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Sunday, August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: August 31: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a, Lk 14:1, 7-14 (126)

Why is Crucifixion conducting a capital campaign?

Isaiah 28:16 *Therefore, the Lord God has this to say to you in response: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a stone that has been tested, a precious cornerstone as a firm foundation; those who place their trust in it will not falter.*

The campaign's purpose is to raise funds for the following projects:

Gathering Space - This project will include a large parish gathering space, offices and meeting spaces, ADA access and restrooms, as well as a covered drop off entrance to a new lobby. The primary benefits of this expansion are to:

- offer a convenient, welcoming space for funeral visitations, post funeral luncheons, and other large gatherings
- prevent disruptions to student activities at the school and enhance school security by eliminating parish events taking place while classes are in session
- provide people access to an event after Mass without having to go outside or cross the street

Daycare Center - Crucifixion's daycare serves the La Crescent area community and helps to generate consistent enrollment into Crucifixion School. Additionally, daycare children transition smoothly into kindergarten in a familiar and welcoming environment. It also provides steady cash flow to our school. This project will provide a dedicated space for the daycare center, which will:

- increase our current capacity of 40 children to a maximum capacity of 110 children
- provide infant care
- return former daycare space in the school for student activities
- improve security
- add much needed storage space



MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Aug 26 4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Mass
+Paul Drew

Wed Aug 27 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Leonard Wieser
10:00 La Crescent Health
+Ray Happel

Thu Aug 28 8:25 am St. Peters
+Frannie Von Arx

Fri Aug 29 No Mass

Sat Aug 30 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Pat Stotesbery

Sun Aug 31 8:00 am St. Peters
+Frances and Mary Ann Heimer
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

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. We have openings for leaders at the elementary (one Sunday evening per month) and middle school level (Wednesday evenings). **You will not need to do lesson planning or supply prep.** Contact Rebecca (cruxffc@acegroup.cc) for info.

CCCW Apple Pie Bake We will be making apple pies again this year on Sept. 19. Orders will be taken before and after masses starting the weekend of Aug. 30/31. You may also sign up on the parish website, www.crucifixionchurch.org. Pies are \$15.00 each. Many volunteers are needed and we have sign up sheets available for that. Questions- Call Rosanne Buehler (507-895-2403) or Anne Trnka (507-895-6281) for more info.

Pastor's Message

THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST. "When the priest holds up the consecrated Host, he says, 'Behold the Lamb of God.' It is something we can see. What we see with our senses alone is only the appearances of bread and wine; but what we see with the eyes of faith is Christ himself, because Christ said it and we believe it. He did not say, 'This resembles my Body,' but '*This is my Body.*'"

Fr. Evans



Saint of the Week It is fitting to speak of Saints. Monica and Augustine together. St. Monica was Augustine's mother. Monica was a dedicated Christian who loved the Lord with all her heart. She also loved her son, Augustine.

Augustine did not share his mother's faith and lived a life of immorality. For years, Monica fervently prayed and patiently waited for her son's conversion, which finally happened. Not only did Augustine find his way to God, he became one of the most prominent and influential writers and theologians in the Catholic Church. Sts. Monica and Augustine remind us that we truly need each other on our journeys to becoming Spirit-filled disciples.

Camp Summit Thoughts from a Chaperone:

We have heard from a camper and a youth FIAT team member. Our last reflection comes from our chaperone. Here are **Allen's** thoughts about his experience at Camp Summit. "*I had a blast getting to be with the kids, chaperones, priests and all the other people at camp. I found it truly amazing what the campers did as far as confession, Adoration, talking things out, praying and having fun. I learned so much and even went to confession for the first time in forever. I feel like everyone fit in and meshed so well, unlike any other environment I have been in.*"

As you can see, Camp Summit is an amazing experience for everyone, from the Middle School campers, to the teen youth leaders, and even the adult chaperones! Everyone gains something from their camp experience!!



Crucifixion

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sat Aug 30: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Michael Trnka, Therese Przytarski, Gary Bubbers

Cup – Bill Petersen, Carol Banse

Lectors: Pat Morrison, Anita Harris

Servers: Need 3

Sun Aug 31: 10:00 am

EuchMinister: James Wally, Roger Johnson, Mandy Moburg Cup – Mary Ann Ekern, Need 1

Lectors: Need 2

Servers: Need 3

Parish Support: Aug 16/17: \$6,825.30

What will happen to the stained glass windows in the Church with the new addition?

Answer: The stained glass windows will remain intact! Back lighting will be added to the windows, with possible skylights in the addition, close to the stained glass windows to provide natural lighting.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is starting soon!!! ALL students in Grades 1-10 who DO NOT attend Crucifixion School or St. Peter's School should be participating in our Faith Formation programming!! Contact Rebecca for registration information. We are still looking for a couple helpers in our elementary and middle programs. Here is our calendar of upcoming events:

Wed. Sept. 3 - Catechist in-service - 6:30pm (church)

Wed. Sept. 10 - ALL Faith Formation Kick Off Mass - 6:30pm (church) - Turn in registration forms and receive program calendars.

Wed. Sept. 17 - First Night of EDGE Ministry, Grades 6-8 - 6:30pm (school gym)



St. Peter's

Liturgical Schedule Sunday August 31, 2025

Greeter: Hinze family

Lector: Mary Kay Sheehan

Servers: Jared, Ezra, Robie

Gift Bearers: Mike and Liz Schaffer Family

Euch Min/Choir: Carol Mauss, Kelly Beckman -c

Ushers: Tony Miller and Mike Ross

Rosary: Dave Feuerhelm

Parish Support: Aug 17: \$ 2,010.00

St. Peter's Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal is **\$8,258.00**. We have received **\$7845.00**, from 26 donors, which is **95%** of our goal! Only \$413.00 to go!! All donations, big or small, help the parish reach its goal. **Goals not met must be paid by 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!!

Youth Night of Worship (YNOW) We continue to partner with our neighbors in Christ . ALL students in Grades 8 or higher (regardless of their faith denomination) are invited to attend this night of Praise and Worship, Witness Testimonies, Food and Fun!! Our first YNOW is scheduled for Sun, Sept 14th at 6:00pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church!



KC Corner: Why you should become a Knight.

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parishes, supporting Catholic Education and growing your faith, the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you! Contact Ron Petersen at 608-406-0380 for more information.

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

Weekly Email Updates

As many of you know, we have been using the program Flocknotes to send out weekly emails from Crucifixion and St. Peter's. This has enhanced our ability to communicate upcoming events, funerals, Mass time changes, and also to send out the weekly bulletins!

This program is provided to us by the Diocese, at no cost to our parishes.

It has come to our attention that some of you may not be receiving these.

A couple of tips received from Flocknote:

1. Your email provider might be hiding these emails in a hard-to-find place. Search for mail@flocknote.com in your email search bar.
2. Add mail@flocknote.com to your email contact list.
3. If you still have problems, please contact the parish office and we will research further.

Hand in Hand: A Catholic Community for Women

Hand in Hand is a Catholic community for women in the La Crosse area. We will meet the first and third Fridays of the month from 8:30-10:30 am at Mary Mother of the Church in the basement of the parish hall. We will be growing in our faith through a Bible study and child care will be provided for your children. Our goal is to create a community of love and support while also growing in our faith. Those without children are welcome to attend as well. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you September 5th in the basement of the parish hall at Mary Mother of the Church. To register scan the QR code and fill out the form. If you have any questions please contact BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895.

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.