

# Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

**February 21, 2010**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

## Soup and Sustenance

Friday

Lenten  
Meals



February 19—Fr. Mark Pierce - "Introducing the Guys in the Glass: Roncalli, Newman and More"

February 26— Professor Tom Thibodeau - "The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die"

March 05—Fr. Bernard McCoy - "Stages in the Love of God: Continuing Spiritual Development"

March 12—Ms. Barb Kruse - "Compassionate Communication: Opening Your Ear for the Other"

March 19—Dr. Elise Amel - "Treasuring God's Earth: How the Faithful Can Respond to the  
Challenge of Living Sustainably"

March 26—Newman's Own Stations of the Cross

Simple SOUP meal at 5:30 pm in the lower level followed by a inspirational presentation from 6:00-7:00 pm

## Parish NEWS

### "Listening for God": a Lenten mini-course on prayer starts this week

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 new edition of the "Ministry of Prayer newsletter going out soon

There is a network of sixty parish households who would add your prayer needs to their daily petitioning. Call Sue Chattington (784-0826) or Fr. Mark (784-4994) to get your concern added. Those who made a request in the past and want to keep that prayer need "on the agenda" will also need to call and give us an update. The next pray-er newsletter will go out March 1.

### "Newman's Own" Lenten Devotional, CRS rice-bowls, Lenten pocket reminders, and background reading at the doors

At either building entrance you will still 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 our Lenten "pocket reminder" for 2010. Graze through the offerings and take what is useful.

### The details on the disciplines of Lenten fasting and abstinence

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 strengthen their self-control; 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, eating less ... and more simply are traditional practices. As a minimum, those 14 and older are also asked to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent and those between 18 and 59 are called to fast. The only remaining obligatory fast day of the season (eating but one full or two smaller meals) is Good Friday (April 2). Let these practices be springboards to a more mindful Lent ... hitting the "all-you-care-to-eat" seafood buffet would sort of miss the point.

### Soup and Sustenance Lenten Friday meals continue with Tom Thibodeau

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 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 next presentation, February 26, will feature Prof. Tom Thibodeau of Viterbo University. He will speak on, "The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die." Again this year there will be an alternate children's programming for the younger set ages 5-12, and childcare for those 1-4 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 5th, Fr. Bernard McCoy, O. Cist., will be the presenter. Come; expand your vistas a little this Lent.

### A CRS Ricebowl reminder

Here's hoping that the cardboard Catholic Relief Services ricebowl you picked up last Sunday or on Ash Wednesday has been quietly calling you to evaluate your spending habits on yourself. We often use material things (food, drink, entertainment, stuff) to respond to a hunger that is spiritual. One of the aims of the season is to regain control of these things we use to smother our real hungers, while at the same time attending to the needs of those truly on the edge of poverty. Keep feeding your ricebowl your surplus change, amounts equal to your eating out, or what you save by cutting out your favorite pacifiers. We will welcome your stuffed bowl back beginning at the first liturgy of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, April 1.

### 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.

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

Two weeks back I bumped into a parishioner couple at the hospital, and one thing led to another and eventually they asked if I could suggest a title or two for Lenten reading. Not that my tastes in spiritual reading may work for everyone, but here are a few suggestions:

*The Only Necessary Thing—Living a Prayerful Life*, by Henri Nouwen: a gathering of wonderful passages from this gentle, thoughtful spiritual teacher of our own day. As individual little units it can be dipped into a little at a time. Not to be speed-read.

*Song of the Sparrow—New Poems and Meditations to Pray By*, by Murray Bodo: an older book recently revised and added to by a Franciscan priest and English professor, full of gentle and intelligent thoughts on prayer that can be read in small pieces.

*The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller: for those people who struggle with intellectual obstacles to faith, one of the best books I have ever read. The author is a Presbyterian pastor of an up-and-coming church in New York City. Was a NYTimes bestseller in 2008.

“*The Grand Inquisitor*,” a chapter from *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky: a dramatic parable (a story told by one of the characters to his brother in this massive 19<sup>th</sup> century novel) that is actually a long meditation on this Sunday’s gospel of Jesus’ Temptation in the Desert. My choice for something to be added to the Bible whenever we decide to get beyond the original seventy-three books.

There. Hope that helps. We have so many thoughtful, well-read people in the parish. I think I will ask a few of them to share their best recommendations in the area of the spiritual life in the near future. And I would never have thought of that if that parish couple hadn’t bumped into me at the hospital.

### What was learned at the Confirmation retreat?

Twenty-five 10<sup>th</sup> graders in our parish are currently preparing to be confirmed in May. Part of the preparation included a retreat that helped the young people see how they can live out the job description of a disciple. Here are some of the responses given to what they learned:

“*Being part of the Church isn’t just being there, you have to get involved*” “*The Church is a community and there are many ways that you can show you belong to this community*” “*Prayer is a time to cherish, and a way to get closer to God while strengthening your relationship with Him.*”

Please pray for these young people as they continue on their journey of faith.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

#### Evening Prayer this week

Each evening of the Busy Student Retreat, Monday - Thursday, there will be an evening prayer in the **Student Chapel at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

#### Student Supper of Substance

Our next student supper is **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-6:30**. Student parishioners **Billy and Jennifer Thomson** have something to say about keeping faith roots alive and growing while in college. Join us for **Keeping NEWMAN in the CENTER of your college experience**. Sign up on the table in the entrance

**Student Rosary, Thursday at 7:00 pm.**

### Are you a veteran?

The recently developed Veterans Court in La Crosse County is seeking veterans who are willing to serve as mentors in the program. Mentors will support other veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system and encourage their participation in VA and community-based treatment programs. Mentors for the Veterans Court must be veterans. If you’re a veteran from the area and you’d like to be a mentor, contact the La Crosse County Veteran’s Service office at 785-9719.

## Other EVENTS

### “Understanding Vatican 2”

A three week class titled, “Understanding Vatican 2” will be presented by Chancellor Benedict Nguyen beginning March 01 at 6:30 pm in the rectory basement library of St. James the Less. To sign up or for more information, please call Donna at 782-1022 or Lynne at 782-7557.

### Jesus of Nazareth Study Group

Father Peter Damian Fehlner, Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a distinguished theologian will guide a 3 part study of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI’s book “Jesus of Nazareth” at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. On Tuesday, Feb. 23rd from 6:00-7:30 pm the talk will focus on Chapter 8-The Principal Images of John’s Gospel. The Tuesday, March 23rd talk will focus on Chapter 9-Two Milestones on Jesus’ Way and the final talk on Tuesday, April 20th will focus on Chapter 10-Jesus Declares His Identity. All are welcome. For more information, contact Luna at 788-5752.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Upcoming PSF schedule:** February 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 FUN Social Event!

On Wednesday, **February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm** we will have a movie/game night. Kristin will provide the movie youth ministry members can bring their favorite, appropriate, group game to play. This is an excellent opportunity to relax and build community.

### An explanation of the Lenten chapel art

*Kwer'ate Re'esu* is the title of our Lenten banner icon, original to Ethiopia in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. In their language of Ge'ez, it is translated as "Ethiopian Messiah." The scene is Jesus' scourging, attended by two jailers on each side who hold whips of torture and the keys of imprisonment. Stored with other sacred objects, icons were displayed on holy days and in public processions. The use of Christian visual symbols in Ethiopian icons, served to keep the Ethiopian church united in its theology and to visually teach the fundamental truths of Christian faith to the mostly literate population of that time. Icons are also effective instruments of Divine inspiration and prayer. Our icon was "written" by Dee Paque for our Lenten prayer.

### Readings for Lent Sunday II (February 28)

(Genesis 15:5-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36)  
The second Sunday of Lent always features the story of the Transfiguration—Jesus' revealing of his divine nature to the inner circle of his disciples. It serves as something of a Lenten reminder of our ultimate goal—total transformation. Notice that the heavenly voice of the Father repeats the testimony given at Jesus' baptism: "This is my chosen Son." But added is the command: "listen to him." The significance of that extra piece is revealed by what came just prior to this passage: Jesus revealed to his disciples the suffering and death that awaits him—and the challenge to embrace the cross that awaits them all. We have a suffering/glory sandwich—something of a preview of the Good Friday/Easter feasts to come. *Why is it important to keep evidences of glory before us at the same time we talk about the cross? Have you met religious people who seem to separate the two? What distortions to our faith come from treating only one in isolation from the other?*

## THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21ST

### Sunday, February 21—1st Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

11:15 am - Sunday Mass (+Lee Erickson)

### Monday, February 22—The Chair of Peter

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Peter Huber)

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

8:00 pm - Bible for Beginners

### Tuesday, February 23—Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Kenneth Regalia)

5:50 pm - Social Justice Committee

7:00 pm - Catholicism 101

### Wednesday, February 24—Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

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

5:00-5:30 pm - Liturgical Choir

5:30-7:00 pm - Triduum Choir

### Thursday, February 25—Lenten Weekday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

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

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Individual Reconciliation

7:00 pm - "Listening for God" mini-course on prayer

7:00 pm - Renovation Committee

### Friday, February 26—Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Dolores Ray)

5:30 pm - Soup and Sustenance Simple Meal

### Saturday, February 27—Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

(+Pat Poellinger)

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, February 27/28

### Minister Coordinators

5:00 Tom Trudeau

9:00 Debbie Clarkin

11:15 Open

### Readers

5:00 Gregory Prichett / Therese Regner

9:00 Joyce Heil & Carl Koch

11:15 Violeta Abita / student

### Greeters

5:00 Dennis & Lois Martin

9:00 Mary & Kent Bruden

11:15 Patty & Tim McAllister

### Gift Presenters

5:00 Jim & Joanne Putz

9:00 Steve & Cindy LeFever

11:15 Jenny & Bob Divney and family

**Donut Pick-up** Larry and Erma Hafner

**Coffee Set-up** Steve and Cindy LeFever

**Wafer Pick Up** Kathy Running

**Altar Linen Care** Wanda Wochos

**Minister of Care** Susan Lay (781-2083)