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Sunday December 21, 2025 December 25, 2025 December 28, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent The Nativity of Our Lord Holy Family
Readings Dec 28: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, /Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)
Jan 4: Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3.5-6, Mt 2:1-12 (20)



Pastor's Message

With the upcoming Feast / Holiday, let us celebrate the complete 12 Days of Christmas that extends through Epiphany (the coming of the Wisemen on January 4) by keeping our decorations up in our homes, finding solitude in prayer, and sharing the joy of these beautiful days. Many of us mark the Christmas season through the Baptism of the Lord, January 11. In Rome and places throughout the world, they keep their Nativity sets up through the Presentation of the Lord, February 2.

One of the special days during the Christmas octave is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, December 28. Let us pray, Holy children of God, you suffered death before you enjoyed the fullness of life, yet now you rest and reign with Christ in glory. We commend to your joyful company in heaven the souls of all dear children who have died. Amen.

Fr. Evans



Mon Dec 22: All day confessions Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman La Crosse. 9 am – 6 pm.

Merry Christmas to each of you and your families from all of the staff at Crucifixion Church and School, and St. Peter's Church and School!

MASS SCHEDULE *incense

Mon Dec 22 8:05 am Crucifixion
Special Intention

Tues Dec 23 4:30-5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Crucifixion
+Ken Carpenter

Wed Dec 24 4:00 pm Crucifixion*
+Norby Miller
6:30 pm St. Peters*
+Sr. Lauren Weinandt

Thur Dec 25 10:00 am Crucifixion*
+John, Sigrid, & Fred Mueller

Fri Dec 26 No Mass

Sat Dec 27 5:00 pm Crucifixion*
+ Norbert and Mary Walter

Sun Dec 28 8:00 am St. Peter's*
+Peter Zibrowski
10:00 am Crucifixion*
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

*We have ordered special incense intended for those with allergies.

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



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Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Crucifixion
6:30 pm St. Peters
Christmas Day: 10:am Crucifixion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Beach**. 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.*

MASS SCHEDULE *incense

Mon Dec 29 8:05 am Crucifixion
+The Lane family, living & deceased

Tues Dec 30 4:30-5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Crucifixion*
+Raymond and Mary Ann Happel

Wed Dec 31 5:30 pm Cruci Solemnity of Mary*
+Marty Zadow

Thur Jan 1 9:00 am St. Peters Solemnity of Mary*
+Jaynie Sheffer

Fri Jan 2 No Mass

Sat Jan 3 5:00 pm Crucifixion*
+Dennis Deffenbaugh

Sun Jan 4 8:00 am St. Peter's*
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners
10:00 am Crucifixion*
+Erick Abnet

Saint of the Week Saint Stephen was one of the first



ordained deacons of the Church and also the first Christian martyr. In the seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the Apostles are diligently working to spread the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. So intently focused on spreading the Word of God, and tending to peoples' spiritual needs, the Apostles

were made aware that the peoples' practical needs were being neglected. Stephen and six other men were chosen and ordained by the Apostles, through the laying on of hands, to tend to the pastoral needs of the community, as they focused on prayer and the word of God. Stephen made himself known through great signs and wonders and spoke out against the Jewish synagogue leaders. Because of this, he was taken out to the streets and stoned. As he was being stoned, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Similar to the words of Jesus, himself, Stephen then said, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Stephen is an amazing example of a Spirit-filled disciple, serving others through God's love, with no regard for himself. We celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, patron of deacons and altar servers, on December 26.



Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: **Dec 6/7:** \$10,234.00
Dec 13/14: \$6,291.00
December Direct Giving: \$2,618.65

First Saturday Rosary: Sat Jan 3, 10:00 am in the Church.

Holiday Hours

School Break: December 22-January 5.
Crucifixion Parish Office will be closed Wed Dec 24-26, and on New Year's Day, January 1.
Scrip will not be available M-F during the school break, but will be available after Mass on the weekends.



Building For Our Future

Capital Campaign Pledge Payments:

Please place campaign pledge payments in a separate envelope labeled "Capital Campaign". (Starting in January, we will make special envelopes available).

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.**

You also have the option of making your payments online.

Thank you for your pledges!

St. Peter's



Parish Support: **Dec 7:** \$3,005.00
Dec 14: \$2,395.00

All are welcome to join the St. Peter's Choir at 6:00P.M. on Christmas Eve to sing before Mass.

HELP IS NEEDED for decorating our churches for Christmas immediately after the Sunday Masses on December 21. Please stay if you can help!

Faith Formation

NO EDGE Ministry Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 - EDGE will resume on Wednesday, January 7.

Our next Confirmation Session is Sunday, January 4, beginning with the 10am Mass.

Generations of Faith meets again on Sunday, January 4, from 5-7pm.

Sacrament preparation meeting for PARENTS of children in GRADE 2, will be held at the church at 6:00pm on Sunday, January 4.

Youth Ministry Our next Youth Night of Worship is Sunday, January 11, at 6:00pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

EXCITING NEWS:

The Crucifixion Rummage Sale is back for **ONE MORE YEAR!**

Our first drop off date will be at the Crucifixion Parish Office on **Saturday, January 3rd from 9-11 AM**



KC Council

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from KC Council 5115!

Please consider ringing in the new year as a Knight! Council 5115 will be holding a church membership drive the weekend of January 10th/11th. You can commit as little or as much time to this important and worthwhile effort as fits your personal situation. We are also having an eggs, pancakes and sausage breakfast that same Sunday, January 11th, 2026, instead of the normal waffle breakfast due to a scheduling issue with Dad's Belgian Waffles. This event is our main source of operational funds for our local council activities. Cost is free-will donation.



Thank you!! For your support of the Crucifixion Food Shelf Sunday Weekends:

The La Crescent Food Shelf thanks you for your generous giving to support those in need in our community.

Food Shelf Sunday Weekends are always the first full weekend of each month.

2025 Totals from Crucifixion donations:

Food Donations: 1,532 pounds of food!

Monetary Donations: \$1,930.67

Together We Make a Difference!

Respect Life Committee

We are called by Bishop Barron to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria who are being kidnapped, raped and murdered. In the past ten years, over 100,000 Christians have been murdered throughout the country. Over a month ago, over 200 Catholic school children and their teachers were kidnapped and are being held captive by Islamist militants. Approximately 100 have been returned, but the whereabouts and safety of the others is unknown.

Please take 20 seconds out of your day to say a Hail Mary or an Our Father for these intentions and for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Merry Christmas and many thanks to all of you for your support of this ministry!

Reminder: All Giving that you wish to be considered for the 2025 tax year MUST be in to our offices no later than WEDNESDAY, DEC 31st. Offerings received after that date will be recorded for 2026.



Crucifixion Christmas Tree Pick Up

Saturday, Jan 3, 2026 at 9am, Free will donations benefit Crucifixion School Library. City limits of LaCrescent only, sign up on the Crucifixion website by Jan 1st 2026.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094EAAAB22A3FD0-61336228-crucifixion#/>



Crucifixion Gala 2026!

Exciting news! The Gala will be moving to the La Crescent Event Center! The date for our "Great Gatsby" themed event will be **April 11, 2026!!** It's never too early to start planning to attend, or to donate!! See you there! 2026 Gala Committee

Thank you to all who donated gifts for the La Crescent Health and Bay Harbor residents!

Meals on Wheels Schedule Crucifixion

WEEK ONE Dec 22-26

Monday: John and Cathy Klug

Tuesday: Mike and Anne Trnka

Wednesday: No Meal

Thursday: No Meal

Friday: Mike and Pat Hase

WEEK TWO: Dec 29 – Jan 2, 2026

Monday: Joe & Cheri Weiss

Tuesday: Cindy Henry & Jane Welch

Wednesday: Sandy & Jeff Jensen

Thursday: Pat & Joe Briggeman

Friday: Erv & Carol Banse