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## *Sunday, September 21, 2025* *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Scripture Readings Sept 28: Am 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Tm 6:11-16, Lk 16:19-31 (138)



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## Who is leading the capital campaign?

We have enlisted a Campaign Committee to lead this effort, which consists of the following:

- **Campaign Chair:** Grant Withrow
- **Honorary Chairs:** Bill, Jodi and Samuel Petersen
- **Campaign Committee:** Kathy Duerwachter, Tom Dyrhaug, Fr. John L. Evans, II, Greg Fiegen, Kris Gagermeier, Ryan Henry, Bob Heth, Wendy Horn, Kathy Passe, Bob Pitel, & Charlet Sperbeck

If you get an opportunity, please thank these individuals for sharing their time to ensure this campaign is successful. We ask that you pray for God's guidance throughout this process, as well as the campaign volunteers and entire parish community. This is an important moment in Crucifixion's history and we thank you for your interest! For more information, visit our campaign page by going to Crucifixion's website or directly using the QR code.



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tues Sept 23 4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration**  
**5:30 pm Mass Respect Life Rosary following**  
+Mary Zirkel

**Wed Sept 24 8:05 am Crucifixion**  
+Chuck Harris

**Thu Sept 25 8:25 am St. Peters**  
+Nancy Listiak

**Fri Sept 26 10:00 La Crescent Health**  
+Bob Hafner

**Sat Sept 27 5:00 pm Crucifixion**  
+Edward & Agnes Trnka

**Sun Sept 28 8:00 am St. Peters**  
+Margaret Sheehan  
**10:00 am Crucifixion**  
+For the Intentions of the Parishioners

### **Pastor's Message**

We never have enough storage, that is true in both our homes and our church / school. Originally, we thought that we could put a basement at the same floor level as our gym under the entire new daycare. Upon further investigation, such a basement would be a five-foot drop requiring a great deal of wasted space for ramps. Instead, we will be adding 1300 square feet in storage on the back of the future daycare attached to the gym (and the same level as the gym floor). Much work has been done in the past few months to more efficiently use the 1,008 square feet of storage we already have in the basement of the church.

Thank you to Rebecca Schumacher as she creates "The Saint of the Week" for the bulletin.

*Fr. Evans*

**CONFESSIONS** **Tues:** 4:00 -4:20 pm **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!



**Saint of the Week: Padre Pio**  
*"Pray. Hope. And don't worry."  
"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."*

Padre Pio's words serve as a bright light in the seeming darkness of our world. To a Christian, prayer is not empty words, it is not a lack of action, it is not ignoring the problem. Prayer is, as Padre Pio says, "the best weapon we have." Prayer is our first and most important line of defense, our most powerful tool to combat evil, the most loving act we can perform for our friends and neighbors who are suffering. Padre Pio reminds us to give our worries to God, to invite God into our mess and know that God is the healer of brokenness.



### **Was a full kitchen considered for the new gathering space project?**

We have recently received questions about the kitchen that will be included in the gathering space project. The plan is to build a catering kitchen rather than a full kitchen. A catering kitchen is designed to support smaller events and gatherings by allowing us to reheat, stage, and serve pre-prepared food, rather than cook meals from scratch on-site.

Although a full kitchen was considered, it would cost Crucifixion an additional **\$200,000** or more and is not necessary for most parish events. A catering kitchen was determined to be a more cost-effective and responsible use of Crucifixion's resources, while still enhancing our ability to support fellowship and community gatherings. *(To Be Continued.)*



***Happy Applefest!***

***Hats Off*** to all who helped bake the many apple pies this week for Applefest!



### Crucifixion

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

#### Liturgical Schedule

##### Sat Oct 4: 5:00 pm

**EuchMinisters:** Gary Bubbers, Anita Harris, Jane Michalke

Cup – Need 2

**Lectors:** Michelle Dyrhaug, Need 1

**Servers:** Oliver, Charlotte

##### Sun Oct 5: 10:00 am

**EuchMinister:** James Wally, Roger Johnson, Tom Dyrhaug

Cup – Michelle Dyrhaug, Mary Ann Ekern

**Lectors:** Confirmation Students

**Servers:** Marcus, Eddy, Owen

**Parish Support: Sept 14:** \$7,125.35 **Gaza:** \$1,863.00

**Direct Giving:** \$3083.65

**Crucifixion Sanctuary Carpet** – To avoid trip hazards, the step on each side of the sanctuary has had the carpet replaced with a dark brown carpet. The rail by the pulpit will also be replaced by a longer rail to be mounted in the coming months.



#### Next Food Shelf Sunday will be

**October 4 and 5.** Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the La Crescent Food Shelf.

**September Widow's gathering** will be next week, Wednesday September 24 at Swing Bridge at 11:45AM. All widows of Crucifixion and St. Peter's are welcome. RSVP to Pat Morrison at [pmorrison44@gmail.com](mailto:pmorrison44@gmail.com) or 507-459-6113.

**The St. Peter's School Marathon** pledge drive is underway! This is an annual fundraiser for the school, where students ride their bikes or walk up to 12 miles, and earn pledges for doing so. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! If you haven't been approached by a student, but would like to donate, you can send a donation in, stop in the Office, or go to our website to donate electronically. Thank you so much!!



### St. Peter's

#### Liturgical Schedule

##### Sunday October 5, 2025

**Greeter:** Josh and Jackie Ross Family

**Lector:** Georgia Von Arx

**Servers:** Toby, Jayven, and Zayne

**Gift Bearers:** Josh and Jackie Ross Family

**Euch Min/Choir:** Carol Mauss

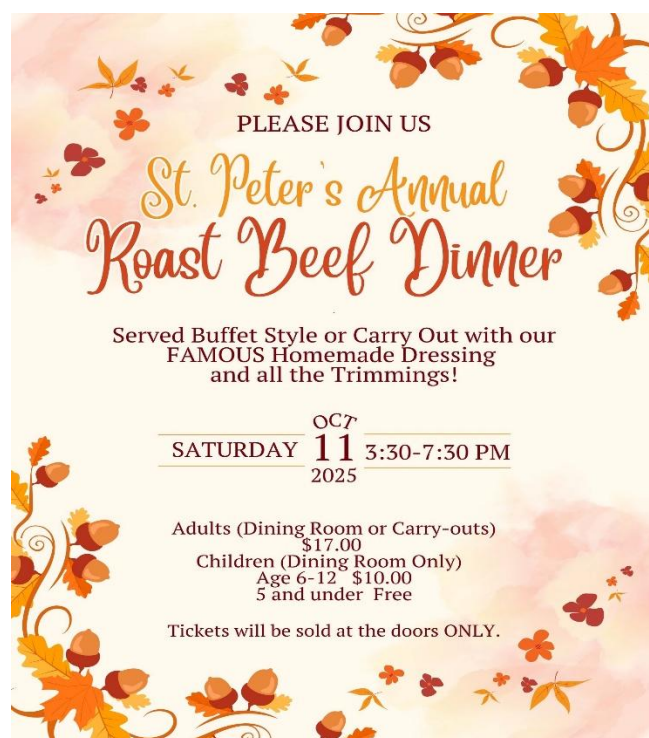
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**Ushers:** Mike Ross and Dave Feuerhelm

**Rosary:** Georgia Von Arx

**Parish Support: Sept 7:** \$ 1,419.00 **Gaza:** \$611.00

**Security of our children is our #1 priority and School is back in Session!** Therefore, the **elevator hallway door will be locked** to stop potential intruders from using the elevator to gain access to the school. If you need to go downstairs to the lunchroom via the elevator, please contact the secretary.



**Large paper grocery bags needed:** The Altar Society at St. Peters is collecting them, from now thru the Roast Beef Dinner. Leave them in the parish office.



**KC Corner:** How did the Knights of Columbus come to be? Recognizing a need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies antithetical to Church teaching, uniting Catholic men and helping families of deceased members. Today, the 4 precepts of the Order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Consider joining our group of charitable men, centered on family, and focused on supporting our Catholic faith through works of charity and contribution. Thank you!!

#### **Respect Life: Respect Life Committee**

· **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. Member of the Respect Life Committee will be praying outside of Planned Parenthood every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. during the campaign. Please join us! Over 25,000 babies have been saved since 2007 through kindness, peaceful prayer, and the pro-life community providing alternative resources to women planning to have an abortion.

· October is right around the corner and our Respect Life Month 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.

**Mass of Hope and Healing:** Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tues, Sept 23 at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident, or infant death. Refreshments and a display of resources will be available in the Gathering Space after Mass.

### **Check Out Our Adult Faith Formation Opportunities!**

**"The Chosen"** is an amazing series about the life and ministry of Jesus, bringing the Gospel to life. Join us for free viewings of each episode on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm at Crucifixion School, in the Fine Arts Room (unless we need to move to the gym due to the size of the group.) Popcorn and beverages will be served. One episode will be shown each Sunday evening, beginning on October 12. Episodes will not be shown on the first Sunday of each month, due to our elementary Faith Formation.

**"A Biblical Walk Through the Mass"** is a book, written by Edward Sri, that answers the questions, "Why do we say that at Mass?" "Where did this part of the Mass come from?" As part of our Generations of Faith program, the adults will be working our way through this book throughout the school year. **All adults of the parish are invited to join us.** Generations of Faith meets **the first Sunday of each month, beginning on October 5th.** We begin with a pot luck dinner and a family activity at 5:00pm, and then the students go to their classrooms, and the adults will grow in faith together through the discussion of this book. ***If you would only like to come to the book study portion of the evening, plan to arrive by 6:00pm.***

Contact Rebecca Schumacher or call the parish office if you are not a Generations of Faith parent, but would like to join in the book study, to ensure enough books are ordered.

#### **Faith Formation**

Wed. Sept 24 - EDGE Ministry

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Sun. Oct. 5 - Confirmation Session (Grades 9-10)  
10:00-12:15 (Meet at 10am Mass)

Sun. Oct. 5 - Generations of Faith (Grades 1-5 and families) - 5:00-7:00pm (Cruci Gym)

#### **SMACZNE JABLKA (Apple Festival) 2025**

Sunday October 5 11am-4pm

Polish food & Polish beer, live music (bring your own chair), 3 big raffles, & silent auction. International dancers at 1pm. Polish pottery & gift shop  
Polish Museum Annex 363 E 2nd St. Winona, Mn.