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Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Scripture Readings Sept 21: Am 8:4-7, 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13 (135)



How will we fund construction of the Gathering Space and Childcare/Faith Formation Center?

Romans 12:4-5 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have the following saved for each project: • Gathering Space (Total Cost \$3.5 million) - \$1.5 million is allocated towards this project through the sale of Holy Cross and other investments. • Daycare/Faith Formation Center (Total Cost \$3.2 million) - \$2 million is allocated towards this project through the sale of the Fitzgerald Center and other investments.

This means, we have to raise \$3.2 million over the next three years, over and above our regular giving, in order to fully fund the remaining amount for both projects. It is critical for all within the Crucifixion community to participate through prayers, volunteering, and making a financial commitment, in order to make this vision a reality. 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.

Crucifixion Leadership Gatherings at Wieser Pavilion If you have not received an invitation to the upcoming leadership gatherings on Wed, Sept 24, and Thur, Oct 2, please **RSVP by Sept 17:** contact Bonnie at (507)895-4720 or cruxch@acegroup.cc. Food and beverage will be provided, time to socialize with others, hear details, and ask questions about the building projects and campaign.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Sept 16 4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Mass
+Orville Johnson

Wed Sept 17 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Jason Johnson

Thu Sept 18 8:25 am St. Peters
+Jaynie Sheffer

Fri Sept 19 8:05 am Crucifixion
+John Rusin family

Sat Sept 20 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Norby Miller

Sun Sept 21 8:00 am St. Peters
+Donna Sloan
10:00 am Crucifixion
+For the Intentions of the Parishioners

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!

Faith Formation

Wed. Sept 17 - EDGE Ministry (Grades 6-8) 6:30-7:45 (Cruci Gym)

Wed. Sept 24 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. Oct. 1 - EDGE Ministry

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)

Saint of the Week: "There is the music of Heaven in all things." I first learned of Hildegard of Bingen in my college Music History class. I knew her as one of the most prolific and influential composers of liturgical chant music. Years later, I learned of her as a saint who was gifted with mystical visions from God. Raised by Benedictine nuns, she became one herself and began writing about her visions and what they meant. Many people were drawn to her by her unique insight into the heart of God. Through Hildegard, we are reminded that God speaks to us in many different ways. We just need to open our hearts and minds.

Pastor's Message Pope Leo XIV celebrates his 70th birthday on September 14, his first birthday as the Vicar of Christ. Please join the Universal Church by giving him a spiritual bouquet consisting of the rosary, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, novenas, and your Mass intentions.

Applefest is this coming week! Hurray!!! Look for our float in the parade next Sunday. Thank you to everyone making the hundreds of apple pies and those who purchase them to enjoy!

Fr. Tim Biren is temporarily in residence with Fr. Evans while he continues a period of sabbatical to read, pray, and exercise. He enjoys hiking and biking (not swimming like another priest that you know!). Call the parish office if you would like company on your hikes / bikes. Both priests enjoy chili. Please keep him in prayer during his time with us.

Fr. Evans



Why are we building a catering kitchen instead of a full kitchen?

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.

While this type of kitchen will not accommodate large parish events, it is well-suited for frequent, smaller gatherings such as post-Mass fellowship and funeral luncheons, which are catered. Larger events such as roast beef dinner, fish fries, and apple pie making will continue being held in the school cafeteria. (*To Be Continued.*)



Crucifixion Council of Catholic Women

Apple Pie Bake: Order your pies this weekend!! \$15.00 each and must be pre-ordered and picked up Thurs, Sept 18 between 12:30 and 5:30 pm, just in time for Applefest! Order on the parish website, under the pie!!



Crucifixion

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sat Sept 20: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Lisa Inglett, Michael Trnka, Gary Bubbers

Cup – Bill Petersen, Carol Banse

Lectors: Pat Morrison, Anita Harris

Servers: Bobby, Need 2

Sun Sept 21: 10:00 am

EuchMinister: James Wally, Roger Johnson,
Mary Ann Ekern
Cup – Need 2

Lectors: Michelle Dyrhaug, Cindy Henry

Servers: Owen, Levi, Gavin

Parish Support: Sept 7: \$ 8,246.93

Church / School Security –The church doors will be locked for all the 8:05am school Masses: side doors at 8:00am, and at 8:10am, the front doors will be locked for the duration of the Mass.

Crucifixion Sanctuary Carpet – The step on each side of the sanctuary will have the carpet replaced with a dark brown carpet to avoid a trip hazard. On the one side, the present carpet was removed, only to discover that they had sent the wrong color of carpet. This should be remedied in the coming weeks. The rail by the pulpit will be replaced by a longer rail which has been ordered and will be mounted in the coming months.

Youth Night of Worship (YNOW): Sunday, September 14th at 6:00pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church! ALL students in Grades 8 or higher (regardless of their faith denomination) are invited to attend this night of Praise, Worship, and Witness Testimonies.



St. Peter's

Liturgical Schedule Sunday September 21, 2025

Greeter: Mary Kay Sheehan

Lector: Mary Kay Sheehan

Servers: Wyatt, Michael, Violet

Gift Bearers: Dave and Sandee Feuerhelm

Euch Min/Choir: Sandee Feuerhelm
Dorothy Hoskins– c

Ushers: Mike Ross and Dave Feuerhelm

Rosary: Dave Feuerhelm

Parish Support: Sept 7: \$ 3,311.0

St. Peter's Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: We have surpassed our goal! Thank you!

Thank you to Fred Ross who made the stand from our former pews for the St. Joseph Statue in our entryway.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who donated towards the restoration of the stained-glass window depicting the child Jesus.

Congratulations, St. Peter's High School Class of 1965 on their 60th Class Reunion!

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.

This Weekend: Second Collection to support relief efforts in Gaza: There will be a second collection this weekend. Your contributions will go to two organizations with a proven track record of providing swift and effective relief: the **Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)** and **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. Both are on the ground, delivering essential aid such as food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support. To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at www.cnewa.org and www.crs.org.



KC Corner:

Want to know more about the Knights? Visit KofC.org for information on our mission, who we are and what we do. Also, members please attend the upcoming General Meeting on 9/18 at 6:00 after which Deacon Bob will lead a discussion during our post meeting meal on ***"How have we men passed on the faith to the next generation? What's worked and what hasn't?"***

"Light for the World - La Crescent:

A new ecumenical group is forming in La Crescent. It is comprised of people from Crucifixion, Prince of Peace and the Methodist Church. Our mission is to gather, learn and initiate good works throughout our community. Our initial focus will be Immigration. As a Kick-Off meeting, we invite you to join us at the Immigration Seminar on September 17th from 4:30 - 6:30pm as posted in last week's bulletin. To register or learn more, visit bit.ly/FSPASummit2025.

We will join our neighbors in La Crosse for an important learning opportunity. We will gather as La Crescent for a brief hello at the end of the session. Future sessions will be planned to meet together in La Crescent. We hope you will join us!

To register, visit bit.ly/FSPASummit2025.

Questions: Call Kathy Passe, 608 406 0716.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross,

celebrated each year on **Sept. 14**, invites us to reflect on the saving power of Christ's sacrifice. The cross, once a brutal instrument of death, has become for us the sign of victory, love and eternal life. On this feast, we are reminded that through Christ's suffering and death, God transformed the greatest symbol of human suffering into the pathway to redemption. As we honor the cross, we not only recall the price of our salvation but also embrace it as the source of hope, strength, and new life in our own daily struggles. Take time this week to pray before a crucifix in your home or in church, asking the Lord to strengthen you through the power of His Cross."

Support for Annunciation in Minneapolis: For those who wish to offer more than prayers and provide financial assistance, the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota, an archdiocesan recommended charitable foundation, has established the ***Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund*** to support those in the parish and school who were directly affected by the tragedy. That fund can be accessed here: <https://www.ccf-mn.org/annunciation-hope-and-healing-fund/>.

W-RDCCW Convention

The Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be Sat, October 11, 2025 at St. Adrian Catholic Church, 512 Main Ave, Adrian MN. There is a notice in the August issue of The Courier and a poster on the parish bulletin board with registration forms. Registration is due Oct. 1st. For more info, call Rosanne Buehler (507-895-2403). All women of St. Peter's and Crucifixion parish are invited to attend.

Respect Life:

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 Tues. Sept 23rd at 5:30 with the Rosary following Mass.

Friends of the La Crescent Library Book Sale:

Saturday, Sept 20, on the porch of the Library 9-noon. \$5.00 bag. \$1.00 Puzzles.