



**Crucifixion
Church and School
La Crescent**

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



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Sunday, July 13 and 19, 2025

Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: July 20: Gn 18:1-10a, Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42 (108)

July 27: Gn 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14, Lk 11:1-13 (111)

Pastor's Message

Shortly after Pope Leo XIV was elected as our Holy Father, he spoke:

"Brothers, Sisters, I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes..there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers, sisters.

And you, yes, you... are one of them."

Fr. Evans

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues July 15 4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Mass
+Richard Franzen

Wed July 16 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Jason Johnson

Thu July 17 8:25 am St. Peters
+Larry Miller

Fri July 18 10:00 am Bay Harbor
+ Pat Cada

Sat July 19 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Larry Michalke

Sun July 20 8:00 am St. Peters
+ Les Sheehan
10:00 am Crucifixion
+For the Intentions of the Parishioners

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues July 22 4:30 – 5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Mass
+Sr. Lauren Weinandt

Wed July 23 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Dennis Deffenbaugh

Thu July 24 8:25 am St. Peters
+Jaynie Sheffer

Fri July 25 10:00 La Crescent Health
+Joseph, Matilda, and Bob Hafner

Sat July 26 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Ambrose, Susan, and Kenny Baumgartner

Sun July 27 8:00 am St. Peters
+Ralph Hicks
10:00 am Crucifixion
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

CONFESSIONS Tues: 5:00 – 5:20pm Crucifixion
Sat: 4:15-4:40 pm Crucifixion
Sun: 7:30-7:50 am St. Peter's

Saturday Confessions will be 4:15-4:40 throughout July and August. Confessions are also 4:00-4:20 Tuesdays and by appointment.

Sunday Scripture Preview: These sessions will not be taking place this summer, but will resume on Sept 9.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND – WHAT DOES IT COST?

\$40,075 Average cost of tuition for one seminarian annually.

\$13,175 Room & Board / year per student.

\$ 1,240 Average cost for one year of college textbooks.

Please assist with the envelope in today's bulletin to help ease their financial burden. Would you consider \$10, \$20, \$100, \$500 or more to help train our future priests? Every gift makes a difference. Thank you!

Widows Social Wednesday, July 23, at 11:45AM at Swing Bridge restaurant in La Crescent. To RSVP or for more information, please call Pat Morrison at 507-895-3714 or 507-459-6113(cell) or email pmorrison44@gmail.com.



Saint of the Week St. Kateri Tekakwitha

is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief. Kateri

contracted smallpox, an outbreak that took her entire family. She was then raised by her uncle, who became the chief of the clan after his brother's death. Kateri was very curious about the Jesuit missionaries that came to her community, and she had no interest in marriage. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her uncle and others in the clan. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community. Kateri prayed and offered up many penitential practices (fasting, self-mortification) for the conversion of her Mohawk family and friends. Kateri shows us that a life of faith and devotion is possible, even in the face of difficulties, grief and persecution.

Vacation Bible School is still looking for helpers.

All students in grades 6-12, or adults, are welcome and encouraged to help out with this fun week! *August 11-15, 9-11:30am* Contact Rebecca if you can help!

Crucifixion

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sat July 19: 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Therese Pryztarski, Lisa Inglett
Cup – Need 2

Lectors: Pat Morrison, Judy Farnen

Servers: Need 3

Sun July 20: 10:00 am

EuchMinister: James Wally, Roger Johnson
Cup – Tom Dyrhaug, Ruth Berns

Lectors: Tammy Stremcha, Michelle Dyrhaug

Servers: Need 3

Sat July 26 : 5:00 pm

EuchMinisters: Teresa McElhiney, Fr. Tojy
Cup – Therese Pryztarski

Lectors: Pat Morrison, Need 1

Servers: Need 3

Sun July 27: 10:00 am

EuchMinister: James Wally, Roger Johnson
Cup – Need 2

Lectors: Angela Lehmann, Ed Rydell

Servers: Need 3

Parish Support: June 28/29: \$5,409.59
July 5/6: \$2,843.00



Crucifixion Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish

Goal is \$38,467.00

We have reached 100% of our goal! Thank you!

Thank you received – to the CCCW: *"thank you so much for your generous donation to the Lunch Wagon. We appreciate your support in feeding the community's children!"*

New Pastoral Council Member – Please prayerfully consider serving on Crucifixion's Pastoral Council. Terms are for 2 years. Contact Fr. Evans, if interested.

St. Peter's

Liturgical Schedule Sunday July 20, 2025

Greeter: Hinze family

Lector: Mary Kay Sheehan

Servers: Wyatt, Cyrus, Kaleb

Gift Bearers: Hinze family

Euch Min/Choir: Deb Hanan, Larry Hanan

Ushers: Mike Ross, Dave Feuerhelm

Rosary: Dave Feuerhelm

Sunday July 27, 2025

Greeter: Mary Kay Sheehan

Lector: Don Petersen

Servers: Toby, Michael, Violet

Gift Bearers: Deb and Larry Hanan

Euch Min/Choir: Sandy Culver, Nate Culver

Ushers: Tony Miller and Dave Feuerhelm

Rosary: Barb Miller

Parish Support: \$ June 29: \$1,689.00
July 6: \$5,377.00



St. Peters Catholic Ministries Appeal Parish Goal is \$8,258.00.

We have received **\$6,945.00**, from 22 donors, which is **84.10%** of our goal! All donations, big or small,

help the parish reach its goal. **Goals not met must be paid by the parish. We have \$1,313.00 left!**

If you haven't already contributed, please return your CMA pledge card today, or give online at www.catholicfsmn.org. Reminder: 100% of all funds raised over the goal are returned to the parish.

The Banner of St. Joseph in our sanctuary originally belonged to St. Peter's Church, Hokah. We are grateful that the Polish Museum kept it safe for these past decades and now, again, it will aid us in prayer.

Comments from our recent parish pilgrimage: “As a participant on the bus trip to shrines in northeastern Wisconsin, the highlight was the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation, which is something that I always struggle with. I feel so lucky to have a pastor who is gentle, kind, and reassuring to me in the sacrament - never judgmental. As a confessor, Father Evans is amazing. He usually asks me to recite a different prayer for my penance each time I receive the sacrament of confession, and he provides me with a copy of the prayer which I can keep for future reference. On the occasion of this trip, during the sacrament of reconciliation, he asked me to pray before the image of St. Joseph in the church of St. Mary, and he asked me to form a closer relationship with St. Joseph. I will try to explain why that was such a profound blessing for me.

The time I spent in prayer and contemplation before the image of St. Joseph in the church that day in Menasha somehow changed things in my relationship with St. Joseph. I saw his strength, loyalty, patience, protection, and love of his family as characteristics that I personally want. I realize now that I can ask for the intercession of St. Joseph to help me gain, with God’s grace, those attributes of a good husband and father that I so much desire.

Now I can pray with confidence and fervor: “St. Joseph, I need your help - pray for me.”

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program: Classes are free of charge, all equipment is provided. Bay Harbor of La Crescent, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-10:45 am. No pre-registration required, but please arrive 15 minutes early on your first visit.

Trauma Reboot: A course, not a support group, providing practical help for anyone struggling to cope with crisis or trauma. Starting July 31, 2025 at Calvary Apostolic, 1353 Charles St, La Crosse. Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm. Dinner provided. No childcare is provided. Register at REBOOTRECOVERY.COM.

July Nursing Home Rosary

July 16 Bay Harbor 3pm

July 17 La Crescent Health 2pm

Mission Appeal Weekend – July 26 & 27

Support the Franciscan Mission in India

We are pleased to announce that **Fr. Tojy Jose, OFM**, a Franciscan missionary, will be with us the weekend of **July 26 & 27** to share about the **Franciscan Mission in India**.

The Franciscans serve some of the most underprivileged communities in India—bringing hope through education, healthcare, pastoral care, and support for the poor and marginalized. Their work reflects the Gospel call to serve “the least of these” with compassion and dignity.

A **second collection** will be taken at all Masses to support this vital mission.

Your prayers and generosity will directly assist the Franciscans in continuing their outreach to the poor and spreading the love of Christ where it is needed most. Let us open our hearts and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you for your kindness and generous support!

Meals on Wheels

July 14 – July 18

Mon: Joe & Cherie Weiss

Tues: Cindy Henry & Jane Welch

Wed: Sandy & Jeff Jensen

Thurs: Pat & Joe Briggeman

Fri: Erv & Carol Banse



SUMMER SCRIP SALES AT CRUCIFIXION PARISH

OFFICE Mon-Thurs 8 am – 2pm

feel free to call the office at 895-4720 or email Bonnie at cruxch@acegroup.cc to make arrangements to purchase scrip. There may be days/times the office is closed.

Single and Catholic? Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025! (*Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions*). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more.

(Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.

