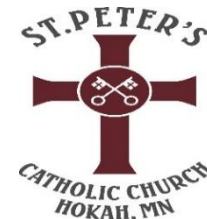




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Sunday January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

Readings Jan 18: Is 49:3.5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64)



Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

We have received many gifts to the capital campaign to fund a gathering space and daycare center! A special thank you to those who returned their commitment forms and made financial gifts, as well as the volunteer Ambassadors who assisted with this effort. The response has been deeply encouraging. We look forward to sharing the capital campaign financial totals and next steps with the parish at each Mass next weekend.

We ask that you continue praying for God's guidance throughout this process, as well as the campaign volunteers and entire parish. If you have not yet made a commitment, please visit If you have not yet made a commitment, please visit Crucifixion's website or use the QR code.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Jan 13	4:30-5:20 pm Adoration 5:30 pm Crucifixion +Lee Goodman
Wed Jan 14	8:05 am Crucifixion +Cecelia Stroh
Thur Jan 15	8:25 am St. Peters + Francis & Mary Ann Heiner
Fri Jan 16	10:00 am Bay Harbor +Rusty Gile
Sat Jan 17	5:00 pm Crucifixion +Joanne Moore
Sun Jan 11	8:00 am St. Peter's + Knights of Columbus 10:00 am Crucifixion + For the Intentions of the Parishioners

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!

Fasting Prior to Communion has been the practice in the Church since the end of the 4th century. The Eucharistic fast is one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion, though a person may have water and their medication. St. John Paul II stated, "there is a lack of Eucharistic 'hunger' and 'thirst'. Receiving the Lord is more meaningful if you have an inner hunger, the psalmist wrote, "my soul thirsts for the living God." As with other special meals (think of your family's Christmas dinner), we "fast" in order to celebrate the big meal with those who are special to us.

Caledonia Area CCW Meeting

The Caledonia Area CCW Quarterly meeting will be held On January 18 at St. Peter's after 8 am mass. Coffee and rolls will be served.
All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Pastor's Message: I received the following story in a Christmas letter: "Some years before my grandpa's death, he had a stroke. We had to put him in a nursing home. There he sat in his wheelchair or slept with his head down, drooling and crying when he tried to answer a question. His speech had been affected by the stroke. It was sad to visit him. One day we visited him in the nursing home. His drawn and drooping face lit up and the tell-tale tears ran down his cheek. Finally, my dad said to his dad, 'do you know who we are?' Grandpa looked at both of us. His voice seemed clearer than it had been. Tears flowed and he sort of smiled. 'I know you belong to me.'
At the culmination of the Christmas season, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and our baptism in which God tells us that He belongs to us."



PRAYER HOUR TO THE "MOST MERCIFUL SACRED HEART OF JESUS"

The Knights of Columbus, Council 5115, is hosting a prayer hour focusing on the "The Most Merciful Sacred Heart of Jesus." This prayer service will feature a beautifully framed Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The prayer service will be held the evening of February 16, 2026, at Crucifixion Church, starting at 7:00 pm. Deacon Gerry will lead us in prayer and reflection. Prayer booklets and prayer cards will be available in the entrance. All are welcome! Please call Jim Frie at 507-895-4383 with any questions.

Saint of the Week Hilary of Poitiers grew up in a pagan family, but was always searching for more. After discovering Old Testament Scripture, he recognized that all the nature gods he had been honoring were encompassed in the one, true God who was revealed as "I AM WHO AM." This led him to further study and his introduction to Jesus and the Holy Trinity. He was baptized and went on to be a Bishop and one of the great defenders of faith against the heretical teachings of Arianism - the belief that Jesus was not the divine Son of God. Hilary is an example to us all that sometimes being a Spirit-filled disciple will require us to stand up for our faith, against those who do not believe.



Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: Jan 3/4 and Solemnity of Mary: \$7434.75

Crucifixion Parishioners who give through our online portal should have received their 2025 giving statements by email this week. Please check your email, it would have come from **ParishSoft**. Those who transitioned during the calendar year, will receive 2 separate statements and will need to add the 2 together.

Those who give through the envelope system will receive statements later this month.



St. Peter's

Parish Support: Dec 21: \$2,501.00

St. Peter's daily Mass is cancelled if school is closed. If school has a late start, the Mass takes place as scheduled.

A new garage door has been installed at the school. The old garage door was falling apart and needed to be replaced. The cost was \$1,400 and it was paid from the Arlin Falck Foundation grant. Our 7th and 8th grade service project is to update door locks on the gym door, bottom playground door, and stage door. Both projects will greatly improve building security.

Cookie Project

We had another successful year of delighting 125 parishioners with Christmas cookie deliveries. Cookies were delivered to the local nursing and assisted living homes and the homebound parishioners before Christmas. The Crucifixion School and staff baked 100 loaves of stollen bread that was also included in the delivery. Thanks to all who baked and the many who delivered. This warm gesture communicates to those who cannot engage us personally that they are not forgotten.



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.

Faith Formation

Wed. Jan 14 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. Jan 21 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. Jan 28 - EDGE Ministry

Youth Ministry

Our next Youth Night of Worship (Grades 8-12) is on Sunday, January 11th, at La Crescent United Methodist Church. Start out the new year with the resolve to deepen your relationship with Jesus and other friends in faith!! Hope to see many of our youth!!

What is an immigrant?

An immigrant is a foreign-born resident. This includes people who became US citizens, are authorized to come to the US (e.g., on work visa, student visas), or are undocumented residents.

To learn more, come to **Community Conversations** with "**Light for the World**" Wednesday, Jan 21st, 6pm - 7:30 at the Community Building. For more information, contact Kathy Passe at 608 406 0716.



KC Council

The Knights of Columbus local council 5115 is an avid supporter of both our parishes and schools. We also provide the opportunity for members to grow in their faith and be the leader their families need. Please consider joining us as we will be holding a church membership drive the weekend of 1/11/26. You can commit as little or as much time to this important and worthwhile effort as fits your personal situation. Please complete the contact card information in church and give it to one of the Knights at the church exit after Mass. One of us will follow up with you.

Also, the KC Christmas party will be at the Wieser Pavillion on Sunday, 1/18/26 from 12:00 - 3:00.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be observed January 18-25, 2026. The theme for the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was approved by the Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the ecumenical monastic community of Bose in Italy.

The chosen passage for reflection is **Ephesians 4:4**, where the Apostle Paul reminds the early Christians in Ephesus of the unifying power of the Holy Spirit: *"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called."* This verse calls believers to remember that, despite differences, all are part of the one Body of Christ and share a common hope through the Spirit.

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>



Join us! This weekend!!

Knights of Columbus eggs, pancakes and sausage breakfast on Sunday, 1/11/26 at the Crucifixion

school gym from 8:00 – 12:00.

Thursday, January 22: Day for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

For more information about this day of prayer, go to: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm.

Marriage Retreat

Becoming One - Marriage Retreat – February 27-March 1, Alverna Center, Winona. Registrations are already coming in and rooms are filling up! Register here: <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3786>

Mass for Life

Bishop Barron will celebrate the annual Mass for Life at St. Finbarr Catholic Church St Finbarr Catholic Church (504 First St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936) at 8:30am on Sunday, January 25, 2026.

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

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

