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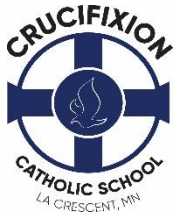
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Sunday, September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings Sept 14: Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17 (638)

When will construction begin on the Gathering Space and Childcare/Faith Formation Center?

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Timing of construction will depend on how soon we are able to raise the funds. In order to receive permission from the Diocese to move ahead with construction, Crucifixion needs 100% of a project pledged, with at least 75% cash in hand.

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!

Leadership Gatherings at Wieser Pavilion – If you have not received an invitation to the upcoming leadership gatherings on Wednesday, September 24, and Thursday, October 2, please RSVP for one of the upcoming events by September 17 by contacting Bonnie at (507) 895-4720 or cruxch@acegroup.cc. You may also scan the QR Code to RSVP online. 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 9	4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration 5:30 pm Mass +Bishop Harrington
Wed Sept 10	6:30 pm Faith Formation Kick Off +Donnis Buchan
Thu Sept 11	8:25 am St. Peters +Norbert and Mary Walter
Fri Sept 12	10:00 am Bay Harbor +Brandon Jennings & Wilfred Wilkes
Sat Sept 13	5:00 pm Crucifixion +Cathy Johnson
Sun Sept 14	8:00 am St. Peters +Judy Sheehan 10:00 am Crucifixion +For the Intentions of the Parishioners

*TV Mass on Sept. 7 will be Mass with 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!

Saints of the Week: This is an exciting week in the Church as we witness the canonization of two young men on September 7th!



Blessed Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial to be canonized! That's right!

Born in 1991, Carlo would only be 34 years old if he were still alive today. Carlo was a normal child of that era of technology, internet and social media, but used the technology to spread his love for the Eucharist. When he became ill with leukemia as a teenager, he used his time and technology skills to create an online log of all known Eucharistic miracles. Sadly, the illness took his life at the age of 15.

Pastor's Message

Bishop Bernard Harrington, the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, died last Saturday. He served as a priest / bishop for 66 years.

In 1999, he became the Bishop of our diocese, guided long-range planning, initiated the Seeds of Faith endowment, supported the formation of permanent deacons, expanded Catholic Charities services, championed Catholic education and safe environment programs.

Bishop Harrington was proud of his Irish heritage. At the time of his passing, he was 91 years old.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Tim Biren will be joining Fr. Evans in residence while he continues a period of sabbatical. Let us be a prayerful and supportive community for him during his time in our community. He likes to hike, so if you could show him some trails, please call the church office.

Fr. Evans



The other young man to be canonized is **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. He was a man who loved hiking, canoeing, anything outdoors, especially mountain climbing. It was during these outdoor excursions that Pier would evangelize to the young people who joined him. His motto "Verso L'alto," (To the top!) was his reminder that the top of the mountain was where he felt closest to God and could see God's majesty. Pier also had a great love for the poor, which may have contributed to his early death. He contracted polio and died at the age of 24.

Both of these young men are great reminders that evangelization is not a "one size fits all" plan. We each are called to evangelize and serve God with the unique gifts we have been given.



Crucifixion

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sat Sept 13: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Need 3

Cup – Need 2

Lectors: Pat Morrison, Cindy Henry

Servers: Owen, Oliver, Charlotte

Sun Sept 14: 10:00 am

EuchMinister: James Wally, Roger Johnson, Need 1

Cup – Ami Riggert, Need 1

Lectors: Wendy Fechner, Chris Fechner

Servers: Benson, Ryland, Lilly

Parish Support: Aug 30/31: \$ 4,924.80

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



St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule Sunday September 14, 2025

Greeter: Marlene Schultz

Lector: Pat Von Arx

Servers: Luke V, Robie, and Finnick

Gift Bearers: Eric & Kathy Rogich

Euch Min/Choir: Carol Mauss, Kelly Beckman – c
Sandy & Nate Culver - b

Ushers: Tim Von Arx and Don Petersen

Rosary: Aaron Franta

Parish Support: Aug 31: \$1,554.00

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.**

Church cleaners needed: St. Peter's is in need of church cleaners for the remainder of 2025. Contact the parish office.



CCCW Apple Pie Bake Place your order on the parish website, until we reach our limit of 300 pies. \$15.00 each, either baked or unbaked. Many volunteers are needed! Please consider helping. Sign up sheets available or call: Rosanne Buehler (507-895-2403) or Anne Trnka (507-895-6281) for more info.

Faith Formation Our Faith Formation programming kicks off this Wednesday evening, September 10th, with our annual "Kick Off Mass!" All families involved in any of our Faith Formation programs - Generations of Faith, EDGE Ministry, Confirmation Preparation - are invited to come and celebrate the new year together. Bring your completed registration forms and fees, and pick up program schedules. **Again, ALL students in Grades 1-10 who are not attending Crucifixion School, St. Peter's School, or Aquinas Middle School must be participating in our Faith Formation programs if they plan to one day be confirmed in the Catholic Church. Aquinas High School students must also be attending our Confirmation preparation program.**

Second Collection to support relief efforts in Gaza

Our Church community is united in prayer and concern for the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent people caught in the violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." To support this critical need, we will hold a second collection the weekend of September 13-14. 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 CNEWA and CRS are on the ground, delivering essential aid such as food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support.

A second collection will be taken the weekend of **September 13-14** to support CNEWA and CRS in their relief efforts. To learn more about their vital work, you can visit their websites at www.cnewa.org and www.crs.org.



KC Corner: The Knights have a stock of **La Crescent Seasonal paintings** for sale with the proceeds going to support **Pro-Life activities**. One painting is \$50 while the set of 4 is \$150. You can see the pictures in the lobby of the KC building outside of the Altra entrance. Contact Tom Fuchsel at 507-313-8000 to purchase. *They make great gifts!*

Coulee Region Immigration Summit: Immigration Allyship & Advocacy: Wed Sept 17, 4:30-6:30pm, at the Cappella Performing Arts Center, 721 King Street, La Crosse. The Summit will energize and call to action everyone who recognizes the contributions of immigrants to our nation. Sponsored by Coulee Region Immigration Task Force, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Franciscan Spirituality Center, Kino Border Initiative. All are welcome. To register and find more information, visit bit.ly/FSPASummit2025.

Youth Ministry

We are continuing to partner with our neighbors in Christ to offer a monthly **Youth Night of Worship (YNOW)**! 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 **Sunday, September 14th at 6:00pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church!**

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.

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/>.

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.

The next Respect Life Mass will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:30 with the Rosary following Mass.

La Crescent Meals on Wheels – Crucifixion Week Two: Sept 8-12

Monday: Joe & Cherie Weiss
Tuesday: Cindy Henry, Jane Welch
Wednesday: Sandy & Jeff Jensen
Thursday: Pat & Joe Briggeman
Friday: Erv & Carol Banse

Watch for the Crucifixion float in Applefest again on Sunday September 21st. Volunteers to help decorate or walk the route are welcome. Sign up sheet available.

Bulletin Submissions: Due Tuesdays by noon. Email Bonnie at Crucifixion office: cruxch@acegroup.cc