

Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

December 4, 2011
Second 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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Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”

- Mk 1:2b-3

Parish NEWS

Worship for the holy day of Mary's Immaculate Conception

In addition to our Sunday celebrations, on a

half-dozen other dates we are asked to take time out of our routines to come and find ourselves once again in worship. On Thursday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception.

There will be two opportunities for Mass at Newman, 12:05 pm and again at 7:00 pm.

Bread for the World thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped make the annual Bread for the World bread sale a huge success! With your generous support, we were able to raise \$689 toward Newman's Covenant Church membership in Bread for the World, helping promote critical advocacy for hungry people locally, nationally and internationally.

"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*. We will meet in the lower level at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 6th.

Winter Warming Center Needs Help

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
January 28, 2012	Overnight help

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

We welcome your gift toward flowers

Whether in your name as a gift or that of a departed one, we are accepting gifts towards flowers for the Christmas décor.

Envelopes are at the church entrances and can be dropped off in the office.



Annual Appeal Update

Thank you to all who answered the plea to turn in your Diocesan Annual Appeal pledge. Currently we are at 66% of our \$47,006 goal. However, there are many, 68% to be exact, that we are waiting to hear from. Please answer the Annual Appeal today.

Student "Food-for-Thought" We Care Packages

Yes, the end of the semester looms, and it's time to prepare our "Food-for-Thought" We Care packages for our student parishioners. If you can provide something for the treat bags or help fill them, please sign up at the tables in the entrance. We will be filling and distributing the treats at **6:30 pm on Thursday, December 15th**. As always, thanks ahead of time.

Alternative Gift Giving

Two years ago, while perusing the *La Crosse Tribune* on Thanksgiving Day, looking at the Black Friday ads, something caught my eye – a section called "For Goodness' Sake." I'm sure I had seen this section before and set it aside, but that year, I opened it up and began reading.



Inside were stories of local organizations and charities looking for help for the Holiday Season, stories of abused women and their children who left their husbands or boyfriends and were trying to make it on their own, profiles of families who had hit some hard times and needed some help... And I thought, *I can do something to help one of these families; I can help make someone's Christmas and future a little brighter!*

So, on Monday, I contacted New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Center and they assigned me a family of four: a mother and three children (ages 7, 4, and 1), and that night I went to work. I made signs for work with the "wish list" of the family (pants, shirts, socks, blankets, pots and pans, puzzles, learning toys, etc.), made a collection jar to put in the break room, and sent an email to my co-workers with the family's story and asking them to 'adopt' the family with me. So that year instead of doing "Secret Santa" in the office, we put our money towards helping out a family in need.

At the end of the 14-day collection period, we had collected gifts or monies to go and purchase **all the gifts** on the family's "wish list"! It was such a heart-warming feeling to wrap and deliver those gifts to New Horizons, knowing that a family was going to have a Christmas and future that they never would have had, had they not reached out for help and we not banded together and given unselfishly to those in need -- which is what Christmas is all about, isn't it? Maybe this Christmas, your family, or dorm, or sorority/fraternity could come together and change someone's future by sharing God's love?

-Jeanna Geier, Newman parishioner

Please remember, out of respect for the Eucharist, to properly dispose of chewing gum prior to Mass.

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Giving Tree is up

The Giving Tree, sponsored by the parish Social Justice committee, is waiting for you. 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. Be sure to tear off the bottom of the tag and write your name and phone number.



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. Call Catholic Charities at 782-0710 to volunteer today.

Roncalli Newman Parking Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that the parking lot behind Newman does not belong to the parish. We use the UW-L lot (east side) on weekends and after 7:00 pm weekdays. The two rows on the west side belong to the Family and Children's Center. This lot can be used on weekends and after 5:00 pm weekdays. Use of either lot outside these times subjects you to a ticket.

Membership Renewal

And the countdown continues! 110 membership renewal packets to go. If you have misplaced yours, please call the office, and we will get you another.

Pastoral Care Housing Needed

Gundersen Lutheran Pastoral Care Department is looking for people who can provide housing at a reasonable cost for Pastoral Care Interns who are studying in La Crosse for the summer. Many of the interns are seminarians who are participating in a Clinical Pastoral Education program (CPE) in order to develop their pastoral care skills. Interns need a quiet space at a low cost from the end of May to the second week of August. If you are interested, contact Laura Kaufmann, Manager of CPE at Gundersen Lutheran at 775-3620.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Whose turn is it to walk?

If it is your turn to graduate at semester's end, we would like to celebrate your achievement with you. Graduation recognition weekend is December 17-18. Get in touch with Jon.

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 to set up a meeting.

Little Books for Advent

Advent daily devotional booklets are still available at the doors. Help yourself.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry This Week!

We've seen a Nativity scene with shepherds and animals. We've heard the stories about “no room at the inn.” But what does Jesus' birth really mean to us today? On **Wednesday, December 7th, from 7:00-8:30 pm**, we'll explore Jesus' birth and be more open to his presence in our lives.

Youth Ministry December Service Activity

On **Wednesday, December 21st**, the Youth of

Roncalli Newman will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. We have 4 one-hour shifts available. You can find a list of available locations and times slots at www.roncallinewman.com/schedule/

Confirmation Candidates

As part of your preparation for Confirmation, the candidates are required to have an “interview” with Kristin. You can find a complete list of dates and times available at www.roncallinewman.com/sacraments/. They are also posted outside her office. Email Kristin with your preferred time at kjohnson2@roncallinewmancenter.org) or simply sign up at her office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

What does the Newman Center mean to me?

(Responses from our student parishioners)

—It is difficult to express what I have gained since I came to the Newman Center. In coming here, I have allowed God to enter into my life fully. I have leaned about myself and life, and have made friendships that are bound by God's love.

—The Newman Center has changed me at the core of who I am. Without this community, I'd never know what the love and the truth of God is all about.

—The Newman Center means everything to me.

Pick up your Complimentary Photos

Did you have your family picture taken this Fall for the Newman pictorial directory? If so, you should have received a complimentary 8x10 picture from Life Touch in the mail. If you have not received yours, then Life Touch mailed it to the church. The following families have pictures at the church waiting to be picked up:

Cimeley, Conrad, Cook, Fuss, Gredler, Henriksen, Herricks (D), Olson (R), Omans, Parker, Pischke, Ripp, Romportl, Simon (D), Stinson, Swanson, Townsend, Weatherford, Runchey, Sondag, Reuteman, Pham, Nelson (T), and Miskowski

They would make a nice Christmas gift for parents and grandparents alike. Please claim yours today by stopping by the office counter.

Donut Pick-up	Mike Ablor
Coffee Set-up	Jenny Walter / Sue Chattington
Wafer Pick Up	Joan & Jack Reiland
Altar Linen Care	Kathryn Barth
Minister of Care	Mary Kerrigan (784-4688)

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4TH

Sunday, December 4—2nd Advent Sunday

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

9:00 am - Sunday Mass (+Joe Droessler)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Monday, December 5—Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

6:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

8:00 pm - Bible Book Study

Tuesday, December 6—Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

11:30 am - Opportunity for Reconciliation

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

7:00 pm - "Choosing to be Catholic"

Wednesday, December 7—Saint Ambrose

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

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

3:45-4:30 pm - KidSing!

5:00 pm - Liturgical Choir

5:30-7:00 pm - Christmas Choir

7:00-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry

Thursday, Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

12:05 pm - Holy Day Mass

(Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

7:00 pm - Holy Day Mass

Friday, December 9—Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

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

Saturday, December 10—Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5:00 pm - Sunday Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)

Sunday, December 11—3rd Advent Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/I Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, December 10/11

Minister Coordinators

To Be Announced

Readers

5:00 Ron & Therese Amel

9:00 Betsy Clough / Sean Dwyer

11:15 Carol Reider / Student

Greeters

5:00 John & Helen Schrott / Carol Swayne /
Denny Theede

9:00 Cheri Gasper / Terry Hafner / Jim &
Sandy LaFore

11:15 Dale & Mary Wetterling / John Withers /
Sue Townsend

Gift Presenters

5:00 Dick & Judy Swantz

9:00 Gary & Bonnie Aubert

11:15 Robert & Eileen Mueller