform the dirty, depressing, disease infected settlement into a community of beauty and dignity. Marianne helped to establish schools, safe homes, and clean hospitals. Marianne Cope reminds us that the call to be Spirit-filled disciples, serving others through God's love, does NOT say we only serve those we are comfortable serving. We are called to serve ALL others, regardless of race, creed, country or lifestyle. Sometimes we need to "get our hands dirty" to serve with the kind of love God asks of us.

CONFESSIONS

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

Sunday Scripture Preview: Tuesdays 9-10 am at the Crucifixion parish office. All are welcome!

Faith Formation

Wed. Jan 21 - EDGE Ministry
Wed. Jan 28 - EDGE Ministry



PRAYER HOUR TO THE "MOST MERCIFUL SACRED HEART OF JESUS"

The Knights of Columbus, Council 5115, is hosting a prayer hour focusing on the "The Most Merciful Sacred Heart of Jesus." This prayer service will feature a beautifully framed Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The prayer service will be held the evening of February 16, 2026, at Crucifixion Church, starting at 7:00 pm. Deacon Gerry will lead us in prayer and reflection. Prayer booklets and prayer cards will be available. All are welcome! Please call Jim Frie at 507-895-4383 with any questions.

Community Conversations with "Light for the World" Wednesday, Jan 21st, 6pm - 7:30 at the Community Building. This is an ecumenical group sponsored through Prince of Peace, Crucifixion, United Methodist and the La Crescent Public Library. We invite you to come learn and grow with us through monthly conversations. **The focus for 2026 will be on Immigration.**

For more information, contact Kathy Passe at 608 406 0716. To further educate, we will be featuring a question and answer each week in the bulletin:

Are people who enter the US without authorization "illegal Aliens or illegal immigrants" or?" These terms are misleading since a person cannot inherently be illegal. The term implies criminality, dehumanizes communities and applies biases and value judgments. Living in the US without authorization, such as overstaying a visa, is a civil but not a criminal offense. A better term is "undocumented immigrant" or "immigrant without authorization."



Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: Jan 11: \$3,911.69

Memorials: Charles Boma: \$100.00

Mary Beach: \$50.00

Crucifixion Finance Council Meeting: Thur Jan 22: 3pm in the parish office.

Crucifixion 2025 Giving Statements were mailed

this week. (Statements for those who gave through envelopes, or ACH direct giving). Those who gave online, have already received their statement via email. If you gave both ways, you need to **add** the statements together. Those who gave to the Campaign have already received a letter of acknowledgement. That serves as your record. This is a complicated year with the addition of the campaign. This will be the last year this needs to be done as changes are being made for envelope recording and all will be done in our parish office. Call the parish office with questions.



"Save the date for Mardi Gras! Monday, February 16th, 12:00-6:00 pm. This fun school celebration is also the PTO's biggest fundraiser each

year, and a highlight of the year for the students! We need LOTS of volunteers to make this event happen, so please contact Amy Lathrop if you're interested in helping, at amylathrop@gmail.com. Sign up can be done by calling the school office as well. You can also help by donating candy, small toys, or silent auction items. Donations can be dropped off in the school office. All help is greatly appreciated!"



Building For Our Future

Capital Campaign Pledge Payments:

Please place campaign pledge payments in a separate envelope labeled "**Capital Campaign**". Indicate on your check that this is for the **Capital Campaign**, so it is applied towards your pledge. **** DO NOT place those payments in a regular giving envelope, as it will be recorded as an offering, and not towards your campaign pledge.

St. Peter's



Parish Support: Jan 11: \$2,108.00

St. Peter's daily Mass is cancelled if school is closed. If school has a late start, the Mass takes place as scheduled.

Copies of "A Post-Synodal Exhortation" by Bishop Barron, "More People in our Pews; More Priests at our Altars" are available in the church entrance, in the Diocesan Courier and the separate pamphlets.

Bishop Barron and Immigration: *Given the events of the last several days in Minneapolis, this is obviously of concern to many in our immigrant communities. I would like to reiterate what my brother Minnesota bishops and I said a year ago. We fully support our country's right to defend its borders and to enforce its immigration laws, but we insist that any police action in this regard be done discriminately and humanely, always respecting the dignity of those affected. And we stand strongly against any initiative that would involve the interruption of church services, for this would amount to a violation of the principle of religious liberty. I echo the words of Archbishop Hebda that, in the interest of peace, those on all sides of this contentious issue should lower the intensity of their rhetoric and engage in civil conversation.*



The Crucifixion Rummage Sale is happening again this year!! Sale date is yet to be determined.

Next Collection Date:

Sat Feb 7: 9-11
at the Crucifixion Parish Office, back door, enter through the alley. Large furniture items will be accepted at a later date.

Bulletin Submissions must be submitted to Bonnie at cruxch@acegroup.cc **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY AT NOON for the upcoming bulletin.**



KC Council

The Knights of Columbus Council 5115 is hosting our annual KC Christmas party at the Wieser Pavillion in La

Crescent today, Sunday, 1/18, from 12:00 – 3:00. Our culinary theme this year is “Hearty Soups”! All members and widows of past members are welcome. Those who are interested in joining our council can also attend the party or call Ron Petersen at 608-406-0380 for more information! Also, Thank You to those who supported our KC Breakfast last Sunday!

Respect Life Committee

Pope Leo XIV gave his “State of the World” speech on January 9, 2026. Below is his statement on life and his demand to end abortion and surrogacy globally.

In light of this profound vision of life as a gift to be cherished, and of the family as its responsible guardian, we categorically reject any practice that denies or exploits the origin of life and its development. Among these is abortion, which cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life. In this regard, the Holy See expresses deep concern about projects aimed at financing cross-border mobility for the purpose of accessing the so-called “right to safe abortion.” It also considers it deplorable that public resources are allocated to suppress life, rather than being invested to support mothers and families. The primary objective must remain the protection of every unborn child and the effective and concrete support of every woman so that she is able to welcome life.

A society is healthy and truly progresses only when it safeguards the sanctity of human life and works actively to promote it.

Thursday, January 22: Day for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

For more information about this day of prayer, go to: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm.

Men’s Conference

The Man of God Men’s Conference will take place Saturday, February 21 at the Church of the Ss. Peter and Paul in Mankato. Registration is now available!

<https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3997>

Marriage Encounter A “perfect marriage” is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! A perfect Valentine gift is making time for each other! Plan to attend the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter to deepen your love. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org



“The work of health care persons is a very valuable service to life. It expresses a profoundly human and Christian commitment, undertaken and carried out not only as a technical activity but also as one of dedication to and love of neighbor. It is “a form of Christian witness.” Their profession calls for them to be guardians and servants of human life.”

(Evangelium Vitae 89. Charter of Healthcare Workers 1994 First Edition by The Pontifical Council of Healthcare Workers)

How does your Faith influence your work in Healthcare? Does your work in Healthcare pose challenges to your Faith? Do you feel isolated in talking about the work/Faith connection?

Join members of Curatio at St. James Coffee on January 29th at 6:30 PM to connect with some like minded professionals. Let’s build our networks!

