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*Sunday January 25, 2026  
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings Feb 1: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 5:1-12a (70)

**Pastor's Message:** Thank you to the extraordinary generosity of our parish community and the Holy Spirit, our capital campaign has surpassed its \$3.2 million goal, with just over \$4 million pledged to support the new daycare, gathering space, offices, and storage space! This is truly something to celebrate! Your prayers, sacrifices, and generosity are already making a lasting impact on Crucifixion, and I, along with the Campaign Committee and Ambassadors and over 60 volunteers are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed.

While we have exceeded our fundraising target, construction costs have increased as well. We included contingency funds for both projects, but it is clear to see that price inflation has exceeded these estimates as the contractor seeks bids for the daycare portion of the project. We expect to experience the same increases with the gathering space. Additional support remains important to ensure both projects proceed as planned, without reductions or the need to use additional church savings. So, if you have been on the sidelines waiting to see if these projects are moving forward, now is the time to participate in this important effort. Any funds received beyond what is needed to complete the daycare and gathering space will be dedicated to updated furnishings, technology improvements, and future maintenance and care of our facilities.

As we move forward, the next steps include finalizing construction bids and establishing a project timeline. Our goal is to break ground on the daycare in late February, followed by the gathering space later this year. We will continue to provide updates as the projects advance.

Thank you again for your prayers, generosity, and support as we take these exciting next steps.

*Fr. Evans*



**Catholic Schools Week: January 25-31, 2026: "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness"**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Tues Jan 27** 4:30-5:20 pm Adoration  
5:30 pm Crucifixion  
+Gerald Guentz

**Wed Jan 28** 8:05 am Crucifixion  
Kiel Family

**Thur Jan 29** 8:25 am St. Peters  
+Raymond and Mary Ann Happel

**Fri Jan 30** 10:00 am Crucifixion w Bishop Barron  
Dr. Jack and Fran Lane Family

**Sat Jan 31** 5:00 pm Crucifixion  
+Dan Welsch

**Sun Feb 1** 8:00 am St. Peter's  
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners  
10:00 am Crucifixion  
+ Jim and Rosemary Bennett

## CONFESSIONS

Tues: 5:00 – 5:20pm Crucifixion  
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!

## Faith Formation

Wed. Jan 28 - EDGE Ministry

**Widow's Gathering:** Corky's Pizza in La Crescent on Wednesday January 28 at 11:45AM. To RSVP or for questions, Pat Morrison 507-895-3714 (home) or cell 507-459-6113 or email, [Pmorrison44@gmail.com](mailto:Pmorrison44@gmail.com)

*(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.)*

**This weekend is our Kick-Off to Catholic Schools Week.** This year's theme is: "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness", with Daily Activities, including Mass with Bishop Barron on Friday, January 30. We appreciate all our teachers and staff at Crucifixion School!

**Saint Sebastian** is a well known saint among our youth. Many are led to him because he is the patron saint of athletes. Saint Sebastian joined the Roman Army and was a Praetorian Guard, although in secret, he was a Christian and took this post to help other Christians who were being persecuted. Once found out, Sebastian was sentenced to death by tying him to a post on the athletic practice field and having archers use him as target practice. When he was thought to be dead, his body was allowed to be retrieved and prepared for burial. The woman assigned with this task discovered he was still alive and nursed him back to health. Sebastian then presented himself to Emperor Diocletian as a sign to him of the power of God. Emperor Diocletian then sentenced him to death a second time and made sure the task was successful. Saint Sebastian challenges us to be strong in our convictions to serve others through God's love.

**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.**

For more information, contact Kathy Passe at 608 406 0716. To further educate, we will be featuring a question and answer each week in the bulletin:

### What are the types of immigration status?

- o Naturalized citizen
- o Resident status: One who is a green card holder (Lawful permanent resident – LPR) or conditional permanent resident (one granted LPR status for a limited time.)
- o Nonimmigrant status: One who has temporary visa for work, study, or tourism.
- o Undocumented/unauthorized status: One who resides in the US without legal authorization or valid immigration documentation



## Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: Jan 17/18: \$3,881.58

Crucifixion's Pastoral Council: will meet at 4:00 – 5:30 pm, Thursday, January 29, in the parish office.

BISHOP BARRON AT CRUCIFIXION! All are welcome to attend the 10:00 am Friday Mass, January 30, as Bishop Barron shares the "Good News" with us!

Mass of Anointing will be 5:30 pm Tuesday, February 3, at Crucifixion. Mark your Calendars!



**"Save the date for 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](mailto: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. \*\*\*\* DO NOT place those payments in a regular giving envelope, as it will be recorded as an offering, and not towards your campaign pledge.



## St. Peter's

**Parish Support: Jan 18: \$1,666.00**

**St. Peter's School Kick Off to Catholic Schools Week!** Please check out why the students LOVE St. Peter's Catholic School, which is being displayed in the lobby. Then, please join us for Donuts, Milk, and Coffee served TODAY after Mass. ALL are welcome!

**Bishop Barron and Immigration:** *Given the events of the last several days in Minneapolis, this is obviously of concern to many in our immigrant communities. I would like to reiterate what my brother Minnesota bishops and I said a year ago. We fully support our country's right to defend its borders and to enforce its immigration laws, but we insist that any police action in this regard be done discriminately and humanely, always respecting the dignity of those affected. And we stand strongly against any initiative that would involve the interruption of church services, for this would amount to a violation of the principle of religious liberty. I echo the words of Archbishop Hebda that, in the interest of peace, those on all sides of this contentious issue should lower the intensity of their rhetoric and engage in civil conversation.*



**The Crucifixion Rummage Sale is happening again this year!!**

Sale date is yet to be determined.

### Next Collection Date:

Sat Feb 7: 9-11

the Crucifixion Parish Office, back door, enter through the alley. Large furniture items will be accepted at a later date.



### **KC Council**

Thank you to those who responded to our KC church membership drive by turning in contact cards after Mass.

We are currently following up with those individuals and welcome any others who may be interested after further consideration. Please contact Ron Petersen at 608-406-0380 or Dan Krage at 608-797-4761 for more information!

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

**Marriage Encounter** A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who learn to celebrate their differences! A perfect Valentine gift is making time for each other! Plan to attend the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter to deepen your love. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org)

**Getting Married? Congratulations!** Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of marriage should contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

**Depressed Anonymous** meets every Monday, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse. This is a 12- step group for those dealing with depression. If you are interested in participating in this free meeting, please call Gayle at 608-406-7990.

**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!**

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

### **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 in both 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!

### **A Diocesan Prayer for Vocations:**

*Heavenly Father,*

Giver of all good things, your Son told us to beg You to send workers into Your rich harvest, and so we have the confidence to ask You to raise up an abundance of priests in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Send us good and holy men to respond to your call to lay down their lives in service to Your people. We know that the Church comes from the Eucharist and that the Eucharist comes from priests. Therefore, Gracious God, send us priests to build up Your Church, through Jesus who is High Priest and Lord forever and ever. *Amen*