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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 14, 2021

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor’s Message

“When someone we love deeply dies, something in us dies as well. Love creates a bond that when it is broken, hurts.” “The end goal of love is worth the cost of the fear and pain that love engenders.” “To love God with all our being scatters the darkness and fear that come with losing what we have loved. Because when we love God with all our being, we discover that love never ends. The fear of loving what death can touch fades when the fullness of love grasps our heart. When we remember the eternity of love, even the loss of a loved one brings a painful joy” (Fr. Michael Skluzacek, Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul).

Our “Book of Life” continues to be in the church entryway for you to enroll the names of your deceased loved ones. At the weekend Masses, it is processed into a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle at the Baptismal Font.

Fr. Evans

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joe Walter**, father of Sheila Freese, brother of Mary Ann Zadow and Norbert Walter, 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.*

Welcome this weekend to our visitors from **FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)**. They are missionaries who work on college campuses and draw people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. They help people who have been Catholic in “name” to become fervent believers and attract non-Catholics to search what a lived faith is through Bible studies, activities and the RCIA.

Confessions will now be offered on Wednesdays before Mass from 5:00-5:20 pm, with the exception of November 24.

“Sunday Scripture Preview”

Are you interested in joining a Bible Study? Join other parishioners in previewing the scripture readings for the following Sunday. Discuss what they mean to you and how they relate to your life.

All are welcome!

Every Tuesday 9am Fitzgerald Center

Tuesday November 16th, we will be previewing the Scripture Readings for Nov 21: Dn 7:13-14/Rv1:5-8, Jn 18:33b-37 (161)

Questions? Email John Farnen at jpfarnen@acegroup.cc.

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Tues Nov 16 | 5:30 pm St. Patricks +In honor of Don Hoodecheck birthday |
| Wednesday Nov 17 | 5:30pm Crucifixion +Irv Reisbig |
| Thursday Nov 18 | 8:05 am Crucifixion +Michael Walter |
| Friday Nov 19 | 8:05 am Crucifixion +William Mishler 9:45 am Springbrook +Maxine Luft |
| Saturday Nov 20 | 5:00 pm Crucifixion +Herbert & Naomi Becker |
| Sunday Nov 21 | 8:00 am St. Patrick's +Deceased members of Helke family 9:30 am Crucifixion + For the Intentions of the Parishioners |

Support November 7, 2021

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| Offertory: \$355.65 | Envelopes: \$6432.00 |
| Vigil lights: \$ 45.00 | Campaign Human Dev: \$70.00 |
| BG: \$40.00 | Help a Student: \$ 140.00 |
| All Saints: \$167.00 | Thanksgiving: \$15.00 |
| Memorials: \$1000.00 in memory of Ken McGuire | |

Meetings

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM: 6:30pm Tues, Nov 16, in the Science Room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 7:00pm Thurs, Nov 18.

WORSHIP SPACE RESTORATION: 1:00pm Friday, Nov 19, in the Church.



Save the Date!
*The Christmas
Gift & Craft Showcase*
Saturday Dec 4th 9am – 2pm.
Crucifixion School

Altar Server Training

As you may have noticed, we are again utilizing Altar Servers at weekend Masses!! YAY!!!! If you are in fourth grade or older, and were a server in the past and would like to continue that ministry, there is a Sign-Up Genius on our parish website to sign up for available mass times. If you have not been a server in the past, and would like to, (or if you have been a server, but would like a refresher course) there will be a **training session following the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, November 21st.** Contact Rebecca in the parish office to be registered for this training! All students in fourth grade and up are encouraged to be trained and actively involved in this important ministry!

Faith Formation Calendar

Elementary Faith Formation - Tuesday, November 16, 3:00-4:00

Middle School Edge Ministry - Wednesday, November 17 (5/6 - 5:30-6:45, 7/8 - 7:00-8:15)

NO Elementary Faith Formation - Tues, November 23

NO Middle School Edge Ministry - Wed, Nov 24



Monthly Rosary

La Crescent Nursing Home and Springbrook Masks must be worn.

Feel free to join our group!

Tues Nov 16: LaCrescent Health
2pm

Wed Nov 17: Springbrook 3pm

Grief Circle

This is an in-person group meeting Wednesdays 10am-Noon, from Nov 10-Dec 15. Fee: \$25. Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market St., in La Crosse. This group is for those grieving the death of a loved one, and a place to share your thoughts, feelings, and concerns about what is happening to you with others who are going through the same thing. www.FSCenter.org (608-791-5295) for information and sign up.

Houston County Care & Share



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. For

the second year, we will not be placing tags on trees in the local churches with gift ideas for children, but rather will use all monetary donations to purchase gift cards for children of families in need in Houston County.

In 2020, the Care & Share program served 227 households which included 354 children and 93 elderly/disabled. The generosity shown during the holiday season will never be forgotten by the grateful recipients.

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. Checks can be made payable to 'Houston County Care & Share'.

Donations accepted thru Dec. 1, 2021.

Donor Match Program for On-line Giving

Would you like to simplify your monthly giving, and help the parish earn an extra \$1000.00? Sign up on our website for recurring monthly on-line giving, and your first gift will be matched up to \$50.00, by Parishsoft, our on-line giving vendor. You choose the amount, the date of withdrawal, and can even specify which fund your giving goes towards, (ex: Buildings and Grounds, Help a Student, or regular Sunday giving). The first gift from a new recurring donor must be added between November 1 and December 31, 2021. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

A Christmas Concert to benefit A Place of Grace will be held **Sunday, December 5, 2 pm** in the **San Damiano Chapel, 900 Franciscan Way, La Crosse** on the Viterbo Campus. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke with special guests Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM and Polly Pappadopoulos with comments from Tom Thibodeau. **Cash and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully received. Due to Covid, masks are required for the concert.**

School News

Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Winners....the peace poster theme this year was 'we are all connected'. Congratulations to the following winners!

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| 1 st place | Alivia Ritter (6) |
| 2 nd place | Olivia Small (5) |
| 3 rd place | William Docan-Morgan (6) |
| 4 th place | Brooklyn Fruechte (6) |

Roast Beef Dinner....Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the Roast Beef Dinner. Special thanks to the Roast Beef Dinner committee for all their hard work and effort to make this event such a success!

Proud Moment.....on Thursday, 11/4, Miss Reed's 4th Grade Class participated in Adoration for the first time. Afterwards, the children shared about their experience. Three of the children talked about "feeling a very special and close connection" to the Lord. Most of the young people spoke about being loved / loving the Lord in that worship experience. Father was so moved with their understanding and openness. They can teach us so much about our faith and encountering Jesus in Adoration. Reminder: this is offered to all parishioners 5:00-6:00pm The first Thursday of each month.



In need of prayers? Contact the Crucifixion Church prayer chain and its members will pray for your intention. Email mamekern@gmail.com, or call Rosanne Buehler at 895-2403, or Barb McGuire at 895-6597.

Basilica of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Winona, Fall Festival will be Nov 20, in the Church Hall, after the 4pm Mass. Quilt raffle, baked goods/candy booth, theme baskets, and children's games. Lunch available.



Parish Survey

The Discipleship Team has been meeting regularly since August to imagine the possibility of our parish vision statement: "A welcoming community of Spirit-filled disciples, serving others through God's love." We are requesting your participation in the following survey, in order to better understand who we are now and to prepare for our shared future as a parish. Because the experience of parish participation will vary from person to person, we ask that each parishioner (18 years of age and older) complete a survey individually. Please be honest and thoughtful in your responses as they will assist us as we discern the next faithful steps we will take together. Your responses will remain anonymous. **Please complete and return on or before November 30th.**

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>

Thank you for your time and consideration,
The Discipleship Team

Crucifixion Cemetery News Installation of our new columbarium is now complete. Each niche in the new columbarium is double occupancy. Cost for parish members is \$2600. For all cemetery concerns, please contact Randy Thompson at 608-498-2783 or 895-4862 between the hours of 8am-1pm. Leave a message and he will return your call. Please remove flowers, etc, soon before the first snowfall.

Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org.



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 if you are able to serve. 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 cruxch@acegroup.cc and you will be removed from the email list.

