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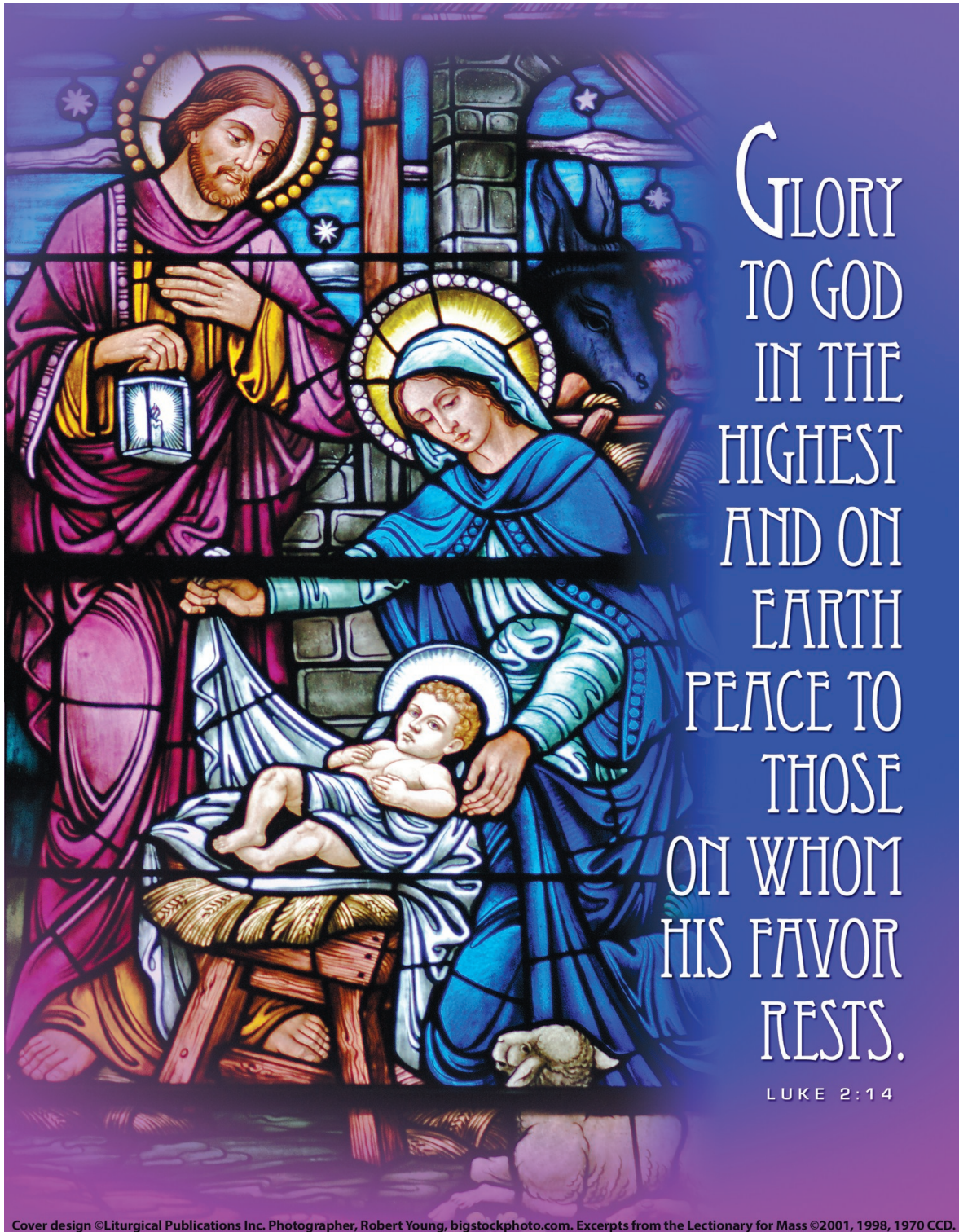
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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

DECEMBER 18, 2011—4TH ADVENT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 25, 2011—CHRISTMAS



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

Parish NEWS

Liturgical Ministers 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.

Special Advent Penance Service

The parish will host its final communal celebration where other priests will join Fr. Al in offering sacramental reconciliation on Tuesday, December 20th, 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.

Thanks to the ringers

Ringling bells for the Salvation Army was, indeed, a parish effort. More than 35 hours of ringing will be logged by Newman members by the time we are done. Confirmation candidates/mentors and UW-L students/stationary members rang on December 5th, 6th, 7th, 14th, and 15th. Youth Ministry will ring on December 21st. Thank you all, for being part of this community effort to help those who find themselves in need during this Christmas time.



Christmas worship opportunities at Newman

The following are the four worship opportunities:

- Christmas Eve** **5:00 pm (parish families with young children)**
- 7:30 pm (general parish and guests; reception)**
- 10:00 pm (general parish and guests; reception)**
- 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.

Sunday night Mass and Reconciliation Opportunity takes a vacation

With the fall term ending at the university, after this 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.

Kudos to the 'stocking' stuffers

Thanks, everyone, for helping with the finals We-Care packages sent out to our student parishioners. They are always well appreciated. Your ongoing support of campus ministry events is what keeps them coming through our doors for weekend worship and a lot of other things. Thank you for making it all happen.

Salvation Army help needed

Now that students are heading home for a break, we will need your help filling our shifts at the Salvation Army supper every Monday and Thursday. If you can help with that, sign up in the State Street entrance of the Center.

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.

Alternative Giving

A number of years ago, with a nudge from our bulletin about Alternative Giving, I decided that many friends that I gave gifts to, probably, like me, had more than enough "stuff." So I opted to start contributing the amount I would have spent on a gift, to a charity that I knew had special meaning for them. The last few years I expanded that to my nieces and nephews. This year, my mom has been moved to a nursing home, and she definitely has no need nor room for any more "stuff." So, she told me "no gifts." However, I suggested that we could donate the amount we usually spent for her, to the charity of her choice. She loved the idea!! So, this year, why don't you reconsider your gift giving list--I'm sure there are a number of people who don't need any more "stuff" and would be very touched and pleased by a gift in their honor to their favorite charity.

-Therese Regner, parishioner

Sacrificial Giving

Parish Weekly Support 12/11/11	\$12,330.04
Diocesan Annual Appeal	\$36,062.00
(Target \$47,006; we are at 76.7% of goal)	

4th Advent Sunday & Christmas • December 18 and 25, 2011

Child care on hiatus

While the students are enjoying their semester break, Newman child care during Sunday Mass will also take a break. It will return with the students on January 22nd.

Newman's Men's Group

Newman's "Men Sharing Faith" group will not meet on December 27th, even though it's the 4th Tuesday of the month. So our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th from 6:30-7:30 am. We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays for a stimulating discussion. The back door is open, and coffee is almost always available.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Encounter Weekends are Jan. 27-29 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 17-19 in Crystal Lake, IL; March 23-25 in Madison, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

End of the semester for PSF

PSF will meet one more time, 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, Jan. 8th.

Reminder: PSF Reconciliation

During the month of January, students in PSF grades 2 and 4 will experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. The 2nd grade students will have their first individual experience during the PSF Sundays. The 4th grade students and their families will participate in a communal experience on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming PSF sessions: Dec. 18; Jan. 8, 15, 22

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.

Membership Renewal Wrap-Up

There are 94 membership packets left to be turned in! The deadline of December 31st is just around the corner. If you have misplaced your original packet, please call the office to have a new one sent to you. We do have a long waiting list of people to join the parish.

Lost and Found

Check out the Lost and Found items in the basement on the coat racks. There are many items on hangers as well as on top of the shelf.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry This Week: Ring those Bells!

On **Wednesday, December 21st** our final activity for 2011 will be to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. All of the 9th graders have signed up for a one-hour shift at either Festival Foods in the Village or K-Mart. If you need a reminder of which shift you signed up for, check out www.roncallinewman.com/schedule/. Be sure to dress warm as the red kettles are located near the entrance to the store. Only one bell is provided per location so be sure to bring extra bells, musical instruments, or your singing voice as a way to draw people's attention and spread some holiday cheer. Santa hats and reindeer ears are also encouraged! Kristin will be stopping by to see how you are doing and bring a little holiday treat!

No Youth Ministry Wednesday December 28th. Enjoy your Christmas vacation! See you **January 4th!**

Youth Ministry Mission Trip

Registration Deadline

Just a friendly reminder that the deadline to register for our 2012 Summer Mission trip is **January 1st**. To find out everything you need to know about our 2012 mission trip check out www.roncallinewman.com/youth-ministry-mission-trip/ or contact Kristin at 784-4994 or kjohnson2@roncallinewmancenter.org

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18TH

Sunday, December 18—4th Advent Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
9:00 am - Sunday Mass (Family of Bill, Agnes, Joan)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Monday, December 19—Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

6:00 pm - RCIA

Tuesday, December 20—Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

11:30 am - Opportunity for Reconciliation

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

7:00 pm - Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, December 21—Advent Weekday

Sg 2:8-14 /Lk 1:39-45

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

3:45-4:30 pm - Christmas KidSing

5:00-7:00 pm - Christmas Choir

Thursday, December 22—Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

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

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Friday, December 23—Advent Weekday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

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

4:00-4:45 pm - Christmas FAMILY prep

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Vigil

Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

5:00, 7:30, 10:00 pm - Masses for Christmas Eve

10:00 pm - Christmas Vigil Mass (+Donald Palmquist)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, December 24/25

Minister Coordinators

5:00 pm Debbie Clarkin

7:30 pm Shar Selinger

10:00 pm Tom Trudeau

10:00 am Alice Howe

Readers

5:00 pm Katie Decker / TBA

7:30 pm Jenny Divney / TBA

10:00 pm Erma Hafner / Teresa Walter

10:00 am Bill Leonard / TBA

Greeters

5:00 pm John & Helen Schrott / TBA

7:30 pm TBA

10:00 pm Roger Korger / Allie Dienger / TBA

10:00 am TBA

Gift Presenters

5:00 pm TBA

7:30 pm TBA

10:00 pm TBA

10:00 am TBA

No Coffee and Donuts

Wafer Pick Up Kathy Running

Altar Linen Care Wanda Wocho

Minister of Care Mary Kerrigan (784-4688)

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25TH

Sunday, December 25—Christmas

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

10:00 am - Mass for Christmas Day

Monday, December 26—Saint Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27—Saint John

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

11:30 am - Opportunity for Reconciliation

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

Wednesday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

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

Thursday, Dec. 29—Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

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

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Reconciliation

Friday, Dec. 30—The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Lk 2:22-40

12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Marie Secord)

Saturday, Dec. 31—Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

5:00 pm - Daily Mass (+Harry Morse)

Sunday, Jan. 01—Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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5:00 TBA

9:00 TBA

11:15 TBA

Readers

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9:00 TBA

11:15 TBA

Greeters

5:00 TBA

9:00 TBA

11:15 TBA

Gift Presenters

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Year-end Giving to the Parish

Early in January, we will be sending our stationary members a summary of their 2011 financial contributions to the parish. Any monetary donations that you would like to show up on your statement must be **received** by the parish by midnight, Saturday, December 31st.