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*Sunday March 8, 2026
 Third Sunday of Lent*

Readings March 15: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-34(31)

Pastor's Message

Saints! Bishop Barron writes, "What strikes us first about the saints – the friends of God – is their diversity. What is the practical importance of this diversity? Why is this wild communion of saints spiritually enlivening? First, it means that you can find a saint who is like you – someone who struggled with the same things you struggle with, who loved the same things you love. The saints are not simply models to be admired; they are, above all, friends – soul companions and spiritual guides upon whom you can rely. But it also means that you can find a saint who is unlike you – someone who bothers you. It might be just this saint who helps to fill you out, to realize in you that aspect of the holy that you especially need. Leon Bloys wrote, 'There is only one sadness, and this not to be saints.'"

Fr. Evans



Stations of the Cross

A reminder that we are not alone in our suffering.

6:00pm Wednesdays at St. Peter's
 6:30pm Thursdays at Crucifixion
 Confessions following on March 12 and 19

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Mar 10	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Adoration 5:30 pm Mass Crucifixion +William Mishler
Wed Mar 11	8:05 am Crucifixion Jim Douglas 6:00 pm Stations St. Peter's
Thur Mar 12	8:25 am St. Peter's +Paul & Helen Schnedecker 6:30 pm Stations Crucifixion
Fri Mar 13	8:05 am Crucifixion +Norbert and Mary Walter
Sat Mar 14	5:00 pm Crucifixion +Jagger Krueger
Sun Mar 15	8:00 am St. Peter's +Jaynie Sheffer 10:00 am Crucifixion + For the Intentions of the Parishioners

CONFESSIONS

Tues: 4:30 – 5:20 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



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Crucifixion School Auditorium
Thursdays before Stations.
Serving from 5:30-6:15pm –

Doors open at 5pm. All are welcome as we share a light soup supper meal. No charge, but free will offerings are accepted.

If you can help in any way (set up, prepare food, clean up), please sign up using Signup Genius on the Crucifixion Parish website. Contact Lisa Inglett at minglett@acegroup.cc, or 608 769 9201 with questions.



Warm Item Collection for Refugees: Light for the World is collecting warm items (hats, gloves, mittens, blankets, etc) for refugees in the Winona-Rochester Diocese. Donations may be placed in the tub in the gathering space through March 29.

Saint of the Week One of the reasons I enjoy writing this short column each week is the fact that I continue to find saints that are new to me! Saint Maximilian Kolbe is a very well-known saint, but I was unaware of another Maximilian who gave his life for his faith. **Saint Maximilian of Theveste** died in the year 296 in what is now Algeria. Being the son of a Roman soldier, Maximilian was obliged to serve in the army as well. To this day, the script of his trial and sentence to execution still exist. When asked his name, Maximilian replied, "Why do you wish to know my name? I cannot serve because I am a Christian." Nevertheless, orders were given for him to be given the military seal. He answered, "I cannot do it: I cannot be a soldier." When told he must serve or die, he said, "You may cut off my head, but I will not serve. My army is the army of God, and I cannot fight for this world," His sentence to be executed was carried out, and he serves as an amazing example of faith over fear.



Happy Birthday to Fr. Evans on March 13!

Healing Mass and Service:

Monday March 23, 2026

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Viroqua
4:30 PM Adoration (with Praise & Worship, Rosary, Divine Mercy, and Confessions).
5:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM Corporate Prayer for Healing
7:00 PM Individual Prayer Ministry
This evening is rooted in the sacramental life of the Church and offered in fidelity to Catholic teaching. All are welcome. Feel free to attend any portion of the evening.

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





Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: March 1: \$7,115.14

Online giving March: \$6,666.88

Mass Intentions: Crucifixion has openings for weekday Mass Intentions and a limited number of weekend Mass Intentions. Weekend requests are limited to one per person. Stop by the parish office to schedule. The stipend per Mass is \$10.00.



St. Peter's

Parish Support: **March 1:** \$2,897.00

Mass Intentions: St. Peter's has openings for Mass Intentions. Please stop by the St. Peter's parish office to schedule. The stipend per intention is \$10.



GROUNDBREAKING –

Everyone is invited to the groundbreaking at 1:45pm Tuesday, March 10, on the site of the future daycare (the old

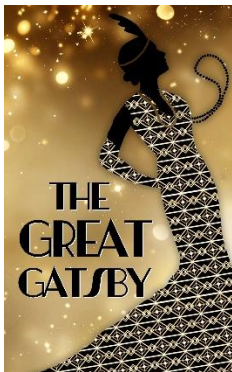
tennis court).

All our school children will assist with their own small shovels. Refreshments will be available.

St. Peter's (Woodstock) Extravaganza

Please join us April 18th, at the Brownsville Community Center. Tickets are \$55 per person (\$45 for 65+). You can reserve your tickets by calling the office 507-894-4375. **Early birds who reserve their spot and pay by 3/16 will be put in a drawing to win their money back.** The fun begins at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, and Live Auction at 7pm.

We are looking for donations for the Live & Silent Auctions. Please drop off donations in the School Office **before** March 27th. Thank you for always supporting our little school family. You make a big difference!



Crucifixion Gala: A Night of Giving!!

The venue has changed this year!!

Saturday, April 11, at the La Crescent Event Center!! Join us for a Great Gatsby evening! Invitations have been mailed, and RSVPs should be returned by March 20. We are in need of

both Live and Silent Auction items! The Gala Giving Tree is up in the Church for inspiration! Pick a tag, and put together a "Gift", or join with friends and put together a large item for the Live Auction! Check out the Gala Facebook page for new & exciting information, or if you have questions regarding the Gala. Make plans to join us for this Amazing Fundraiser for Crucifixion School!

Interested in providing baked items for funerals and other fundraisers at Crucifixion? contact Jenny Heth (jheth@acegroup.cc). Also, if you are on the baker's list and can no longer participate, please let Jenny know.

7th/8th Grade Teacher Position St. Peter's School is seeking a full-time middle school teacher to complete our staff for the 2026-27 school year. The preferred candidate would be a practicing Catholic holding state licensure. Our mission is the formation of the whole child in a faith-based environment that focuses on each student reaching his or her fullest potential. Please forward to family and friends and ask them to email their cover letter, resume, and three references to principal@stpetershokah.org.



Enrollment for Crucifixion School and St. Peter's School is OPEN!

www.crucifixionschool.org or www.st.petershokah.org to get more information. Click on the Registration tab. Please call Crucifixion School (507-895-4402) or St. Peter's School (507-894-4375) if you would like a school tour. My dad always said, "a Catholic education is the greatest gift you can give your child".

KC Corner KC Council 5115 joyfully welcomes the following individuals to our council at the new member Exemplification Ceremony this coming Tuesday, 3/10. (Steve Porter, Bob Ratigan, Tom Dyrhaug, Bob Keuler, Matthew Horn, Kris Gagermeier, Mike Beckman, Alan Engstler, Ben Horn, Dale Ptacek and Dale Klug) The ceremony will take place at Crucifixion Church at 6:30 following 5:30 Mass. All parishioners and family of the new members are welcome! Also, please remember our Fish Fry 2 on 3/13 and the St. Peter's Moon Tournament on 3/15.



Faith Formation

Sunday, March 8 - Grade Two Retreat and Practice for parents and students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6-7pm, in the church.

Wed. March 11 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. March 18 - Confessions and Adoration for Grades 6-10

Sat. March 21 - FIRST RECONCILIATION for Grade 2 students

Wed. March 25 - EDGE Ministry

Youth Ministry

Youth Night of Worship is Sunday, March 8 at 7pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church!!

CCCW Desserts Requested for Friday Fish Fries

Bakers: desserts are needed for the upcoming Fish Fries. Please make non-refrigerated desserts during these Parish fundraisers, and, if possible, advise what you brought and if it is safe for people with specific allergies, for example:

Gluten-Free (no wheat, barley, rye, malt) **Dairy-Free** (no milk or milk by-products such as butter),

Nut-Free (includes no almond extract, peanuts, or nuts of any kind). Please drop off covered/ uncut

dessert between 1-4 pm at the Crucifixion School Gym.

3/13/26: M Through S 3/27/26 T Through C

Nurses/EMTs– Camp Summit needs nurses/ EMTs for our first week of camp. Week one runs July 25-30th. The nursing team ensures the safety and care of all the middle school youth, high school youth, and adult volunteers at camp. The nursing team will provide general first aid, help youth through illnesses, injuries, homesickness, and help chaperones with medications and medical emergencies as needed. Visit our website at campsummitwinona.org to learn more about Camp Summit. If interested or would like more information, please email campsummitwinona@gmail.com.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT:

Lost, Found, Saved, Sent: How the Story of Jesus Changes Your Life: Saturday, March 14. Join us for a one day retreat led by Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust, founder of The Mark 5:19 Project. 9am – 3pm at Mary Mother of the Church , La Crosse. More information at www.mmoclacrosse.org, or by calling 608-788-5483. Please RSVP as lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend this event. The sacrament of confession will also be available to participants in the afternoon.

Community Conversations with "Light for the World"

This is an ecumenical group sponsored through Prince of Peace, Crucifixion, United Methodist and the La Crescent Public Library. The next meeting will be March 26th at the United Methodist Church. Our speaker will be Chuck Berendes, a prominent local immigration attorney.

Which industries employ THE MOST immigrant workers?

Education and health care (5.6M)

Professional and business services (5M)

Construction (3.5M)

Which industries have THE HIGHEST SHARE of immigrant workers?

Agriculture – 26%

Construction – 26%

Transportation and warehousing – 22%

