

Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent

Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday: 5:00 PM, Sunday: 9:00 & 11:15 AM,
and 7:00 PM when UWL is in session.

Daily Liturgy

Tuesday-Friday, 12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 PM, Thursday, 11:30 AM, Tuesday
and 6:00 PM, Sunday

Or by appointment

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" - Mk 13:33, 37

Parish NEWS

Christmas Choir needs your voice

Mary Ellen is looking for musical help to fill the ranks of our Christmas

Choirs and provide uplifting music on Christmas Eve. If you're interested, please sign up after Mass. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to email Mary Ellen at maryellen@roncallinewmancenter.org.

"Choosing to be Catholic"

This week's session of "Choosing to be Catholic" will feature the continuation of the viewing and discussion of another portion of Fr. Robert Barron's PBS series, *Catholicism*. Come and take part. We will meet in the lower level at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 29th.

Bell ringing for Red Kettle campaign

There are still some times open to join in on the Newman nights of holiday bell-ringing for the Salvation Army. All the locations are at the Valley View Mall. Most spots are for one hour only. Leave your name and phone number, and you will be reminded when your time is near. If none of our dates work for you, you can always claim your own spot and time by registering at www.ringbells.org. Look under "community." Also note: If anyone is interested in counting the gifts in the kettles, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

Giving Tree going up

The Giving Tree, sponsored by the parish Social Justice committee, is waiting for you. Fittingly, it's the weekend after we have all given thanks for our blessings. Please consider helping others this Christmas by taking a tag and buying a gift for a child. Gifts will need to be returned by December 19th to meet the Salvation Army deadline. There will also be other tags asking for small crock pots for a cooking class for single moms.



Benefit Concert for A Place of Grace

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 pm at the San Damiano Chapel located on the Viterbo campus. The concert is free and open to anyone. Donations of non-perishable food or money will be accepted. The music will be provided by Prairie Smoke and will include selections of Christmas melodies from many countries. The beneficiary, A Place of Grace, is a Catholic Worker House located at 919 Hood Street in La Crosse, serving meals, offering a food pantry and building community. Come and enjoy the music!



Christmas Store at Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities' Christmas Store will be opening on December 6th for families needing help during the holiday season. New or gently used toys, sweaters, household items, towels, cologne sets (especially for men), wallets, candles, jewelry- really anything that would make a nice Christmas present for seniors, adults, children or teens can be brought to our "store." Gift cards to Festival, Wal-Mart, or Woodman's for Christmas dinner and/or gas cards are also welcomed and greatly appreciated! Items may be dropped off at the Catholic Charities offices, 3710 East Avenue South, La Crosse, Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-4:00 pm. There are also many clerk volunteers needed to staff this endeavor. Help is needed Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am until noon and 1:00-4:00 pm. Whether you can volunteer a couple of days or a couple of hours, we can use your help. Call Catholic Charities at 782-0710 to volunteer today.

Alternative Gift Giving—A message from the Newman Social Justice Committee

A few years ago, my four adult children asked what I wanted for Christmas. Since I (like many of you) feel that I have more than enough of everything, I told them "a goat" and showed them an alternative-gift giving catalog. Christmas Day they presented me with a large gift bag, which I reluctantly opened. With all eyes on me, I pulled out the large plastic toy "Gobbles the Goat," who had been on our basement toy shelves. My second son (now in his 30's) first received him as a Christmas gift when he was five. So someone in Africa has a real goat; I have a recycled goat; and we all enjoyed a great laugh. And I've been getting a goat or a sheep or chicks and ducks since, and so has someone else who raises them. And all of us have received a gift of love: my children, the family chosen to raise "my" animal, and me---which is what Christmas is really all about, isn't it? Maybe this is how you also could share God's gift of love this Christmas.

—Carol Knox, Newman parishioner

Winter Warming Center Update

Roncalli Newman is once again sponsoring Saturday nights at the Winter Warming Center. Sign-up calendars are at the Main Street entrance. We still need to fill the following shifts through January, 2012:

December 24, 2011	Intake and Overnight help
December 31, 2011	Overnight (9 pm-2 am shift only)
January 07, 2012	Overnight (9 pm-2 am shift only)
January 14, 2012	Overnight (9 pm-2 am shift only)
January 21, 2012	Overnight help

If you have any questions contact Wanda at wjwochos@centurytel.net.

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Another student response to the question, What does the Newman Center mean to me?

When I think of the Newman Center, I just can't help but smile! The Newman Center means absolutely EVERYTHING to me! I have such a wonderful group of friends that I most likely never would have met if it wasn't for the Newman Center. These people, which include BOTH students and parishioners, are my TRUE friends and can never be replaced. The Newman Center is where I feel like I am my true self and where I feel like I belong. I haven't had that feeling in any place since I have been in college. The Newman Center is the place I go whenever I need to get away from all of the chaos in my life and help me calm down and get through the tough moments in life. The Newman Center has given me the gift of having a new community that genuinely cares about me. The Newman Center is my spiritual sanctuary and is truly MY HOME away from home. =)

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

To all who dropped money into the "faux" cans to help fund the green bean portion of the 29th Annual Community Thanksgiving, thank you. Together we donated \$97.00, which is a lot of beans!

Other EVENTS

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe presents a feast day gourmet dinner

Please join the Shrine's Chef Douglas and his staff for the first feast day celebration at Culina Mariana. A three-course gourmet dinner will be served on December 8th, in honor of The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, from 5:00–9:00 pm. You must make reservations by calling 788-8400. This is a feast you will not want to miss!

Aquinas Christmas Concert

Mark your calendars to attend the Aquinas High School Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 pm. You are invited to come enjoy the talents of our young people as they celebrate the Christmas season.

Aquinas Calendar Raffle

The Aquinas High School Calendar Raffle is now available. Daily drawings with over \$10,000 in cash prizes. Contact the Aquinas High School office at 784-0287 to have your calendar mailed to you.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

"Intro to Prayer"

On Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 pm join us for **Taize Prayer**. A gentle, sung, candle-lit prayer before the cross of Jesus.



Spring Break infomercial

Anyone still looking for more information on the spring break trip to the Crow Reservation in Montana, get in touch with Jon and we'll set up a meeting.

Student Bible Share

Thursday night, December 1st at 7:30 pm will be an input session on the new changes of the Roman Missal that impact congregational participation of the Mass. Be informed!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry This Week:

November Service Activity

This Wednesday, November 30th we will be visiting Bethany on Cass Assisted Living Facility from 6:30-7:30 pm to play BINGO and visit with the residents. **Parents should drop off and pick up their son or daughter at Bethany on Cass (1315 Cass Street).** As we are only meeting for one hour that night, please try to arrive on time so we can have as much fun with the residents as possible.

Confirmation Candidates

As part of preparation for Confirmation, the candidates are expected to have a short interview with Kristin to check in and see how preparation is going. These interviews will take place during the months of December and January. There is a sign up on her door, or you can find a list of available dates and times at www.roncallinewman.com/sacraments/

2012 Summer Mission Trip

Did you miss one of our informational meetings about next year's mission trip? No need to fear! Go to www.roncallinewman.com/youth-ministry-mission-trip/ to find out all you need to know or call Kristin at 784-4994 with questions. Most importantly, if you are interested, you can register by getting a **\$60 deposit to Kristin by January 1st**. But **DON'T WAIT!** Spots are limited and filling up fast!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult PSF sessions

Parents and other adults are welcome to participate in the adult PSF sessions during the PSF hour on Sunday mornings. The adult session is held in the new gathering space on the first floor and begins at 10:20 am to allow parents to shuffle off their children to PSF. The group is presently using Robert Barron's video series "Catholicism" as their discussion point. Taking time off for the Advent Event, the next adult session will be December 4th.

4th Grade Reconciliation Workshop

A child/parent reconciliation workshop for our 4th grade PSF students will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 9 am until Noon. All families are reminded that the workshop will begin in the lower hall. Please be prompt and remember to bring your share of the day's snacks.

First Eucharist meeting

During PSF, on Sunday, December 11th, parents of 2nd grade PSF students will meet in the new space on the first floor (front of the church, east side). Plans for the preparation of the children's first Eucharist experience will be presented.



Upcoming PSF sessions: Dec. 4, 11, 18.

Membership Renewal

134 and counting down! Another plea to get your membership renewal packet in as soon as possible. Drop them in the baskets at the doors.

Diocesan Safe Environment Program

The "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" requires that Safe Environment training and updates be made available to all parents. At the recent PSF parent meeting, updates of the program were discussed. Parents are encouraged to seek out the Safe Environment information for parents at the diocesan website: www.dioceseoflacrosse.com. For more info contact Jen Mickschl at the Diocesan office, 791-0161.

Donut Pick-up	Carpenter family
Wafer Pick Up	Tom Breiter
Altar Linen Care	Teresa Walter
Minister of Care	Chris Holland (784-9147)

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Sunday, November 27—1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
9:00 am - Sunday Mass (+Beate Sakins-King)
11:15 am - Sunday Mass (+Marie Secord)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Monday, November 28—Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

6:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

8:00 pm - Bible Book Study

Tuesday, November 29—Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

6:30 am - "Men Exploring Faith"

11:30 am - Opportunity for Reconciliation

12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Franny Kohout)

7:00 pm - "Choosing to be Catholic"

Wednesday, November 30—Saint Andrew

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Lynn Schneyer)

3:45-4:30 am - KidSing!

5:00-6:00 pm - Liturgical Choir

6:30 pm - Intro to Prayer (Taize prayer)

6:30-7:30 pm - Youth Ministry at Bethany on Cass

Thursday, December 1—Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Dick Turek)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Friday, December 2—Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

12:05 pm - Daily Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)

Saturday, December 3—Saint Francis Xavier

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00 pm - Sunday Mass (+Earl Amel)

Sunday, December 4—2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, December 3/4

Minister Coordinators

To Be Announced

Readers

5:00 Deb Simon / Roger Korgor

9:00 Greg Wegner / Susan Brown

11:15 Rosemary Bodnar / Student

Greeters

5:00 Carlene & Dennis Ulrich / Carl &

Denise Shedivy

9:00 Kent & Mary Bruden / Joe & Denise

DeBonville

11:15 Tom & Judy Sleik / Sandy Sieck /

Dolores Graham

Gift Presenters

5:00 Charles & Kim Stoflet

9:00 Todd & Tracy Adams

11:15 Jim & Bonnie Nesbitt