

Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

September 27, 2009
26th 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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Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."
- Mk 9:39-40

Parish NEWS

“Where, o where, are our missing membership renewals?”

Well, the deadline has come and gone, and

there are still 270 stationary memberships that haven't found their way back to the office by the September 21st deadline. Fr. Mark has started his “what gives?” contacts. Hurry your materials back and avoid that annoying phone call!

There's still time to slip in to “Catholicism 101”

It's not uncommon to discover as adults that we drag around some half-baked pictures of God and faith. We've started our Tuesday night look at adult faith last week, but there's still time to join Catholicism 101. Open discussion, lectures, prayer, and time for questions make up the format. If you are interested, show up in Newman's Lower Level at 7:00 pm this week.

Keep in mind these engaged couples

Keep in your prayer these couples with Newman connections who will be married in the next weeks:

Cassandra Paulson and Paul Bjorge 03 October

Kerry Hyland and Isaac Pischke 03 October
(in Lac du Flambeau, WI)

Andrew Kastner and Lisa Eddy 17 October

Toni Luxton and Timothy Ross 17 October
(in Ontario, WI)

Matthew Bahr and Katherine Schultz 24 October

Training for new readers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers

To welcome our worshipping members and guests and outfit them for prayer, to proclaim God's word with clarity and power, and to feed God's people with God's holy food, we need bunches and bunches of liturgical ministers (52 each weekend, to be exact). How about you joining our ministry team? We have a variety of training opportunities ahead after our weekend liturgies for greeters, readers, and eucharistic ministers. Each training will last no more than an hour. Choose one, and get on board:

Saturday, September 26th, at 6:00 pm
(after the 5:00 pm Mass)

Sunday, September 27th, at 10:00 am and 12:15 pm and
8:00 pm (after all three Masses)

Sunday, October 4th, at 12:15
(after the 11:15 am Mass).

Minister of Care Pat Swanson 895-5133
September 27 - October 24, 2009

The Parish Pass-along needs your “Stuff”!

While the brass light fixtures recently offered by the PPA are still available (free!), other treasures have been claimed and we are presently in need of clean, in-good-condition items that would otherwise find themselves headed for the landfill. If you have gardening tools, sports equipment, furniture, appliances or any other useable object you would be willing to donate to a fellow parishioner, please call Terry Amel at 783-4855 or Mary Thompson at 796-0447 to get your offerings listed.

Readings for Ordinary Sunday 27 (October 04)

(Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16)

In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching lessons that challenge both the law and the culture of his time. When the Pharisees ask, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” they are testing Jesus. They already know what the law says, and Jesus makes their motive obvious by asking them to answer their own question. They cite Moses as their inspiration for allowing husbands to divorce their wives, and Jesus trumps their reading of the Torah by quoting an even earlier part of the scriptures (Genesis) to argue that in marriage God intends a man and woman to become one flesh. No man should simply dismiss his wife. Then he goes on to declare that a woman too needs to respect the marriage bond. The Jewish law never imagined the possibility of a woman being able to dismiss her husband, so in saying this Jesus is as much as saying, “The woman is a person of responsibility and dignity too.” *What in these readings can you see the sources of the Church's understanding of marriage? Who gets “dismissed” in our society?*

A word from the Ministry of Simple Living

Wondering where to recycle your electronics? Best Buy in Onalaska will accept any electronic device with a screen up to 32 inches. You can bring up to two items a day for a charge of \$10 per screen and get back a \$10 gift card. This includes phones, copiers, scanners, tv's, laptops, and computers. Scientific Recycling located at 659 Commerce Street. in Holmen will accept electronics for \$12 each, tv's and monitors for \$15 each, and appliances for \$12 each. They rebuild and recycle the items as environmentally safely as possible. My Bone Yard, www.myboneyard.com will re-use the devices and/or strip precious metals for sale/re-use. Other refuse is disposed of safely and ethically. They guarantee that any device containing data will have all data purged and unrecoverable before any re-use.

Mass Intentions available ... Call Linda to schedule one Parish Support from Sunday, Sept. 20th - \$8,076.48

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

During the next few weeks you may notice someone pacing around the church during the homily ... the same person, for four Sundays in a row! They aren't just bored with my preaching, they are doing a “head count.” The sort of counting of noses that businesses, museums, and the DOT do all the time, has finally reached the parishes of the Diocese. What's driving the whole issue is the matter of priest personnel. The Church has rarely dealt with its clergy very efficiently but with the number of parishes, schools, and hospitals calling for an ordained presence (and the fewer numbers of the same) a problem is brewing. Doing a count of butts-in-the-pews during the Sundays of October is Bishop Jerome's way of getting some handle on where the church is growing (and where it is not).

Since this project started, our head counts at Mass have been quite respectable (though we slipped a bit in 2008). Not that this is a competitive event (well, I guess in a way it is, as parishes with falling worship numbers risk having to share a priest), but I have my fingers crossed that when October 2009 is past our Sunday numbers will say this is a growing community that shows itself to be reaching out to others. So if you intend to be gone some weekend next month, I hope you have the good sense to hire substitutes!

Rumblings have reached me that, with the concern with H1N1 (aka “Swine Flu”), some area parishes have decided to discontinue practices that risk spreading viruses ... namely, the Sign of Peace and offering the Eucharist under the form of wine. The members of the parish Liturgy Committee and I (being the one who consumes the remaining Precious Blood after Communion) are keeping an eye on the matter, but don't see a reason right now to make drastic changes. We ask our communion ministers to refrain from assisting when they are ill (and sanitizing their hands before distributing when they are well), and y'all should, of course, also refrain from taking from the cup when you are sick. Do be respectful of people around you who, with the heightened anxiety, may be hesitant to extend a hand at the Sign of Peace. With a little care I trust we will get through this with minimal disruption.

Student child care available

We have a long list of Student parishioners who are available to anyone needing a sitter or someone for child care. Drop an **email to Jon** and he'll send you an attachment with contact information for those students.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

A Student Supper of Substance

On September 30th from 5:30-6:30 pm UWL Student **Mary-Kate Martin** will speak about her missions to Swaziland. **Sign up** on the table in the State Street entrance of the Center.

Supper to Supper Retreat

Our Fall overnight retreat is coming up, October 9-10. Hosted at the Mississippi River cabin, it's the perfect time for some quiet reflection. Sign up on the easel board in the entrance of the Newman Center.

After Hours Prayer, Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Just the thing to keep you connected to things that really matter more. Join us in the Newman Chapel.

**Other
EVENTS**

Do you have a desire to make a difference in someone else's life?

Do you want to put your faith into action? The Inter-faith Collaborative for Affordable Housing is seeking individuals who can give one hour/month to be a mentor to an individual in the La Crosse area who needs someone to help them connect to resources, advocate for them, and be their friend. Minimum of one year commitment. Training and support provided. For more information, please contact Mary Fitzpatrick at Catholic Charities 782-0710 ext. 220.

Does Mommy need a time out?

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is starting in La Crosse! All mothers of infants to kindergarten age children are invited to a MOPS open house Monday, September 21st from 6:15-7:15 pm at Olivet Lutheran Church on French Island. Come check us out at the open house – and you are warmly invited to join MOPS, a place where you can come just as you are to be encouraged, equipped, and developed as a woman and mother. Meetings will be held the first Monday of the month, starting in October, from 6:15-7:30 pm at Olivet Lutheran Church on French Island. MOPS is a non-denominational, international organization. For additional information, contact Darcy Lenz at 782-7360.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Website: www.roncallinewman.com/education
Email director: knicklaus@charterinternet.com

Parent meeting

The annual PSF parent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th. It will be held in the lower hall during PSF at 10:15 am. All PSF parents are asked to attend. Plans for the year will be presented. Donuts served.

LWC to begin this week

Liturgy of the Word with children (LWC) will begin today at the 9:00 am Mass. Children 4 years old to second grade are invited to participate in this scripture reading program led by parish volunteers. After the opening prayer, the children are called from the assembly and after a dismissal blessing, they leave the assembly to gather in Bartl Lounge. They return to their families in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There is no fee or registration for this program. The only requirement is that the children are able to share with each other and sit/listen in a group setting. LWC will be offered each Sunday through the Spring, 2010.

PSF schedule

Just a reminder, as we readjust to the Fall schedule, that the next PSF session is Sunday, October 4th. The upcoming dates for PSF will be in the bulletin weekly. The year-long schedule is also posted on the parish website at the above address. All sessions are held on Sunday mornings from 10:10 to 11:10 am.

Upcoming PSF sessions: October 4, 11, 18; November 1, 8, 15, 22

YOUTH MINISTRY

Reminder!

There is no Youth Ministry or Confirmation Preparation this week! See you again on October 7th!

Chill'n and Chat'n

This group for girls in grades 10th-12th will meet on **Wednesday September 30th at 7:00 pm at Java Vino in the Village.** Contact Jess, if you have questions at 780-7495.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Sept. 27—26th Ordinary Sunday

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
9:00 am - Sunday Mass Liturgy (+Ann M. Thomas)
10:00 am, 12:15 & 8:00 pm—Training for New Liturgical Ministers

Monday, September 28—Weekday

Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
4:15 pm - Children's Choir
6:30 pm - Human Needs Committee Meeting
7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study
8:00 pm - Bible for Beginners--II

Tuesday, September 29—Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Carol Cade)
7:00 pm - Catholicism 101

Wednesday, September 30—Jerome, Priest

Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Mary Ellen Mundt)
5:00 pm - Liturgical Choir

Thursday, October 01—Therese of the Child Jesus

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
12:00 nn - Daily Mass
6:00 pm - Opportunity for Individual Confession

Friday, October 02—The Guardian Angels

Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
12:00 nn - Daily Mass

Saturday, October 03—Weekday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 04—27th Ordinary Sunday

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, October 3/4

Minister Coordinators

5:00 Tom Trudeau
9:00 Shar Selinger
11:15 Arlene Smith

Readers

5:00 Katie Houge / Meredith Houge
9:00 Tom Klemond / Betsy Clough
11:15 Debbie Clarkin / Student

Greeters

5:00 John and Helen Schrott
9:00 Dan and Jo Ann Pedretti
11:15 Carl and Melissa Klouda

Gift Presenters

5:00 Diane Foerster / Gerri Harrington
9:00 Brian and Kelly Barton
11:15 Joe and Denise De Bonville

Donut Pick-up Beth Bakel

Coffee Set-up Tom and June Reinart

Wafer Pick Up Tom Breiter

Altar Linen Care Teresa Walter