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## *Sunday, November 30, 2025* *First Sunday of Advent*

**Readings Dec 7:** Is 11:1-10, Rom 15:4-9, Mt 3:1-12 (4)



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**Thank you!**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

*Rejoice always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus*



We have received many gifts to the capital campaign! 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.

If you have not returned your commitment form, please do so as soon as possible by mailing it in or putting it in collection at Mass. You may also visit our campaign website to make a commitment online.

We ask that you continue praying for God's guidance throughout this process, as well as the campaign volunteers and entire parish. We will soon share financial totals and next steps. For more information and to make a commitment online, visit our campaign page by going to Crucifixion's website or directly using the QR code.



**The Next Bulletin will be for December 7 and December 14: Please have everything in by Tuesday, December 2. Thank you!**

## MASS SCHEDULE

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| <b>Tues Dec 2</b> | <b>4:30-5:20 pm Adoration</b><br><b>5:30 pm Crucifixion</b><br>Jim Douglas                                             |
| <b>Wed Dec 3</b>  | <b>8:05 am Crucifixion</b><br>+George Brueggen                                                                         |
| <b>Thur Dec 4</b> | <b>8:25 am St. Peters</b><br>+To be announced                                                                          |
| <b>Fri Dec 5</b>  | <b>8:05 am Crucifixion</b><br>Ellery Leirmo                                                                            |
| <b>Sat Dec 6</b>  | <b>5:00 pm Crucifixion</b><br>+Margaret and Rudy Gile                                                                  |
| <b>Sun Dec 7</b>  | <b>8:00 am St. Peter's</b><br>+ For the Intentions of the Parishioners<br><b>10:00 am Crucifixion</b><br>+Jean Lensing |

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

*Pastor's Message* As we begin the **Advent Season** that prepares us to celebrate the wonders of the twelve days of Christmas, consider the following:

- 1) Having an **advent wreath** in your home, lighting each of the candles over a meal or during prayer to highlight this special season.
- 2) Engage in family **devotions**. At each parish, there are various Advent devotional books in the entryways to assist you.
- 3) **Serve others**. Recognize those who would appreciate a visit, phone call, or a card.

Our churches assist us to enter the solitude of Advent and not just hurry on to Christmas through the lighting of our Advent wreaths, pendants on the front of our altars (colored cloth with Christian symbols), and simple baskets of greens. Let us ponder the coming of the savior in Bethlehem and prepare for his Second Coming when he calls us home.

*Fr. Evans*



## Saint of the Week

In preparation for the Feast of **St. Nicholas**, December 6th, I had the opportunity to sit down with the jolly, old man myself and ask him a few questions!

**Nicholas, is it true that you gave all your money to the poor?**

*Yes. Sadly, my parents died when I was very young, but they left me a lot of money and possessions. I did not feel right keeping it when there were so many around me who did not have what they needed. I followed the teachings of Jesus to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked.*

**I have heard an amazing story about how you became Bishop of Myra. The story is that when the Bishop of Myra died, the other bishops in the area got together to figure out who would be the new Bishop but couldn't decide. One of the bishops had a vision that the next person who walked into the church is the one who should be bishop. And that person was you! Is this true?**

*You got it!! I walked into the church to pray my daily prayers, and the next thing I knew, I was made Bishop of Myra! Like my hat? It came with the job!!*

**Nicholas, did you know that on your special feast day, we often find candy and gifts in our shoes and stockings? I'm sure there must be a good story that goes along with that custom.**

*Absolutely! I love to be a secret gift giver! One time, I had heard of a man who did not have enough money for his three daughters to be married. In the middle of the night, while his daughters had their stockings hanging by the fire to dry, I tossed some bags of gold coins into their stockings for them to discover the next morning! It was so much fun to see their happy faces!*

**Well, Nicholas, thank you for taking the time to talk to me. It is easy to see why you are the patron saint of children. You make many children happy with your generosity! Hopefully, we can learn from you to be more generous as well.**



## Crucifixion

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

**\*\*Ministry Schedules are available on our website on Sign Up Genius**

**Parish Support:** Nov 22/23: \$5,076.75

Welcome, new parishioners, **Michael and Jessica Schwarz, Lily and Skyler!**



Food Shelf Weekend is December 6 and 7

### **Capital Campaign Pledge Payments:**

For those who have made pledges and will be making monthly, or quarterly payments, be sure to indicate somewhere on your check that this is for the **Capital Campaign**, so that it is applied towards your pledge. **Ideally, you would place in a separate envelope labeled as such. We will be making special envelopes available in the church entry.**

**\*\*\*\* DO NOT place those payments in a regular giving envelope, as it will be recorded as an offering, and not towards your campaign pledge.**

**\*\*\*\*DO NOT place in St. Peters collections, as it will considerably delay your payment recording.**

Thank you for your pledges, and thank you for helping us record them accurately.

**Please remember scrip** for all your purchases this Christmas Season! All special orders must be in by **December 10th** to ensure delivery before Christmas Break! Scrip is perfect for everything from gas to groceries to gifts! If you have any scrip questions, please contact Jaclynn at [scrip@crucifixionschool.org](mailto:scrip@crucifixionschool.org)

**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.



## St. Peter's

**Ministry Schedules are available in the church lobby.**

**Parish Support:** Nov 23: \$ 1,351.00

**Annual Altar Society Meeting** in the school lunch room, Thursday, Dec 4, at 5:30 pm. All women of the parish are considered members of the Altar Society and encouraged to attend. Circle leaders should attend, please contact someone from your circle to attend if you are unable.

Thank you from the Altar Society co-chairs:  
Georgia Von Arx, Chris Johnson, and Joan Von Arx

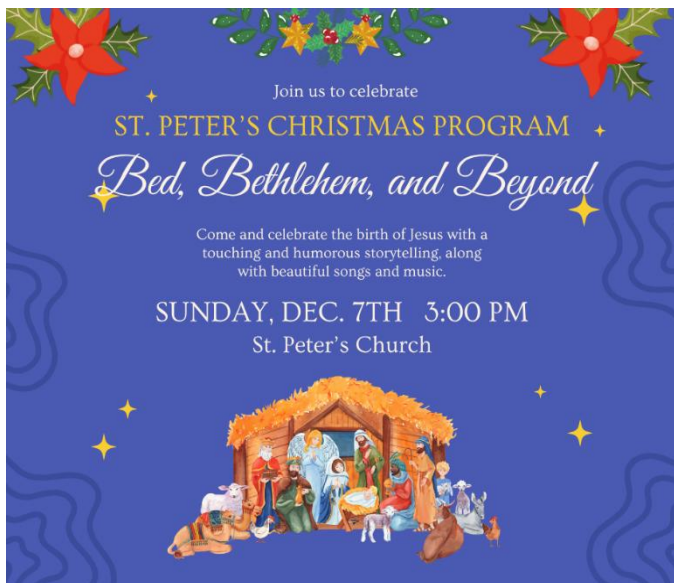


Help us Bring Joy to our neighbors at **La Crescent Health Services and Bay Harbor:**

Please return gifts by Tuesday, **December 16.** Return them unwrapped to the table in the entrance at Crucifixion or to the Crucifixion Parish Office. Suggested items:  
**La Crescent Health:** older CD player, word finds, throw blankets, snacks (pepsi, diet coke, popcorn, chocolates, hard candy)

**Bay Harbor:** fuzzy socks/slippers WITH TREADS, men's socks, fidget blankets/items, memory games, easy card/dice games, word finds, easy adult coloring books and markers.

**Rosettes:** Diane Fritsch is making and selling Rosettes to fund the Mike Abnet Memorial Scholarship at Providence Academy in La Crosse. They are \$10 per dozen. Pickup Sunday, December 21st after Mass, or Monday, December 22nd 4:30-630 from her car in the Crucifixion parking lot. Order by email: [abnetrosettes@gmail.com](mailto:abnetrosettes@gmail.com). Deadline to order is December 8th. Thank you for your support!



**Healing Service With Mass:** Monday, December 15, Sacred Heart Church 1223 Front St. Cashton, WI.

**Schedule:**

- **4:30 PM:** Adoration and Confession
- **5:30 PM:** Mass
- **6:00 PM:** Corporate Prayer for Healing
- **7:00 PM:** Individual Healing Ministry (for those seeking additional prayers)
- **9:00 PM:** Closing

*Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, as times are approximate.*



**Ignatius Book Fair is almost here!**

Crucifixion School Gym

**Open to Public**

**Sat Dec 6th:** 9:00 am.-Noon  
6:00 – 6:30 pm (After Mass)

**Sun Dec 7th:** 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

This is a wonderful chance to come together as a community, enjoy both classic and faith-filled books, and support our school library. With books carefully chosen to inspire, there's something for everyone.

You can also shop for additional titles online at [store.ignatiusbookfairs.com](http://store.ignatiusbookfairs.com), with every purchase helping our school earn Ave dollars. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to make this event truly special.

Crucifixion School and EDGE Ministry present:

## Santa and the Christ Child\*

And



## The Live Nativity



Sunday, December 14th - 11:30am

A cute program of narration and song, reminding Santa, and all of us, of the true meaning of Christmas, leads us into the prayerful presentation of the Live Nativity.

\*Adapted from the book, "Santa and the Christ Child" by Nicholas Bakewell



**Wednesday, December 17th,** we will be having an **old fashioned neighborhood caroling night!!** We will meet in the school gym at 5:30pm to make cards to handout to our neighbors. We will then proceed to spread joy around our

neighborhood, and then return to the gym for cocoa and cookies. The evening will be completely finished by 7pm. **All ages are welcome!!** Children ages 10 or younger **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

### Faith Formation

Wed. Dec. 3 - Grades 6-10 Confessions and Adoration

Sun. Dec. 7 - Grades 9-10 Confirmation Session 10am

Sun. Dec. 7 - Grades 1-5 Generations of Faith 5-7pm

Wed. Dec 10 - EDGE Ministry

Sun. Dec 14 - Christmas Program and Live Nativity 11:30am

Wed. Dec. 17, 24 and 31 NO EDGE Ministry

### Youth Ministry

Sunday, December 14th is our next Youth Night of Worship for Grades 8-12 at La Crescent United Methodist Church, 6:00pm.

