

Roncalli Newman Parish

1732 State Street La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

Phone 784-4994 • Fax 784-0230

www.roncallinewman.com

www.uwlax.edu/newman

The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 & 11:15 AM
(and 7:00 PM when UW-L is in session)

Daily Liturgy

Tuesday-Friday, 12:00 NN

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 PM Thursday; 11:30 AM Tuesday
(and 6:00 PM Sunday when UW-L is in session)

Or by appointment

Administration/Staff

Parochial Administrator:

Fr. Alan Wierzba

Awierzba@roncallinewmancenter.org

Deacon

Kevin Ray

Deackr@msn.com

Campus Minister:

Jon Stuttgen

newman@uwlax.edu

Director of Religious Education:

Kathleen Nicklaus

knicklaus@roncallinewmancenter.org

Coordinator of Youth Ministry &

Associate Campus Minister

Kristin Johnson

kjohnson2@roncallinewmancenter.org

Director of Music:

Mary Ellen Hauptert

maryellen@roncallinewmancenter.org

Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

Cherie Kaufman

ckaufman@roncallinewmancenter.org

Bulletin Articles (please send to:)

bulletin@roncallinewmancenter.org

Pastoral Council

Sean Dwyer (chair)(507) 895-6683

Kathy Running 486-2010

Brad Pecinovsky (507) 895-8351

Dan Weinberger 788-8768

Jessica Boland 385-1098

Mark Carpenter 788-8691

The Roncalli Newman Parish is a Roman Catholic community of students of the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse and Western Technical College, with their faculty and staff and stationary members from the greater La Crosse area. Our primary mission is to invite the student community at UW-L and WTC to know God in Christ, to enrich their lives through prayer, to promote Christian virtues, and to educate for justice and peace.

Program Coordinators

Baptism Preparation:

Margaret Bluske 783-1542

Mary Kerrigan 784-4688

Bread for the World:

Wanda Wochos 782-1235

Causeway:

Kathryn Barth 787-6675

Campus Ministry:

Jon Stuttgen 784-4994

PSF Committee:

Cindy Sjolander 783-4911

Marriage Preparation:

Fr. Al Wierzba 784-4994

Music/Liturgy

Mary Ellen Hauptert 782-7723

Social Justice Committee

Dee Paque 788-3620

Therese Regner 787-5507

WAFER:

Don Smith/Lee Bluske 783-1542

Finance Council

Paul Schoenfeld (chair) 787-0639

Greg Egan 785-0714

Mary Hubbard 786-1563

Dan Lilly 788-9911

Tim McAllister (507) 895-8998

Louise Sondag 269-2269

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

Parish NEWS

Winter Warming Center Help Needed

Winter is already half over, and the Warming

Center has been a huge success, thanks to our many volunteers. Only 12 weeks to go! Please check your schedules to see if you can help to fill in the rest of the year. We are looking specifically for **overnight volunteers** on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 25 2 Volunteers for Overnight
9:00 pm - 7:00 am
- Saturday, March 3 2 Volunteers for Overnight
9:00 pm - 7:00 am
- Saturday, March 10 2 Volunteers for Overnight
9:00 pm - 7:00 am

Please keep in mind that these shifts can be split, working from 9:00 pm to 2:00 am or 2:00 to 7:00 am. Please find it in your heart to help out. The sign-up is at the Main Street entrance, or contact Wanda at wjwochos@centurytel.net.

Spring Student Suppers

Yes, the students will be back soon, and Student Suppers of Substance will be back on the schedule. If anyone can help by taking charge of one of the suppers, it will be most appreciated.



Here are the dates: Feb. 8; April 4 and 8; and May 2. All suppers are served at 5:30 pm and are on Wednesday evenings. If you can help or if you want more information about hosting a supper, contact Jon. Thanks ahead of time.

Busy Student Retreat Suppers

The Busy Student Retreat is fast approaching, which will offer another opportunity to provide meals for our students. The Retreat dates are February 27 - March 1. Each night, Monday - Thursday, we offer a fellowship meal for those making the retreat. Contact Jon to be part of this year's Busy Student Retreat.

Sacrificial Giving

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Parish Weekly Support 01/23/12 | \$7,282.05 |
| Diocesan Annual Appeal (Target \$47,006; we are at 87% of goal) | \$40,662.00 |

Quarterly food drive for WAFER today

Every Sunday, we welcome contributions of non-perishable food items for the WAFER food pantry; but once a season, we challenge the whole parish to get involved in a bigger way. Our next all-parish drive for WAFER is today, January 28/29. Reminder bags with an attached list of the "most welcome" items are at the doors. There will also be a basket available today to receive cash and checks.

Eagle Scout Project Benefitting Newman Center

Dear Parish Members of Roncalli Newman Center,

My name is Ben Bettis, I am 17 and a member of this parish. I am a Boy Scout here in La Crosse, currently trying to complete my Eagle Scout Project. I present you within this paragraph a letter asking for help with my Eagle Project. My project is to refurbish this Church's nursery center in the basement, by giving it new paint, possibly new furniture, new toy crates, and a mural to be painted on the wall of the nursery that you see as you enter. This project is planned to take place in late February. Currently I am in the stage of collecting money and any kind of donation that can help me in any way. I will be donating \$200 of my own scout fund toward this project. My fundraising goal is \$1000 or more. If I could have at least 100 parishioners donate at least \$10 towards this project I will definitely be very close to reaching my needed goal. Please send your donations to the church office labeled "Ben Bettis Eagle Project."

Thank you for any support you can give me.

If you have any questions referring to helping me complete this project, please email me at Eaglescoutproject246@Gmail.com

Sign up to see Viterbo's Production: Secret Garden

Once again, Newman will be heading to the Viterbo stage. We will see the matinee of "The Secret Garden" at 2:00 pm, Sunday, February 26. Parishioners and friends are welcome to join us. Cost for the main floor tickets is \$17 per person (sorry, no other discounts). If you want tickets, sign up on the clipboards at the doors. Tickets are limited. All tickets must be paid for by Monday, February 6. Based on the novel, "The Secret Garden" is a story for the whole family about forgiveness and renewal. For more information, contact Kathy at the parish office.

Lost and Found:

If you are missing a pair of black reading glasses, please stop by the office to pick them up. Other "lost" items may be found on the coat rack downstairs.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 29, 2012

Join Aquinas Catholic Schools in celebrating Catholic Schools Week!

Wednesday, February 1

6:00 p.m. Religion Quiz Bowl Championship at Aquinas Schools.

View 75 tables of student work and projects at our Education Expo at Valley View Mall February 2 – 4.

Thursday, February 2

From 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., grades 5 & 6 from St. Patrick and Blessed Sacrament will present a Wax Museum at Valley View Mall. See over 100 persons from history “come to life.”

Friday, February 3

Spelling Bee Championship at 6:00 p.m. Center Court of Valley View Mall. Grades 4–6 students from area Diocesan Catholic Schools will compete.

Saturday, February 4

View performances on Macy’s Center Court Stage

10:00 a.m. Cathedral School

11:00 a.m. Mary, Mother of the Church Early Childhood Center

Noon St. Patrick School

1:00 p.m. Aquinas Middle School Honor Choir

2:00 p.m. Aquinas High School Vocal Jazz

3:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament

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. Parents are encouraged to seek out the Safe Environment information for parents at the diocesan website:

www.dioceseoflacrosse.com. There is also a link to this site on our parish website, www.roncallinewman.com.

For more info, contact Jen Mickschl at the Diocesan office, 791-0161.

Homebound and hospital visits

If you know of a Roncalli Newman parishioner who is homebound, ill or otherwise unable to make Sunday Mass, please let the office know. We can arrange for them to receive Sacramental visits in their home. Also due to a change in privacy legislation, if someone in your family is in an area hospital and would like a visit from Fr. Al, be forewarned that the hospitals can’t release the name of folks in their care to him unless you specifically give permission when you are admitted. Otherwise, a call to the parish office informing him of someone’s hospitalization will work too.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry This Week: Special Guest Speaker

On **Wednesday February 1, from 7:00pm-8:30pm**, we welcome parishioner Ursula Chiu, who will share with us her experience growing up in Nazi Occupied Germany and how her faith helped her during this time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSF catechists (teachers) will gather for a second semester in-service/social, Monday, January 30, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the lower hall.

Everyone is expected and encouraged to bring a snack or a teaching tip to share.



First Eucharist recognition Sunday

At the 9:00 am Mass, Sunday, February 19, the parish will celebrate “Recognition Sunday.” All children preparing for the celebration of their first Communion will be recognized along with their parents. This year there are a total of 12 children preparing for the sacrament. They are invited to attend the morning Mass to write their names in the parish sacramental book and to receive a special blessing. For more information, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

Family/PSF Lenten Faire/Prayer

Before “The Great Renovation,” we celebrated Lent with some special activities and prayers. If you would like to join a group of folks to plan a Lenten family activity, contact the education office at knicklaus@roncallinewmancenter.org by January 29. Lent starts February 22.

“Stop Abortion and Support Family Life”:

Mass intention for a novena of Masses on First Saturdays from October through June. The February Mass will be Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 a.m. at St. James Church in La Crosse. Everyone is invited to participate and pray for these intentions.

EUCCHARIST SERIES: St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, is offering a **Eucharist Series** on three consecutive Thursdays, **February 2, 9, & 16, 2012**. The theme for this series is **“BECOMING the Eucharist We Celebrate.”** Begins with 6:00 supper and concludes by 9:00 p.m. Offering: \$25.00. Offering: \$15.00 no supper. Contact St. Anthony’s at (715) 443-2236 to register, if you need a ride for this retreat, or to receive additional information. E-Mail: info@sarcenter.com. Web-Site: www.sarcenter.com.

Marriage Retreat: *Please join us for a Marriage Retreat on Saturday February 11, from 3:00 - 8:00 PM. Enjoy a special dinner at your table for two, engage in 1-1 and group reflection, share a renewal of vows with your spouse, listen to personal stories of keeping your marriage alive through "good times and bad, sickness and health." Cost is \$75 per couple. To register, call the Franciscan Spirituality Center at 791-5295.*

St. Blaise Day: Blessing of throats at 12:05 Mass Friday, February 3

A special blessing of throats occurs on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3. What is the origin of this?

St. Blaise, Biagio in Italian, Blasco or Blas in Spanish, was a bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in modern Turkey, who was martyred for witnessing to the faith. He was tortured and beheaded for his beliefs by the local Roman governor around AD316. This is all that is known about him, the rest being legend. We know much more about devotion to and the popularity of St. Blaise than historical facts.

The special blessing of throats associated with St. Blaise is due to a miracle attributed to him. While in prison, he miraculously saved a boy choking on a fish bone. Early in the sixth century, evidence exists in the Eastern Church that Blaise was prayed to for ailments of the throat. To this day, his feast is a holy day in the Eastern Church. In the ninth century, veneration of St. Blaise came to the Western church and became very popular. Blessing of the throats with crossed candles began in the 1500s, the height of devotion to St. Blaise, and that blessing is still part of the devotion of the Catholic Church.

No matter what the facts are, St. Blaise is a constant reminder to us of God's care and concern for us in our weakness, sickness, and limited human existence. God's healing touch is with us always. St. Blaise's celebration is one of the ways in which we highlight and thank God for that care and concern.

(c)2006 Liturgical Publications Inc, New Berlin, WI 53151



THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29

Monday, January 30—Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
6:00-7:00 pm - RCIA
7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study
8:00 pm - Bible Book Study

Tuesday, January 31—St. John Bosco

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3/Mk 5:1-20
6:30 am - “Men Sharing Faith”
11:30 am - Opportunity for Reconciliation
12:05 pm - Daily Mass
(+Deceased members of the Franke/Bartel Families)

Wednesday, February 1—Weekday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
12:05 pm - Daily Mass (+Robert B. & Eleanor L. Franke)
5:00 pm - Liturgical Choir
6:30-7:30 pm - Intro to Prayer II
7:00 - 8:30 pm - Youth Ministry

Thursday, Feb. 2—Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:104; Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
12:05 pm - Daily Mass

Friday, February 3—St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
12:05 pm - Daily Mass* (+Robert Dwyer)

***Blessing of throats at Mass**

Saturday, February 4—Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 5—Fifth Ordinary Sunday

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
9:00 Mass (+Robert B. and Eleanor L. Franke)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, February 4/5

Minister Coordinators

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

Readers

5:00 Jason Beyer / Therese Regner
9:00 Michelle Boge / Dave Belland
11:15 Student / Annette Niederkorn

Greeters

5:00 Scott Flatten/ Diane Gebhart / Delores Graham / Pat Pastucha
9:00 Jim & Carol Reider / Doug & Sherry Rozmenoski
11:15 Karen Gredler / Cheryl Howe / Wade & Maria Fisher

Gift Presenters

5:00 Teresa Runchey / Mike & Carol Mader
9:00 Susan Brown & daughter / Terry Hafner
11:15 George & Cheryl Howe family

Donut Pick-up

Coffee Set-up Jim Reider / Matthew Haberl

Wafer Pick Up Tom Breiter

Altar Linen Care Teresa Walter