



**Crucifixion
Church and School
La Crescent**

**St. Peter's
Church and School
Hokah**



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Sunday, May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings May 18: Acts 14:21-27, Rv 21:1-5a, Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54)

Pastor's Message

The deacon's role beyond Mass involves consoling the sick and those who are grieving and assisting people on their faith journey, especially those who are struggling with their faith or issues with the Church.

The Catholic deacon is so much more than an assistant at the altar. Deacon Gerry celebrates the majority of Baptisms in our parishes. He not only assists at funerals, but preaches at half of them, provides the rites at burials / internments, and officiates at weddings that do not include the Eucharist.

Cullen Gallagher will be ordained on Saturday, May 24, at the Cathedral as a transitional deacon (meaning that he will be ordained a priest in about one year) and shares in Deacon Gerry's mission of service. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1570) states, "*The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an imprint ('character') which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the 'deacon' or servant of all.*"

Fr. Evans

The Use of Incense #4 – The three Magi offered baby Jesus frank-incense (Matt. 3) and the prophet Malachi predicted that every place will have incense offered to God (Malachi 1:11). The religious purpose for using incense increases our respect for him, reminds us of him, memorializes his past deeds, atones for sins, and reminds us of our true home in heaven. We have purchased a variety of incense for those with allergies. *To be continued...*

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues May 13	4:30 -5:20 pm Adoration 5:30 pm Crucifixion +Sharon Kasha
Wed May 14	8:05 am Crucifixion +Shirley Just
Thur May 15	8:25 am St. Peters + Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri May 16	10:00 am Springbrook +Suzanne Flatten
Sat May 17	5:00 pm Crucifixion +Ambrose, Susan, and Kenny Baumgartner
Sun May 18	8:00 am St. Peters +Jim Bennett 10:00 am Crucifixion + For the Intentions of the Parishioners

CONFESSIONS **Tues:** 5:00-5:20 pm **Crucifixion**
Sat: 4:00-4:40 pm **Crucifixion**
Sun: 7:30-7:50 am **St. Peter's**

Sunday Scripture Preview: Join other Crucifixion and St. Peter's parishioners to preview the upcoming scripture readings. Tuesdays from 9am – 10 am in the Crucifixion Parish Office.

Congratulations to Bishop Barron who has been appointed by President Trump to serve on the Commission on Religious Liberty. Freedom of religion in our country has been a central concern in our nation, especially within our schools and hospitals.

Saint of the Week: St. Isidore: When he was barely strong enough to lift a hoe, Isidore became a servant to a wealthy landowner from Madrid, and worked faithfully in his fields. Isidore also had a great faith, causing him to get up early to go to church before heading out into the fields. His fellow workers sometimes complained that he showed up late because of lingering in church too long. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, Isidore prayed and talked with God. He was known for his love of the poor and supplying them miraculously with food. Isidore is the patron of farmers and rural communities, and his feast is celebrated on May 15.



The Knights of Columbus Prayer service, focusing on "Divine Mercy." will be held **May 12 at Crucifixion Church at 7:00**

pm. The prayer service will feature "the Icon of Divine Mercy," which is a beautifully framed reproduction of Jesus offering His Divine Mercy and Forgiveness of sin by revealing his Sacred Heart. The Minnesota Knights of Columbus has four of these beautiful Icons traveling throughout Minnesota offering an opportunity to pray and reflect on the inconceivable mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. Our Council's Evangelical Faith Formation Director, Deacon Bob Yerhot, will lead the prayer services. Prayer booklets and cards accompany the Icon for use at this service. All are welcome. The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service Organization dedicated to making better Catholic men and their families.

The May15th General Membership meeting will start at 5:30PM this month. A degree ceremony for 2 new members (Justin Riggert and Billie Ott) will kick off the meeting, followed by our general meeting. A short presentation/interactive discussion with Deacon Bob Yerhot will conclude the meeting, with light lunch to follow. All members are invited to attend if possible, to welcome our new members and actively engage in the meeting. Thank you!!

Today's Second Collection - Never Losing Sight of What Matters - Catholic Charities Appeal This weekend's second collection supports the Catholic Charities Appeal, held each Mother's Day Weekend. Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable in our diocese—from children and families facing hardship to seniors in need of care and advocacy.

While there are many worthy causes to support, please consider embracing the mission of Catholic Charities. The need is real in Southern Minnesota, and your support is crucial in answering that need. Together, we can provide shelter, food, and care to those who need it most—never losing sight of what truly matters: Community. Compassion and the call to serve. If you are unable to contribute today, you can mail in your donation using the reply envelope in the recent Catholic Charities Appeal mailer or donate online at www.ccsomn.org. All donations stay in our diocese. Thank you for your generosity!

Crucifixion

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sat May 17: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Carol Banse, Anita Harris

Lectors: Michelle Dyrhaug, Anita Harris

Servers: Need 5

Sun May 18: 10:00 am

EuchMinister: Assigned

Lectors: Assigned

Servers: Samuel, Ryland, OwenB, Vivian, Need 1

Parish Support: May 4: \$8,819.21

Congratulations to Father Evans on his 45th Anniversary of Ordination!

Mass: 10:00 Sunday, May 18

Followed with coffee, juice, & rolls and a short
program from 11:30-Noon in the Crucifixion School
Gym

**Cullen Gallagher Ordination to the Diaconate –
10:00am Saturday, May 24** – Cathedral, Winona
Everyone is welcome, please respond RSVP for the
Mass & Reception or Mass only at
deaconsrvp@dowr.org or calling (507)454-4643.

Happy 93rd Birthday to Donnis Buchan on May 13!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Shirley
Huber**, of Crucifixion parish. We extend our prayers
and sincere sympathy to the family and friends who
mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

Nursing Home Rosary

May 20: 2pm La Crescent Health

May 21: 3pm Springbrook(now called Bay Harbor)

We welcome Tyler Stoeffler to the Crucifixion
School Finance Council.

St. Peter's

Liturgical Schedule Sunday May 18, 2025

Greeter: 8th Grad Grads

Lector: 8th Grade Grads

Servers: Evan, Carson, Jared, Michael, Violet

Gift Bearers: Students

Euch Min/Choir: Deb Hanan

Larry Hanan– c

Sandee Feuerhelm & Dorothy Hoskins - b

Ushers: Don Petersen and Mike Ross

Rosary: Aaron Franta

Parish Support May 4: \$2,513.00

Through the waters of baptism we welcome

Grayler Douglas Lorenz, son of Dawson Lorenz and
Christina Dewall.



St. Peter's 8th Grade Graduation will be
held on Sunday, May 18th at 8:00 a.m.
Mass. A reception will follow in the gym, and all are
invited to attend and enjoy coffee and
donuts. Congratulations to **Toby Bennett** and
Vanessa Von Arx! May God bless you on your high
school journey!

Outdoor Mass at St. Joseph's Church Site - On
Wednesday, May 21st, we will be having an outdoor
Mass **at the site of our original parish church**, St.
Joseph's, at the Langen Farm at 4338 Pfeffer Valley
Rd. at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this special
Mass. Please pass the word!

**Celebrating baccalaureate and Cullen Gallagher's
first Mass as a Deacon:** Sunday, May 25th: Join us
for coffee and donuts following Mass. *If there are
any Seniors who have not been contacted about
Baccalaureate, please contact Theresa Von Arx
at tvonarx@stpetershokah.org.



Respect Life Committee

We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for honoring all mothers today with flowers and for supporting life in our

parishes and community!

Today, we thank God for our mothers, those living and those who are no longer with us. We pray for all mothers, those who will celebrate this day with their children, and for those who may be lonely today without them. We honor the selfless sacrifice of mothers who chose life for their child and let another family have the joy of raising that child. We pray for mothers who only have children in heaven due to miscarriage and long to have a child. We thank God for the Blessed Mother, who, through her humility and her "yes" to the Lord, is a mother to all of us.

Please take a moment today to pray a Hail Mary for the special moms in your life and ask for the Mother Mary's intercession in all of your prayers.

Happy Mother's Day!

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of NE Wisconsin. There is still time to join Father Evans as he leads a group on a 2 day pilgrimage to the Shrines of NE Wisconsin on June 17 and 18! We will visit a nationally recognized Marian Site. The price is \$100/person. You can register at the parish offices. Lodging :- AmericInn in Green Bay located at 2628 Manitowoc Rd. Everyone is responsible for making their own reservations. Call 920-964-0177 Rate \$98 plus taxes. Ask for reservations in the block of rooms for Church of Crucifixion. **Please sign up by May 15**



Crucifixion Rummage Sale:

Fri May 30: 12-7pm

Sat May 31: 8-11am

Larger items accepted the week of the sale email rummagesale@crucifixionschool.org

La Crescent Area Bereavement Program

The death of a loved one can be devastating; sadness, loss, and anger are deep and painful. Sharing our experiences and feelings with other people who have experienced similar losses is the first step in overcoming the heavy burden of grief.

Crucifixion Catholic Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, La Crescent United Methodist Church and Mayo Healthsystem-La Crosse are collaborating to offer a bereavement program. The sessions will be facilitated by nurses and counselors. This is a free offering. These sessions will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. They will be offered every Thursday starting July 18 for a total of 10 meetings. The times are 1:30-3:00PM. For registration or more information, call Jane Welch at 608-797-4554.



Plant Sale Sat May 17: 8 am – 1pm, Blessed

Sacrament's Women's Club will be sponsoring a Plant Sale in the BSP parking lot, Losey Blvd La Crosse. Grow your garden and help support a young woman in need! Proceeds go directly to fund the education, housing and safety of a young woman living at Hosea's Heart in eSwatini. Learn more about Hosea's Heart and donate at hoseasheart.org.

Meals on Wheels Crucifixion Schedule

May 12-16:

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

May 19-May 23:

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