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*Sunday February 8, 2026
 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings Feb 15: Sir 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a (76)

Pastor's Message: The following are excerpts from Archbishop Hebda's article on January 20, 2026, calling for "Comprehensive Immigration Reform."

"If recent events in Minnesota have clarified anything, it's that we can no longer put off the hard work of immigration reform. Each year of inaction has made the debate louder, angrier and less humane. A difficult policy discussion has hardened into a cultural and political battleground. It's playing out on the streets here, where federal immigration officers are clashing with protesters.

Recent failures can't be ignored. The nation was poorly served by those who threw the border open. The flood of migrants overwhelmed local communities, eroded public trust and weakened the rule of law. Compassion divorced from order isn't compassion at all; it's negligence.

At the same time, it's wrong to blame undocumented immigrants themselves, many of whom came here seeking safety, work or family reunification. Solidarity can't be selective. We must stand with citizens and undocumented immigrants together as human beings created in God's image.

The current environment is untenable. Even law-abiding immigrants are living in fear that any interaction with authorities could separate parents from children or unravel years of honest work. What's required is a comprehensive, long-term solution that reflects reality rather than ideology. That solution must include the granting of a lawful status for those who have put down roots, contributed to their communities and lived here for years.

I see the human cost on all sides. I minister to immigrant parishioners who are fearful of driving their children to school or shopping for groceries, regardless of their legal status. I also serve those who feel abandoned by leaders who have seemed more interested in political posturing than in protecting their communities. The church can't choose one flock over another. Neither should the nation."

Let us continue to pray for peace and the common good.

Fr. Evans

MASS SCHEDULE

No Mass Monday – Friday

Sat Feb 14 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Orville "Doc" Johnson

Sun Feb 15 8:00 am St. Peter's
+Alfred Miller

10:00 am Crucifixion

+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

Fr. Evans is on retreat February 9-13 with Bishop Barron and all the priests of the diocese. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONFESSIONS

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!

PRAYER HOUR TO THE "MOST MERCIFUL SACRED HEART OF JESUS"



The Knights of Columbus, Council 5115, is hosting a prayer hour focusing on the "The Most Merciful Sacred Heart of Jesus." This prayer service will feature a beautifully framed Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The prayer service will be

held the evening of **February 16, 2026**, at Crucifixion Church, starting at 7:00 pm. Deacon Gerry will lead us in prayer and reflection. Prayer booklets and prayer cards will be available. All are welcome! Please call Jim Frie at 507-895-4383 with any questions.

Faith Formation

Wed. Feb 11 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. Feb 18 - NO EDGE Ministry - Ash Wednesday

Wed. Feb 25 - EDGE Ministry

Youth Ministry

Youth Night of Worship - Sunday, Feb 8 - We will be celebrating the Super Bowl early (NOON), so you can be home to watch the big game! Join us at Noon at La Crescent United Methodist for Worship and fun!!

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. We invite you to come learn and grow with us through monthly conversations. **The focus for 2026 will be on Immigration.**

The next meeting is **Thursday, 2/26 from 6PM - 7:30** at the Community Center. Topic will be "Refugees." **Speaker is Adam Jarvis, Refugee Services Director, Catholic Charities of So MN.** For more information, contact Kathy Passe at 608 406 0716.

What does the Catholic Church say about foreigners?

Catholic Catechism, 2241 Reference to Foreigners: "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the *foreigner* in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he can't find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him. Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, [//...to]to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens."



Ash Wednesday Masses, March 18

8:05am – Crucifixion

9:30am – St. Peter's with Bp. Barron

5:30pm - Crucifixion



Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: Jan 31/Feb 1 \$5,774.05

January Online giving: \$7085.88

Memorials Gerald Guentz: \$2,775.00

Welcome New parishioners: **Doug and Kaylee Inglett, June, Leide and Ryder!**

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome **Riley Christopher Winter**, son of Ryan and Katrina Winter.



Crucifixion Mardi Gras!

Monday, February 16th, 12:00-6:00 pm. This fun

school celebration is also the PTO's biggest fundraiser each year, and a highlight of

the year for the students! We need LOTS of volunteers to make this event happen, so please contact Amy Lathrop if you're interested in helping, at amyllathrop@gmail.com. Sign up can be done by calling the school office as well. You can also help by donating candy, small toys, or silent auction items. Donations can be dropped off in the school office. All help is greatly appreciated!"



Building For Our Future

Capital Campaign Pledge Payments:

Please place campaign pledge payments in a separate envelope

labeled "**Capital Campaign**". Indicate on your check that this is for the **Capital Campaign**, so it is applied towards your pledge.



Food shelf Sunday at Crucifixion this Weekend Feb 7 and 8



St. Peter's

Parish Support: Feb 1: \$2,127.00

Help fight a severe blood shortage! Give blood Wednesday, February 11th from 12 pm to 6 pm at the Hokah Fire Station. Every donation matters to patients in need! In thanks, get a \$20 e-gift card from the Red Cross when you come to give.



Saint of the Week: St. Scholastica is the twin sister of St. Benedict, both siblings giving their lives to God by founding religious communities. Both were dedicated to a monastic life of prayer and discipline. Only seeing each other one day per year, their day was

spent praying together and having conversations of faith and holiness. On their last day together, Scholastica knew her death was near, and she begged Benedict to stay the night with her. He refused, as this would have kept him away from his monastery and his nightly disciplines. At his refusal, Scholastica turned to God in prayer. A powerful lightning storm began that made it impossible for Benedict to leave. It is said that Scholastica told her brother, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God, and he granted it." The lives of Scholastica and Benedict remind us of how our relationship with Christ can grow through our relationships with friends and family.

(Are you or your loved-one in the hospital? Crucifixion and St. Peter parishes do not automatically know of a parishioner's hospitalization. Since 1996 HIPPA (privacy law on health information), your church asks if you would please share information to better serve your loved-one's spiritual needs. Contact your Parish Office, either by phone or email.)



KC Council The Knights of Columbus Council 5115 is sponsoring another Moon Tournament on Sunday, 2/15, from 1:00 – 4:00 to raise funds

for the final window renovation at St. Peter's Church. The cost for the remaining window is \$8,500 and the Knights will be matching donations up to half of that amount! (\$4,250) "Entry fee" is a free will donation and you do not have to attend to contribute.

Respect Life Committee

As we end the first month of 2026, the newest report on abortions in Minnesota in 2024 was released. 13,729 abortions were performed at 7 abortion facilities located in the state. Of these, 8052 were performed by Planned Parenthood. One physician alone at a facility performed 1204 abortions. These are babies, not just numbers. Please pray for an end to abortion and respect for all human life.

(Induced Abortions in Minnesota, January-December 2024: Report to the Legislature)

Meals on Wheels Crucifixion Schedule

Feb 16-Feb 20

- Monday: John & Cathy Klug
- Tuesday: Mike & Anne Trnka
- Wednesday: Cheryl Olson
- Thursday: Bob & Jenny Heth
- Friday: Mike & Pat Hase

The 2026 Gala: A Night of Giving is coming up soon! April 11 at the La Crescent Event Center! We are in need of **Live and Silent Auction** items. **See you there!**

The Man of God Men's Conference will take place Saturday, February 21 at the Church of the Ss. Peter and Paul in Mankato. Register here: <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3997>



Teams of Our Lady
USA Super Region

*Teams of Our Lady
Marriage Retreat*

The Winona Sector of Teams of Our Lady will be sponsoring a

Marriage Retreat on Saturday, March 7th from 1-4:30 at the **Wieser Pavilion in La Crescent**. The retreat leaders will be Sister Sarah Hennessey and Karna Marks from the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse. The topic for the day is **"Joy."**

This retreat is open to all married couples of Crucifixion and St. Peter's parishes. You do not need to be involved with Teams of Our Lady to attend.

Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

John 15:11

Joy is our natural state and can be cultivated with awareness and practices. Often it feels like daily life and other difficult emotions hide our joy from us. Through the lens of scripture, Franciscan stories, prayer, and conversation with your spouse – we'll come home to joy in the midst of life's complexities. This retreat is a day of rest and joy – come as you are – you are Beloved!

This event is **free** of charge. To register, please email **winonamnsector@gmail.com** or call Kristi at 608-397-5441. Please include names of each couple, email address and phone number. We hope you can join us!

The Crucifixion Rummage Sale is happening again this year!! **Next Collection Date:**

Sat March 7: 9-11am
the Crucifixion Parish Office, back door, enter through the alley. Large furniture items will be accepted at a later date.

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