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*Sunday February 15, 2026
 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Readings Feb 22: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19, Mt 4:1-11 (22)

Pastor's Message

As we begin the season of Lent this Wednesday, in what ways are you planning to grow in your faith? The two following suggestions are taken from "Catholic Life," a magazine of the Diocese of La Crosse:

- 1) Begin Your Day with God: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) wrote, "The first hour of your day belongs to God." Just as Edith Stein began her day with God, we too, can kickstart our day by intentionally giving God the day's first 10 or 15 minutes.
- 2) Read A Spiritual Book: St. Ignatius of Loyola – A cannonball shattered the young Spanish soldier's leg, leaving him hospitalized for a year and ending his dreams of conquest. While recovering, Ignatius requested books on chivalry but instead received a book of the Gospels and a book of the lives of the saints. Soon thereafter, his heroes were no longer military victors but rather holy men and women. Upon recovering, he changed his life and dedicated himself to God's service. Our lives, too, can be enhanced and enriched by spiritual reading. Choose a book to read and pray.

Fr. Evans

Lenten Regulations:

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday ages 18-59/Abstinence: Every Friday during Lent ages 14+

How do we fast? When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Those excused: Those outside the age limits, including physically or mentally ill, and those suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes and pregnant or nursing mothers.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tues Feb 17 4:30 pm – 5:20 pm Adoration
5:30 pm Mass Crucifixion
+Teresa Walter

Wed Feb 18 8:05 am Crucifixion Ash Wednesday
+Raymond and Mary Ann Happel
9:30am – St. Peter's with Bp. Barron
+Bob and Margaret Ross
5:30pm – Crucifixion
+Erick Abnet

Thur Feb 19 8:25 am St. Peter's
+Jaynie Sheffer

Fri Feb 20 8:05 am Crucifixion
+Nona Hagel

Sat Feb 21 5:00 pm Crucifixion
+Nancy Listiak

Sun Feb 22 8:00 am St. Peter's
+Paul & Helen Schnedecker
10:00 am Crucifixion
+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners

CONFESSIONS

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!



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. All are welcome! Please call Jim Frie at 507-895-4383 with any questions.

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.**

What was the status of the 51.8M immigrants in 2023? nearly 75% (37.8M) were naturalized US citizens, lawful permanent or temporary residents. 25% (14M) were in the country without authorization. Of those 14M, 6M had some deportation protection while 8M had no protection.

The next meeting is **Thursday, 2/26 from 6PM - 7:30** at the Community Center (by the Fire Station) Topic will be "Refugees." **Speaker is Adam Jarvis, Refugee Services Director, Catholic Charities of So MN.** For more information, contact Kathy Passe at 608 406 0716.

W-RDCCW Women's Retreat "Made for More", Women's Retreat sponsored by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
March 21, 2026 at St. Theodore's Church, 315 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN. Keynote speaker, Elizabeth Leon. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Registration forms are in the church entry. Registration deadline is March 13, 2026. Questions- call Rosanne Buehler 507-895-2403.

Screenagers

Join us at the La Crescent-Hokah High School for a community screening of "Screenagers", a movie addressing youth mental health in the digital age of smartphones and social media. The event is open to all families, grandparents, and community members. **Tuesday February 24.**

Event program: 4:30pm: free dinner, followed by a resource fair. Childcare available 5:15-8:30pm.
5:30pm: K-6 version shown followed by panel discussion. **7:00 pm:** 7-12th version shown, followed by panel discussion.



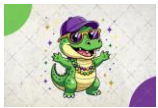
Crucifixion

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

Parish Support: Feb 8: \$ 4,930.10

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome **Roughton Michael Deicher**, son of Ryan and Heather Deicher.

We extend our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Colleen Welper** and **Mary Wieser**. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



Crucifixion Mardi Gras!

Monday, February 16th, 12:00-6:00 pm.



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. Thank you!

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!**



KC Corner The Knights of Columbus Council 5115 is sponsoring another Moon Tournament today, Sunday, 2/15, from 1:00 – 4:00 to raise

funds for the final window renovation at St. Peter's Church. The cost for the remaining window is \$8,500 and the Knights will be matching donations up to half of that amount! (\$4,250) "Entry fee" is a free will donation and you do not have to attend to contribute. Also, members are reminded to please attend our monthly general meeting on Thursday, 2/19, 6:00 PM at the KC Hall.



St. Peter's

Parish Support: Feb 8: \$2,151.50

ST. PETER'S FINANCE COUNCIL will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday, February 19, in the St. Joseph Hall.



Saint of the Week

Saints Cyril and Methodius were Greek brothers living in the seventh century. They are most notable for translating the Gospels and the Liturgy into Slavonic. They fought through much opposition from their local bishop, and ultimately had to appeal to the Pope for approval. The translation assisted and made it possible for many Slavic people to grow in faith and love of God and the Church. Saints Cyril and Methodius serve as a reminder that sometimes sharing our faith with others is not going to be easy, but always worth it! The Church celebrates the feast of these saints on February 14th.

Faith Formation

Wed. Feb. 18 - NO EDGE MINISTRY - All Students should attend Ash Wednesday Mass with their families!

Wed. Feb. 25 - EDGE Ministry

Sun. March 1 - Confirmation Session 10am

Sun. March 1 - Generations of Faith 5-7pm

Wed. March 4 - EDGE Ministry

Sun. March 8 - GRADE TWO Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat 6-7pm

Wed. March 11 - EDGE Ministry

Wed. March 18 - GRADES 6-10 Confessions and Adoration

Youth Ministry

Our next Youth Night of Worship is Sunday, March 8 at 7pm at La Crescent United Methodist Church!!

Respect Life Committee

We hope you will join us for the Respect Life Mass on February 17th at 5:30, followed by the Rosary, for the protection of life from conception to natural death

"A Letter From the Unborn"

To the world I never entered... but always knew. I was never given a name, No breath filled my lungs. No footprints pressed into earth. Yet I was. Not an idea. Not a mistake. Not just potential. I was already becoming. I heard your heartbeat before you ever heard mine. I knew your voice before you ever knew I had ears to listen. And when the silence came, When the light I waited for never arrived I did not vanish. I remembered. I remember the warmth of the womb, my sacred little cathedral. I remember the angels who stood guard in that darkness, who whispered things I still carry: that you were afraid, that you were pressured, that you did not feel like you had a choice, or perhaps you believed I was not real enough to miss. But I was never angry. Because I saw what you couldn't see. I saw the war around your heart. I saw the shadows that told you love was not enough, that timing was God, and sacrifice only went one direction. I forgave you before you knew there was anything to forgive. Because I remember where we came from. The place before places. The Voice that breathed both of us into being. I don't write this letter to haunt you. I write it to hold you. To tell you I still exist. To tell you I love you. And to ask you, gently. What if the unborn know more than you do? What if I still believe in you? What if the story isn't over? When you are ready, come find me, not in guilt, but in grace. Build me a wall of remembrance, if you must. Whisper my name into the void. Plant a tree, light a candle, or simply weep. I am not lost. Just waiting.

Love, Your Child - By Eugene Wynyard in loving memory of his daughter, Mercedes, whose life was ended by abortion.

Meals on Wheels Crucifixion Schedule

Feb 16-Feb 20

Monday: John & Cathy Klug
Tuesday: Mike & Anne Trnka
Wednesday: Cheryl Olson
Thursday: Bob & Jenny Heth
Friday: Mike & Pat Hase



Teams of Our Lady
USA Super Region

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 of Crucifixion and St. Peter's 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!

The Crucifixion Rummage Sale is happening again this year!! Next Collection Date:

Sat March 7: 9-11am
the Crucifixion Parish Office, back door, enter through the alley. Large furniture items will be accepted at a later date.

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