

Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

February 14, 2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday-Friday, 12:00 NN

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 PM, Thursdays

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Advent and Lenten seasons

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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 station-
ary 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.*

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"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied." - Lk 6:20-21

Parish NEWS

Last training for new liturgical ministers is today

We are always eager to add new faces to our

crew of readers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers, and will be offering another round of training for prospective greeters and communion today, Sunday the 14th, after the 11:15 am and 7:00 pm Masses (so, about 12:15 and 8:05 pm). Please do step forward and join us!

Enter into Lent with Ash Wednesday worship

In hopes of accommodating all our members and their varied life schedules, we will offer five (that's right, five) services on the first day of our Lenten conversion, Wednesday, February 17. At 12:00 nn and 5:00 pm there will be Services of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes done in conjunction with the folks at Lutheran and Crossroads Campus Ministries. At 7:00 am, and again at 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm, we will also gather for Ash Wednesday worship, this time with the celebration of the Eucharist. Surely one of these times will work for you? Let's begin this season of renewal with our best selves.

"Listening for God"

a Lenten mini-course on prayer

A mini-series exploring the what, why, and how of prayer in three one-hour sessions will be offered by parishioner Jane Ray in the Bartl Lounge at 7:00 pm on consecutive Thursdays in Lent, beginning February 25th. Sign up on the clipboards at the doors.

A word from the Ministry of Simple Living

Number 6 in "Ten Thoughts on Green Living" by Missy Klouda is to enjoy an unplugged activity each day. The average person in the U.S. watches TV over 4 hours a day. These hours are filled with messages about things we should buy. Unplugging the TV and internet and plugging into your family, friends and community is a smarter, healthier way to spend 4 hours. Studies have shown children whose parents spend time with them do better in school and have fewer behavior/drug problems. Spending time in civic or community activities strengthens the community producing greater social support, more security and happiness. Challenge yourself and your family to unplug for a day and see what positives may happen.

Parish Support from Sunday, February 07—\$7,967.67
Just a reminder, because I keep the Building Fund and Offertory donations listed separately in my financial software program, please write a separate check for the Building Fund from the Offertory check. Thank You!

Soup and Sustenance Lenten Friday meals begin with Fr. Mark and "the Guys in the Glass"

For the six Fridays of Lent we will again pair a simple meal of hearty soup and bread with a presentation on some aspect of the spiritual life. Come for the meal part at 5:30 pm, or just show up for the speaker part at 6:00 pm ... either way you will be on to other things by 7:00 pm. There is no charge for this—though donations to our Catholic Relief Services Ricebowl effort will be accepted. Our first presentation, February 19, will feature Fr. Mark. He will address, "**Introducing the Guys in the Glass: Roncalli Newman, and More.**" Again this year there will be an alternate children's program for the younger set, and childcare for those under seven years of age. To help us with the cooking and set up part we need for you to sign-up on the clipboards for each week's presentation by the prior Wednesday (notice that we are looking for clean-up help as well). The following week, Friday the 26th, Prof. Tom Thibodeau will be the presenter. Come; expand your vistas a little this Lent.

Lenten program for Children

While their parents participate in the Soup and Sustenance program, children ages 5-12 are welcome to their own Lenten program following the simple meal. This program will include crafts, stories and other activities based on the three aspects of Lent: Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving. Children are welcome to attend any of the six weeks, the program is open-ended. To assist in planning, parents please sign your children up ahead of time. Thank you.

"Soup and Sustenance" is looking for help from parish youth

Soup and Sustenance needs youth to help with babysitting, set up, and clean up. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mary Ellen Hauptert at maryellen@charterinternet.com.

"Newman's Own" Lenten Devotional, CRS ricebowls, children's mite boxes, Lenten pocket reminders, and background reading at the doors

At either building entrance you will find a buffet of options to encourage your keeping of the season of Lent—seasonal devotionals created by our own members, short articles to clarify again what the season is about, Catholic Relief Service cardboard ricebowls and Mission Office mite boxes, and (on Ash Wednesday) our Lenten "pocket reminder" for 2010. Build your own container and feed it your savings from reducing the needless waste and self-indulgences these days, so that those who always live close to the edge might be nourished. [We will welcome home your "stuffed ricebowls" at the end of Lent.]

More “Blah, blah, blah” from the pastor:

A good Lent can really make you miserable. You come to grips with your spotty discipleship. You do without your favorite little indulgences. You work harder at practicing charity towards people you might otherwise choose to ignore. You pick up the shattered pieces of your daily prayer regimen. You re-arrange your routine, and usually within 48 hours of the season’s beginning you are a little bit grumpy about it.

But a good Lent can really make you happy. You find out again what your true cravings are, and the pacifiers you use to avoid them. You forcefully put them aside because your craving for God is deeper. God responds to your search and rewards you with a closer union. You end the season more comfortable at prayer, more giving to others, less attached to things that don’t matter.

That’s Lent for the already baptized—claiming control over our lives by deepening our union with God. There is another Lent: those committing themselves to Christ in baptism at the Easter Vigil begin to make their proximate preparations. It is in this that the origins of the season lie. They face what stands between them and Christ; they receive support from the church to strengthen what is good. They model for us all what Lent is about: dying to false gods and rising with Christ. It’s a great season, but it’s not for wimps. Don’t be a wimp.

The details on the disciplines of Lenten fasting and abstinence

Knowing that real growth does not come without shaking things up a bit, the first Christians revered from their Jewish roots the custom of avoiding meat during a time (**abstinence**) and reducing the amount they ate, or not eating at all (**fasting**). The practice had several layers of meaning—allowing their hunger to be a prompt to reflect on their spiritual hunger; to learn to control some of our self-indulgence; to be in solidarity with the poor and free up money for almsgiving. While every Catholic at Lent’s outset should consider what types of self-denial and penance will lead him or her to growth in faith, all between ages 18 and 59 are as a minimum asked to keep Ash Wednesday itself (February 17) and Good Friday (April 1) as days of fasting (eating but one full or two smaller meals). Those 14 and older are also asked to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent as an expression of our desire to live more simply. Let these two practices be springboards for you to a more mindful Lent ... hitting the “all-you-care-to-eat” seafood buffet at Red Lobster would sort of miss the point.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Spring Break trips

Applications are on the easel board for either of our spring break **trips to Vanceburg, KY or St. Louis, MO**. Application deadline is February 16th.

Busy Student Retreat: February 21-25

Info and registrations are also on the easel board in the State Street entrance. Totally designed around your busy academic life. What could be simpler?

Student Rosary, Monday at 7:00 pm.

Easter Triduum Singers Needed

Each spring, music ministry fills out its ranks with volunteers willing to participate in the Easter Triduum liturgies (April 1-4). If this is something you'd like to try, please sign up after mass or e-mail her at maryellen@charterinternet.com. Practices are each Wednesday during Lent (beginning Wednesday, February 24th) from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Readings for Lent Sunday I (February 21)

(Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13)

Every Lent begins the same—with the narrative of Jesus driven into the desert after the experience at his baptism where he heard the Father’s voice proclaim, “You are beloved son”—for Jesus’ forty-day post-baptismal retreat is the spark for our forty day adventure to rediscover the meaning of our baptism. Jesus’ triple temptations stand for all the things that seem to promise life, and can’t deliver the real goods: stuff, power, security. *Why do you think Jesus answers the devil with scripture? What are your major pacifiers that keep you from facing facts about yourself?*

**Other
EVENTS**

Natural Family Planning Class Series

A series of three Natural Planning classes will be offered at the Franciscan Skemp Hospital in the Lang Conference Room in La Crosse from 2:30-4:30 pm on the following Sundays: February 21st, March 7th and March 28th. To register or obtain more information, call the NFP Office at 1-800-255-6226 or email; nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Recognizing our children's growing faith

Next Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass, we will recognize the parish children preparing to celebrate their first reception of the Eucharist this spring. There are 16 children in our religious education program and 3 children preparing at Aquinas Catholic Schools. Please pray for these children and their parents as they prepare to receive from the altar as a family.

Wondering how we "do" sacraments?

When will my child be confirmed? How do we prepare children for reconciliation? What is involved in preparation for First Eucharist? To find out how we "do" sacraments at Newman, please go to the parish website: www.roncallinewman.com/sacraments Once you get there look around. There is all kinds of information about our parish.

Upcoming PSF schedule: February 14, 21; March 7, 14, 21, 28. Sorry, there is no break in March. PSF will be in session on all four Sundays . . . but then, we have Easter off, April 4th.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry this week!

This week we will be joining with our parish community in celebrating Ash Wednesday. We will attend the **6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday, February 17th**. Young people are encouraged and welcomed to attend with their families. If attending with your family, please sit together. If a young person is attending alone, they will sit with other youth ministry members. Come early! Church fills up fast!

Mission Trip Reminder!

On **Wednesday, February 17th after the 6:30 pm Mass (so about 7:40 pm)** there will be an informational meeting about our 2010 summer mission trip. Any young person interested in participating in the mission trip should plan on attending this meeting with at least one parent. We will gather in the Lower Hall (note, this is a change from the Bartl Lounge).

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

Sunday, February 14—6th Ordinary Sunday

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

9:00 am - Sunday Mass (Rich Johnson)

12:20 and 8:05 pm - Liturgical Ministry Training

Monday, February 15—Weekday

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Clara Bingham)

5:30 pm - Parish Pastoral Council

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

8:00 pm - Bible for Beginners

Tuesday, February 16—Weekday

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Sara Kerrigan)

5:00-6:00 pm - Liturgical Choir

7:00 pm - Catholicism 101

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 am, 6:30 pm & 8:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Mass

12:00 nn and 5:00 pm - Services of the Word

Thursday, February 18—Lenten Weekday

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Thomas Andersen)

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Individual Reconciliation

Friday, February 19—Lenten Weekday

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Helen Fait)

5:30 pm - Soup and Sustenance

Saturday, February 20—Lenten Weekday

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

5:00 pm - Sunday Mass (+Betty Poellinger)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, February 20/21

Minister Coordinators

5:00 Tom Trudeau

9:00 Arlene Smith

11:15 OPEN

Readers

5:00 Joan and Patrick Nee

9:00 Susan Brown / Sean Dwyer

11:15 Melanie Johnson / student

Greeters

5:00 Elizabeth Mergen / Pat Pastucha

9:00 Pat and Bud Becker

11:15 William and Marilyn Nieckarz

Gift Presenters

5:00 Mike and Ellen Johnson Family

9:00 Tom Klemond and Family

11:15 Louise Soday and Susan Herricks

Coffee Set-up Diane Perrone

Wafer Pick Up Teresa Runchey

Altar Linen Care Chris Abicht

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