

Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

December 11, 2011
Third 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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A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the
light, so that all might believe through
him. He was not the light, but came to
testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

Parish NEWS

Advent Vespers by Candlelight
Please join us for an evening



of reflective readings and spiritual songs this Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the chapel. The Liturgy Committee will sponsor this year's long-standing tradition of providing quiet prayer during the hectic month of December. There will be a reception with warm drinks and goodies to follow. Please join us for this Advent Tradition!

Wrapping Up the Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who took a tag off the Newman Giving Tree. All of the wrapped gifts are due back **Monday, December 19th**, before Noon. Help is needed to transport the gifts to the Salvation Army collection point in downtown La Crosse. Please contact Kathy at the parish office or at knicklaus@roncallinewmancenter.org if you can help.

Lost and Found

The parish Lost and Found Box is growing! If you are missing something and think there is a possibility that you left it at Newman, check out the Lost and Found box in the basement hall. There are coats, hats, gloves and kids' toys waiting to be claimed.

Liturgical Ministers needed for Christmas services

Many of our parish stationary members will be traveling to be with family over the Christmas holidays, so once again, we ask those of you who will be staying put to sign up as readers, greeters, gift bearers, and Eucharistic ministers for the Christmas Masses. A clipboard will be at the Main Street door if you can help us out.

Building on Good Faith

Thank you to all who have responded to the plea toward paying off your remaining dollars pledged to the Building on Good Faith campaign. There are still plans to finish items for the chapel furniture and the beautiful crucifix above the altar. With your final contributions, we will be able to wrap these up and complete the six-year makeover of our facilities.

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.



"Food for thought" care packages

Yes, it is the end times for students, and we'll be getting our "Food-for-Thought" We-Care packages ready for our student parishioners **this Thursday evening at 6:30 pm**. If you can provide something for the treat bags, we need it by packing time. As always, thanks ahead of time.

Winter Warming Center Orientation

Still wanting to learn more about the La Crosse Warming Center and how you can become involved? Catholic Charities' Winter Warming Center's next meeting and orientation will be Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm at 1209 Main Street, La Crosse. Roncalli Newman has pledged to staff the Center on Saturday nights during its operation. There are still several overnight and intake volunteer opportunities for these nights. If you can help to fill a vacancy, sign up on the clipboards at the Main Street entrance.

Special Advent Penance Services

The parish will host two communal celebrations where other priests will join Fr. Al in offering sacramental reconciliation: the first will be this week, Wednesday, December 14th, and the second on Tuesday, December 20th, both at 7:00 pm. In addition, Fr. Al will be hearing confessions on Tuesdays at 11:30 am, (just before 12:05 pm Mass) and 6:00 pm on Thursdays. Come and make straight the crooked paths in your life.

"Choosing to be Catholic"

There will be no "Choosing to be Catholic" session this week on Tuesday. Look for it to start back up in mid January when the students come back.

Alternative gift giving...

In this day and age it seems most appropriate to make sure our gifts are environmentally friendly. To that end, I would like to bring your attention to the organization Trees for Life International. Although their main focus is the planting of trees, they also provide books, learning centers, and libraries in third-world countries, as well as kerosene cook stoves to reduce the need for cutting down the rain forest to provide the firewood for basic cooking needs. All of their gift selections are designed to help people around the world improve their own lives. They can be found at treesforlife.org.

-Deacon Kevin Ray

Sacrificial Giving

Parish Weekly Support 12/4/11	\$11,229.61
Diocesan Annual Appeal	\$36,062.00
(Target \$47,006; we are at 76.7% of goal)	

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Sunday night Mass and Penance Opportunity takes a vacation

With the fall term ending at the university, after next Sunday, December 18th, the Sunday night Mass option and Confession will be put on hold for several weeks. The 7:00 pm Sunday Mass will resume on January 22nd, preceded by the 6:00 pm Opportunity for Reconciliation.



Christmas worship opportunities at Newman

The following are the four worship opportunities for Christmas this year:

Christmas Eve	5:00 pm (parish families with young children) 7:30 pm (general parish and guests; reception following) 10:00 pm (general parish and guests; reception following)
Christmas Day	10:00 am (general parish and guests)

Christmas Eve Receptions

After our 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm liturgies on Christmas Eve, we will once again welcome all worshippers to a reception in the lower level. The parish provides meat-and-cheese trays and a variety of things to drink, but parishioners are asked to bring something sweet to add to the reception.

Christmas Store at Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities' Christmas Store is now open for families needing help during the holiday season. Donations of 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 grocery stores for Christmas dinner and/or gas cards are also 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.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

The end is near - finals week

Students, as you move into finals week, remember, the Newman Center will be open for you if you need a quiet place to prepare for your last writes. Good luck with what you have to left to do, and have a great break.

Whose turn is it to walk?

Is it your turn to graduate at semester's end? We would like to celebrate your achievement with you. Graduation recognition weekend is Dec. 17-18. Get in touch with Jon.



Moving to new living arrangements?

If your plan is to move to a new address, please fill out a new student parishioner card so we can keep in touch with you. Cards are on the kiosk in the front entrance of the Center.

Membership Renewal Reminder

The end of the year is coming soon, and that is the final deadline for returning your membership renewal packet. If you have misplaced yours, call the office, and they will prepare another set of renewal forms for your family.

Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal

This year's collection envelope for “Share in the Care,” to help fund the nation's religious retirement is attached to the bulletin. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Students enjoy an evening with the Bishop.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Two sessions left this semester

PSF will meet this Sunday, December 11th and next, December 18th before we wrap up this first semester. A great deal of thanks goes to our volunteer Catechists, who make this program possible. Thanks, too, to the parents who are committed to the program and bring their children each week. In this Advent/Christmas season, as we count our blessings and remember those who have helped us throughout the year, please put our Catechists at the top of your list.

First semester progress reports

The catechists will be preparing progress reports in the days ahead. Parents will receive them in the mail before the start of the second semester, Sunday, January 8th.

Upcoming PSF sessions: December 11, 18; January 8, 15, 22

YOUTH MINISTRY

This Week at Youth Ministry:

Special Guest Jess Mollison

On **Wednesday, December 14th from 7:00-8:30 pm**, we welcome former Newman student member Jess Mollison. Jess participated in a service experience at our Diocesan-sponsored orphanage, Casa Hogar in Peru. She fell in love with the children and the important work the orphanage does and ended up returning to Peru to work full time at Casa Hogar. We are fortunate she has returned for some work here in the United States and wants to share her story and love for working at Casa Hogar with our youth.

NEXT Week at Youth Ministry

Don't forget! Next week on December 21st, the young people will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. If you haven't signed up for a shift, a list of available times can be found at <http://www.roncallinewman.com/schedule/>. Email Kristin with your preferred time and location!

Donut Pick-up	Mike Ablor
Coffee Set-up	Cathie Lange / Amber Conrad
Wafer Pick Up	Teresa Runchey
Altar Linen Care	Chris Abicht
Minister of Care	Mary Kerrigan (784-4688)

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH

Sunday, December 11—3rd Advent Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
9:00 am - Sunday Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)
6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Monday, Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study
8:00 pm - Bible Book Study

Tuesday, December 13—Saint Lucy

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
11:30 am - Opportunity for Reconciliation
12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Marie Secord)

Wednesday, December 14—Saint John

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
12:05 pm - Daily Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)
3:45-4:30 pm - Christmas KidSing
5:00-5:30 pm - Liturgical Choir
5:30-7:00 pm - Christmas Choir
7:00 pm - Communal Penance Service
7:00 - 8:30 pm - Youth Ministry

Thursday, December 15—Advent Weekday

Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
12:05 pm - Daily Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)
6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Friday, December 16—Advent Weekday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Sara Kerrigan)
4:00-4:45 pm - Christmas FAMILY prep

Saturday, December 17—Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
5:00 pm - Sunday Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)

Sunday, December 18—4th Advent Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, December 17/18

Minister Coordinators

5:00 Tom Trudeau
9:00 Debbie Clarkin
11:15 Alice Howe

Readers

5:00 Judy Bautch / John Houge
9:00 Scott & Linda Dickmeyer
11:15 Debbie Clarkin / Student

Greeters

5:00 John & Ferrell Wettstein / Jeff & Cindy Reiland
9:00 Sue Herricks / Roger Korger / John Horman / Richard Kotovich
11:15 John & Kathy Niedfeldt / William & Marilyn Nieckarz

Gift Presenters

5:00 Jim & Joanne Putz
9:00 Kathryn Barth / Kim Oldenburg
11:15 Karen Gredler / Louise Sondag