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Sunday, December 7, and Sunday December 14, 2025 *Second and Third Sundays of Advent*

Readings Dec 14: Is 35:1-6a, 10, Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7)

Readings Dec 21: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24 (10)



Thank you!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus

We have received many gifts to the capital campaign! A special thank you to those who returned their commitment forms and made financial gifts, as well as the volunteer Ambassadors who assisted with this effort.

If you have not returned your commitment form, please do so as soon as possible by mailing it in or putting it in collection at Mass. You may also visit our campaign website to make a commitment online.



We ask that you continue praying for God's guidance throughout this process, as well as the campaign volunteers and entire parish. We will soon share financial totals and next steps. For more information and to make a commitment online, visit our campaign page by going to Crucifixion's website or directly using the QR code.



Monday, December 8, we celebrate a **Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** **Mass Times:** 8:05 am Cruc, 10:00 am St. Peters, 5:30 pm St. Peters.

Healing Service with Mass: Mon Dec 15: 5:30 pm Sacred Heart Church, Cashton, WI

Parish Penance Service: Tues Dec 16: 6:30 pm Crucifixion

MASS SCHEDULE

Mon Dec 8 8:05 am Crucifixion
Immaculate Conception
+Donald Heintz
10:00 am St. Peters
+Jaynie Sheffer
5:30 pm St. Peters (Note location)
+Marty Zadow

Tues Dec 9 4:30-5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Crucifixion
+Joanne Moore

Wed Dec10 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Jagger Kreuger

Thur Dec 11 8:25 am St. Peters
+Rosemary Bennett

Fri Dec 12 No Mass

Sat Dec 13 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Donald and Lucille Hermann

Sun Dec 14 8:00 am St. Peter's
+ Paul, Betty, and Matt Von Arx
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

Pastor's Message:

On **Monday, December 8**, we celebrate a **Holy Day of Obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, nine months before the birth of Mary on September 8.

There is a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. It does not. Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived.

Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin.

Even in this life, God purifies us and trains us in holiness. By giving Mary this grace from the first moment of her conception, God showed us an image of our own destiny. Thus, towards the beginning of the Advent season, it is a celebration of hope for all Christians.

Fr. Evans

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Dec 16 4:30-5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Crucifixion
+Eva Johnson
6:30 pm Crucifixion Penance Service

Wed Dec17 8:05 am Crucifixion
Lisa Iverson-Leirmo

Thur Dec 18 8:25 am St. Peters
+Joanne Moore

Fri Dec 19 10:00 am Bay Harbor
+Rosemary Bennett

Sat Dec 20 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Cal Mitchell

Sun Dec 21 8:00 am St. Peter's
+Sandy Lehmann
10:00 am Crucifixion
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Saint of the Week *"I am a nobody. I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf."* These were the words of **St. Juan Diego** to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared to him and asked him to convince the Bishop to build a new church, a place where people could bring their worries and concerns to her, that she may pray for them. Although it took a miracle to convince him, the church was built. In the seven years following the building of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, six million people converted to the Church. Juan Diego's humility and faith remind us that we also are small, but with God, we can do great things.



Bring Christmas Joy to all our Homebound/Nursing Home /Elderly Parishioners
The CCCW are inviting

parishioners to participate in our Christmas Cookie Project. Please bring 1-2 dozen cookies to mass on Dec. 20 or 21. The cookies will be packaged and delivered to the homebound, nursing home and elderly. Let's brighten the lives of these special parishioners. If you know of any parishioners who would enjoy these treats, please call Bonnie (507-895-4720) at the church office. Refer any questions to Anne Trnka, 507-895-6281 or Ruth Berns, 507-895-6492 .



Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: Thanksgiving/Nov 29/30: \$3,886.05
Nov Online Giving: \$7,276.31

Crucifixion School and EDGE Ministry present:

Santa and the Christ Child*

And

The Live Nativity

Sunday, December 14th - 11:30am

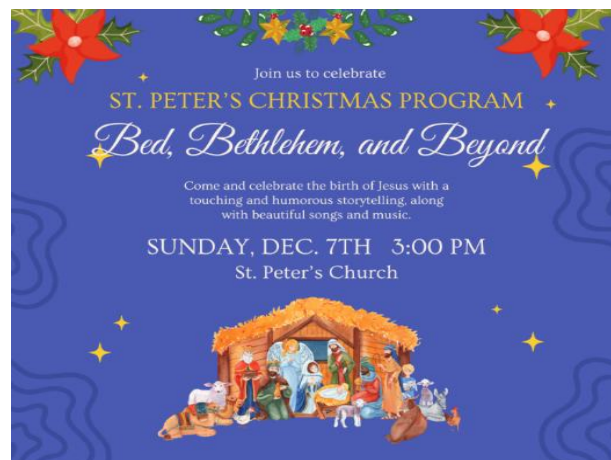
A cute program of narration and song, reminding Santa, and all of us, of the true meaning of Christmas, leads us into the prayerful presentation of the Live Nativity.

*Adapted from the book, "Santa and the Christ Child" by Nicholas Bakewell



St. Peter's

Parish Support: Nov 30: \$ 1778.61



All are welcome to join the St. Peter's Choir at 6:00P.M. on Christmas Eve to sing before Mass.

St. Peter's school Christmas Workshop: will take place during the week of December 15th. This is a chance for St. Peter's students to buy items for their family members for Christmas. We are looking for donations of new or gently used items, gift bags, tissue paper, or gift tags. Items can be dropped off at the school office.

If you are interested in volunteering by helping wrap gifts, please contact Holly Horihan by either phone or email. 608-780-7726 or hollyhorihan@gmail.com



Christmas Floral Memorials:

If you wish to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards Christmas flowers and liturgical environments, use the special envelopes and drop in the collection. All memorials must be in to the parish offices **NO LATER THAN Sunday December 14** for publishing in the Dec 27/28 bulletin. Please include your name as well as the name of person in whose memory the donation is being made. *If several families are donating towards the same memorial, please word as, ex: "Family Name", or "....Family".*

New this year: (Crucifixion Only) donations received in excess of funds needed for flowers will be forwarded to the **Crucifixion Cemetery Association** for the maintenance of Crucifixion and Pine Creek Cemeteries.

Capital Campaign Pledge Payments:

For those who have made pledges and will be making monthly/or quarterly payments, please indicate on your check that this is for the **Capital Campaign**, so it is applied towards your pledge. **Ideally, you would place in a separate envelope labeled as such. **** DO NOT place those payments in a regular giving envelope, as it will be recorded as an offering, and not towards your campaign pledge.** Thank you for your pledges!

Crucifixion School Advent Service Project: The children of Crucifixion School are making homemade stollen (German Christmas sweet bread) to include with cookies for the shut-ins as their Advent Service project. We will be making 250 small loaves of stollen. We are looking for some help with supplies for this endeavor. Any donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the School Office. Please contact Alexandra or Cheryl Van Atta with any questions. Our anticipated date of baking is Monday, December 15. There is a sign up on the school website for items needed. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094EAAAB22A3FD0-60896833-christmas#/>

HELP IS NEEDED for decorating our churches for Christmas immediately after the Sunday Masses on December 21. Please mark your calendars!



Help us Bring Joy to our neighbors at **La Crescent Health Services and Bay Harbor**: Please return unwrapped gifts by **Tuesday, December 16** to the table in the entrance at

Crucifixion or to the Parish Office. Suggested items:

La Crescent Health: older CD player, word finds, throw blankets, snacks (pepsi, diet coke, popcorn, chocolates, hard candy)

Bay Harbor: fuzzy socks/slippers WITH TREADS, men's socks, fidget blankets/items, memory games, easy card/dice games, word finds, easy adult coloring books and markers.

Wednesday, December 17th, we will be having an **old fashioned neighborhood caroling night!!**



We will meet in the school gym at 5:30pm to make cards to handout to our neighbors. We will then proceed to spread joy around our neighborhood, and then return to the gym for cocoa and cookies. The evening will be completely finished by 7pm. **All ages are welcome!!** Children ages 10 or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Faith Formation

Wed. Dec 10 - EDGE Ministry

Sun. Dec 14 -Christmas Program/Live Nativity 11:30am

Wed. Dec. 17, 24 and 31 NO EDGE Ministry

Youth Ministry

Sun Dec 14th: Youth Night of Worship for Grades 8-12 at La Crescent United Methodist Church, 6:00pm.

Reminder: All Giving that you wish to be considered for the 2025 tax year MUST be in to our offices no later than **WEDNESDAY, DEC 31st**. Offerings received after that date will be recorded for 2026. Envelopes put in the collection at the parish you are not registered at will be delayed.

Shan and John Gruden were once long time parishioners at Crucifixion. John has since passed, Shan has dementia, and lives in CO. Her daughter thinks she would benefit by hearing from folks in La Crescent, either by letter or phone, at: The Manor on Marston Lake, 4802 Old S Wadsworth Blvd, Room #8, Littleton, CO 80123. (303-407-3848). You can call the front desk at 303-973-6352.



KC Council 5115 performs many worthwhile local activities, but did you know what KC dues support on a national/world-wide level?

In 2024 the knights supplied more than 1.6 million winter jackets to children in need through our Coats for Kids initiative. The Knights also donated more than 158,000 wheelchairs to the disabled and 2,000 ultrasound machines to pro-life centers. The majority of the minimal \$30 yearly dues of a local KC member go to support these activities on a state, national and world level, while our own operations are funded by the Waffle Breakfast that is coming up on January 11th, 2026.

Respect Life Committee

As we enter this holy season of Advent, Pope Leo XIV is asking us to pray for an end to abortion. In 2024, over 73 million abortions were performed worldwide (World Health Organization.) This heartbreaking statistic stands in sharp contrast to the birth of Jesus, who was loved and protected from the moment of conception, despite being an unplanned pregnancy.

Please take 20 seconds out of your day to say a Hail Mary or an Our Father for these intentions and for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

Friends of the La Crescent Library Holiday Cookie Sale:

Sat Dec 13: 3-5pm. Community Room at the Fire Station. Pre-prepared assortment of homemade holiday cookies for \$18.00 plate. All proceeds benefit the La Crescent Library.

Widows Social Gathering

is Wed Dec 17, at 11:45AM at Corky's Pizza in La Crescent. RSVP to Pat Morrison, 507-895-

3714 pmorrison44@gmail.com or 507-459-6113 (cell).

Save the Date: Crucifixion Gala 2026! Exciting news! The Gala will be moving to the **La Crescent Event Center!**

