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CHURCH OPEN for prayer. Use the side doors. Front doors remain locked.

Weekdays 7:40 am – 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sundays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK available after Mass or by arrangement.

CONFESSIONS: Sat 4:00-4:40pm



CRUCIFIXION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"A welcoming community of spirit-filled disciples, serving others through God's love."

Sunday November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

Advent is a time of hope in the midst of darkness. Our Savior was born on the darkest day of the year in the midst of winter, to be a "light" to all peoples. In the midst of the many crises that we are experiencing in our world, we as Christians respond by prayer to a God who constantly redeems his people. Our focus is on God and what God has done and is doing. We say "yes" to our God who loves life into each one of us!

Fr. Armand Nigro, S.J., writes, "Just thinking about God is not prayer. When I am thinking about you, you are the focal point of my thoughts, but that is not *communication* with you. Prayer is a person-to-person communication with God. If I am thinking *about* God or the life of Christ and what he has done, that is holy, meritorious, good and helpful for prayer, but it is not essentially prayer."

During this Advent time, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, make use of this season to acknowledge God's presence, to thank Him, and to respond lovingly to Him, who first loved us.

Fr. Evans

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING:



Father, we praise you for sending your Son to save us from our sins and to be light in our darkness. Bless (+) us as we gather in his name, and bless (+) this wreath as a sign of his light among us. We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joshua Schaefer**, son of Stephen and Vicki Schaefer, of our parish. We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends who mourn his loss. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

THANK YOU

to all who are serving in a variety of ministries, committees, and each one of you, who gather for worship!

Fr. Evans

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Nov 30	5:30 pm St. Patricks +Bernice & Charles Graf, Sr.
Wednesday Dec 1	5:30pm Crucifixion +Patti Breuer
Thursday Dec 2	8:05am Crucifixion + Mary Lou Heintz 5-6pm Adoration
Friday Dec 3	8:05am Crucifixion + William & Georganna Mishler 9:45 am La Crescent Health +Jean Welch
Saturday Dec 4	5:00 pm Crucifixion +Lucille Peterson
Sunday Dec 5	8:00 am St. Patrick's +For the Intentions of the parishioners 9:30 am Crucifixion +Karen Wieser

ADORATION is 5:00-6:00 pm Thursday, December 2. Come for a few minutes or the entire hour of prayer. This year, we have begun Adoration, also, in our school. The insights from the children about feeling such a “deep sense of peace,” that “God is really with me,” and “just being with Jesus” in these special times, are only a few of their comments.

Support November 21, 2021

Offertory: \$187.36	Envelopes: \$5718.00
Vigil lights: \$13.26	Campaign Human Dev: \$588.00
BG: \$56.50	Help a Student: \$10.00
All Saints: 368.00	Thanksgiving: \$101.00



The Christmas Gift & Craft Showcase

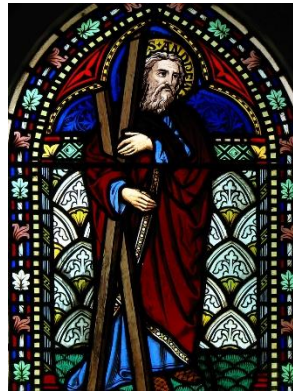
Sat Dec 4th 9am – 2pm.

Crucifixion School

First Saturday Rosary Group meets in the church the first Saturday of every month at 10am. The side doors of the Church will be open. All are welcome!

2022 Calendars

We ordered our calendars from a different vendor this year. The calendars, produced by **Catholic Extension**, feature **Feasts and Saints** are available in the back of the church. Catholic Extension is the **only** producer of calendars that gives **100% of its proceeds** to fund grants that benefit poor mission dioceses where faith is thriving but the resources are scarce.



Saint of the Week

St. Andrew was one of the twelve Apostles and was before that one of the first disciples of John the Baptist. His brother was Peter. Andrew heard Jesus preach, and then went to Peter and brought him to Jesus. He, along with the Apostle Philip, brought

Gentiles to Jesus, told Jesus about the boy with the fish and bread that Jesus took and fed the 5000, and after the Ascension went to many regions preaching the Gospel. He was crucified for his faith. St. Andrew is an example for us to bring others to Christ by reaching out to them and then accompanying them into the Faith.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

As we begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the Birth of the One who commissions us to be his disciples, it is a celebration of who God is and who we are called to be. We are asking that you take this request to your own daily prayer (a special prayer is on the bookmarks being handed out at all Masses this weekend) and reflect on what this means in your own life and what it can mean to the life of our parish.

-Cindy Henry, Member of our Discipleship Team



Christmas Flowers – As the Christmas season approaches, donations are being accepted for Christmas flowers for the church. If you wish to make your donation in memory of a loved one,

please include their name and your name with your gift. Special envelopes are available in the pews or the back of the church. Donations may be placed with the collection or mailed to the Parish Office at 423 S. 2nd St, La Crescent, MN 55947. Donations must be into the office by December 17 for recognition of your memorial in the bulletin.

“Sunday Scripture Preview” Every Tuesday 9am
Fitzgerald Center
Tues Nov 30, we will preview the Scripture Readings for Dec 5: Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6 (6) Email John Farnen at jpfarnen@acegroup.cc.

Magnificat Advent Companions Booklets

We have ordered several of these booklets and they are now available in the back of the church. These beautiful booklets are similar to the Magnificat Lenten Companion booklets we offered during Lent.

This rich spiritual companion will accompany you like a beloved friend through the four weeks of Advent with poignant scriptural reflections for each day of the season. If you long for the nearness of God in your life, this invaluable little booklet promises to bring you ever closer to the one who promised: I am with you always (Mt 28:20)

A suggested donation of \$2.00 per booklet is appreciated to help offset the cost to our parish. You may place donations in the collection, or in the lock box next to the booklets.

Meetings:

Worship Space Renovation – 1:00pm Thursday, December 1 (Tentatively)

Upcoming Faith Formation Dates

Tues. Nov. 30 - Elementary Faith Formation - 3:00

Wed. Dec. 1 - All Edge Ministry Students (Grades 5-8) Meet at the church at 6:30pm for confessions. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come and receive the sacrament as well. Students who have parents in attendance will be allowed to leave as soon as they have finished their confession.

Sun. Dec. 5 - Grades 9 and 10 Confirmation Session immediately following 9:30 Mass.

Tues. Dec. 7 - Elementary Faith Formation - 3:00

Wed. Dec. 8 - NO EDGE MINISTRY - All grades 5-8 students should attend the Holy Day (Immaculate Conception) Mass with their families at 5:30pm!

Houston County Care & Share



The Joy of Giving

Due to continued uncertainty with COVID 19 in our community, the Houston County Care and Share program will present recipients with gift cards for the 2021 holiday season. We will not be placing tags on

trees in the local churches, but rather will use all monetary donations to purchase gift cards for children of families in need in Houston County. Please send monetary or gift card donations to Houston County Care & Share, PO Box 402 Caledonia, MN 55921 or drop off at the Parish Office. Make Checks payable to ‘Houston County Care & Share’.

Donations accepted thru Dec. 1, 2021.

Mark your Calendars!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 18-20, 2022 in WINDOM, MN and Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

Cor Jesu - First Friday of December

The Cathedral invites you to Cor Jesu on Friday, December 3rd from 7:00-8:30pm. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook, go to cascwinona.org/prayer-opportunities and click on “Cor Jesu” in the drop-down list, or call Olivia Gadiant at (507) 951-7063.

COUPLES FUN NIGHT: Mark your calendars for 7:00-8:30pm Friday, December 10, for a time to get together with other couples just to have a good time and meet others. More information will be forthcoming in next week’s bulletin.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers
Will be after the Masses on Dec 4 and 5th



Next Rummage Sale Drop off: Friday December 3, from 5-7 pm at the Parish Office. Use the back alley entrance. *No large furniture items will be accepted during winter months.

GET INVOLVED!

We are in need of parishioners to sign up as lectors, eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, rosary leaders and servers for the upcoming months.

Please sign up on our website under GET INVOLVED. Using the sign up has many advantages, as you are able to coordinate dates that work best for your entire family. Ex: you and your spouse may sign up for lecturing or as gift bearers at the same time slot as your child is a server. You sign up with your email, and will receive a reminder.

We are currently in the process of updating our lists of lectors and eucharistic ministers. If you are receiving Sign Up messages for those ministries, and are no longer able to participate, please email cruach@acegroup.cc and you will be removed from the email list.



Here is a google form link you can type into your web browser to access the survey electronically. You can also find the link directly on the Church Website. <https://forms.gle/yQ5urKMBD9vX3T829>. Please complete by November 30. All parishioners aged 18 and older are asked to participate. Paper copies are available in the church or parish office. Your responses will remain anonymous.