



*Crucifixion
Church and School
La Crescent*

*St. Peter's
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Hokah*



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*Sunday January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord*

Scripture Readings Jan 14: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1:35-42 (65)

Pastor's Message

As we mark the fulfillment of the Christmas season, with the arrival of the Wisemen at the home of the Holy Family, so we bless our homes with chalk, praying for all who dwell in them and those who will be welcomed.

We reflect upon the three-fold gifts of this season: (1) the gift of God the Father sending His Son, Jesus, (2) the gifts of gold [kingship], frankincense [divinity], and myrrh [death], and (3) the gifts that we have given and received mirroring the gifts of God the Father and the Wisemen.

During the Christmas season, we have been using incense as a reminder of the humble babe in a manger who is also the Son of God, uniting two natures in Christ, that of God and man.

Fr. Evans

Prayer for the Blessing of Homes on the Feast of Epiphany

Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then with chalk, inscribe on the outside door **20 + C + M + B + 24** (The year 2024 with the names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon Jan 8 10:00 am Springbrook
+Ernie Sloan

Tues Jan 9 4:30-5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Crucifixion
+John Strabley

Wed Jan 10 8:05am Crucifixion
+Kristin Phillips

Thur Jan 11 8:25 am St. Peters
+Sr. Lauren Weinandt

Fri Jan 12 No Mass

Sat Jan 13 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Cathy Johnson

Sun Jan 14 8:00 am St. Peters
+ Ernie Sloan
10:00 am Crucifixion
+For the intentions of the parishioners

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

Sunday Scripture Preview: Tuesdays at 9am in the Crucifixion Parish Office, All are Welcome!

First Saturday Rosary Group meets in Crucifixion Church the first Saturday of the month at 10am. All are welcome!



Crucifixion Parishioners:

Registered at Crucifixion, but regularly attend Mass at St. Peter's? Did you know you can make your offering easier for 2024 by giving online? Go to our website, and set up your own account. Just click on **Online Giving**. You decide the date it is withdrawn from your account, and at the end of the year, you receive an email statement of your giving for the year. No more checks, or remembering envelopes, and if you choose to attend Mass elsewhere, your offering will always reach Crucifixion each month with no delay. Many parishioners have found it to be very user friendly.



Knights of Columbus **Dad's Waffle Breakfast -**

Sunday January 14th
8AM-11:30 at Crucifixion School.

For just \$11 (kids 5 and under eat free) you can enjoy delicious All-U-Care-to-Eat Dad's Belgian Waffles, sausage, fruit toppings, flavored syrups, coffee, juice, and milk. Tickets are available at the Crucifixion office, or at St Pete's and Crucifixion School offices.

Saint of the Week

When Andre' Bessette came to the Holy Cross Brothers in 1870, he carried with him a note from his pastor saying, "I am sending you a saint."

The Brothers found that difficult to believe. Health issues made it impossible for Andre' to keep a job or get an education. At the age of 25, Andre' still did not know how to read and write. It seemed as if Andre' approached the religious order because there was nowhere else for him to go. The Brothers soon discovered that Andre' was prayerful and deeply devoted to God and Saint Joseph. He may have had no place left to go, but he believed that was because this was the place he felt he should have been all along.

After Andre' took his vows, he dedicated himself to small tasks, tending the door and giving hair cuts. Guided by his devotion to Saint Joseph, he saved what small earnings he had to build a church! Starting with a small wooden chapel and continuing to get permission from his Archbishop to continue to build, until, after his death, a great basilica was completed in honor of Saint Joseph.

Saint Andre' Bessette reminds us that when we **serve other's through God's love**, even small acts can be great!

Crucifixion

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sat Jan 13: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Janine Ausdemore, need 1

Lectors: Pat Morrison, Need 1

Servers: Mya, Owen, Rosalie

Sun Jan 14: 10:00 am

EuchMinisters: Roger Johnson, need 1

Lectors: Dawn Krutza-Guthrie, need 1

Servers: Katie, Eli

Faith Formation Calendar

Sun. Jan 7 - Confirmation Session 10:00am
Generations of Faith - 5-7pm

Wed. Jan 10 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. Jan 17 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. Jan 24 - EDGE Ministry

Grade Two Sacramental Preparation

All Second Grade Faith Formation AND Cruci School **parents** will meet for an informational meeting about preparations for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at **6:00pm on Sunday, January 7th, in the church.** If your child was not baptized at Crucifixion or Holy Cross Parishes, please bring a copy of baptismal certificate to this meeting.

YNOW (Youth Night of Worship) All High School students are invited to a night of worship, food and fun! Sponsored by the La Crescent Youth Faith Collaborative. Sunday, January 14th, **6:00pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church.**

Camp Summit Camp Summit is an amazing experience for Middle and High School students. A week of fun adventures (Rock Climbing, High Ropes Courses, Archery, etc) at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN, mixed with faith experiences ranging from Mass and Adoration to engaging speakers and worship music. Registration opens for Middle School campers and High School "Dream Team" and "Fiat" leaders on Wednesday, January 17th. We plan to attend Week 1 of Camp, July 22-25. Camp fills up quickly, so let Rebecca know ASAP if your child is interested.

St. Peter's

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday Jan 14, 2024

Greeter: Josh, Jacki & Finnick Ross

Lector: Theresa Von Arx

Servers: Cole, Addie, Carson

Gift Bearers: Dan and Pat Von Arx

Euch. Minister/Choir: Theresa Von Arx

(c) Kelly Beckman

Ushers: Don Petersen, Dave Feuerhelm

Rosary: Barb Miller

Church Financial Reports:

St. Peter's Parish end of year financial reports are available to parishioners upon request. Contact the St. Peter's Office at 507-894-4375

Knights of Columbus Greeting Cards:

The KC's are offering all occasion cards that depict Crucifixion Church, 7 for \$20, after Mass. Proceeds to benefit the bell tower renovation. A good way to start out 2024 is by sending a greeting to someone you have not reached out to in a while.

In need of prayers? please contact one of our prayer chains: At **Crucifixion:** contact Mary Ann Ekern at mamekern@gmail.com, Rosanne Buehler at 895-2403, or Barb McGuire at 895-6597. At **St. Peter's,** Karen Ott at 608-797-6443 or Teresa Ross at 507-894-4805.

Depressed Anonymous meets every Monday, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse. This is a 12- step group for those dealing with depression, to generate positive energies, form friendships and find support. If you are interested in participating in this free meeting, please call Gayle at 608-406-7990.

Crucifixion Christmas Tree Pickup on Sat Jan 13, after the Feast of the Epiphany. Please Sign up on the Crucifixion website by Jan 11, where it says **Christmas Tree Pick up**. La Crescent City Limits only. Donations benefit the Crucifixion School Library.

Retreats at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse

The monks at Saint John's are eager to welcome men and women of all faiths as individuals and as groups to share our hospitality for a time of spiritual renewal. In addition to joining the monks for our daily prayer and Eucharist, guests are also welcome to participate in the retreats sponsored by our Abbey Spiritual Life Program.

Winter Retreat: Feb 2-4

Married Couples Retreat: Feb 9-11

Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, located in Collegeville, MN. Abbeyguesthouse.org for more information.

Discipleship 101

The Discipleship Quad program is in full swing with two groups already finishing the program and the others going at a more relaxed pace, with many finishing later this year. **We are looking for 2 women who would be interested in joining the two others waiting to start the program.** Discipleship Quads is for those who want to deepen their faith life and get to know their fellow parishioners better. Please prayerfully consider joining a Quad. All materials are provided by the parish. If you are interested, Crucifixion parishioners please contact Kristi Schmitz at kristischmitz8@gmail.com or 608-397-5441 or St. Peter's parishioners, Mary Kay Sheehan at marykaysheehan@gmail.com Ask a friend or acquaintance to join you. If you are still not sure or have questions, don't hesitate to contact Kristi or Mary Kay.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Needed: For 6 Wednesdays, starting in April. Help another volunteer deliver meals from 11:30 – 12:30 pm. Please call the parish office for more information.

Mark your Calendars! Next Catholicism series to begin in February, for Tuesdays during Lent!

MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass Intention is a person's request for the Mass to be prayed for particular individual(s) living or deceased.

***Church law requires all priests to fulfill all Mass Stipends within one calendar year.** Any Mass Intentions not fulfilled within the year must be forwarded to priests at our local Seminary, or to other priests in our diocese.

Due to the large number of requests for Mass Intentions at Crucifixion, we find it necessary to limit requests to **3 per person**, with one being on a weekend. One Mass each weekend must be offered for the intentions of all parishioners, so this limits the number available for scheduling others.

Our Crucifixion calendar is now full through April 2024. Please note that weekday intentions may be rescheduled due to funerals, or Mass schedule changes.

Our aim is to meet your requests in a timely fashion and to open the calendar in a fair and consistent way so as to provide a shorter waiting period for Masses.

