

Roncalli Newman Parish

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The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L & WTC

October 11, 2009

28th 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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*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 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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They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

Parish NEWS

Please consider a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal

Some things are best done alone ...others go

better when faced as a group. That piece of obviousness is the insight behind the approach we make this time every year asking our members to share in the work of the Church beyond Newman in the Diocesan Annual Appeal. "Big ticket" items like the education of candidates for ministry, the varied social service projects of Catholic Charities, and support sent in our behalf to strengthen the work of the Diocesan orphanage in Peru as well as smaller concerns like the televised Mass for shut-ins and an annual liturgy to celebrate with all in the Diocese marking fifty years of marriage) are some of the matters supported by the Appeal. Fr. Mark sent out oodles of invitations to make a contribution to the 2009-2010 campaign last week, and more will be forthcoming ... so if you haven't gotten yours yet, sit tight. Remember, given the peculiar rules of the Annual Appeal every dollar that we raise over our assigned target (just over \$43,000 this year) returns to the parish free of all other assessments, and so is worth about \$1.40 to our checkbook. Come; help "pick up the tab" for the work of the Church beyond ourselves.

Do you have winter wear to recycle?

Once again, we would welcome good used winter coats, hats, and gloves of any size as part of Salvation Army's "Coats for Kids" campaign. Place your outgrown items in the gray tubs at the doors and, after having them cleaned, the SA folks will share them with local children and adults who could stand to use, but can not afford, newer items for the upcoming winter.

Third Thursdays are for young adults at Newman

While our programming for undergraduates is well developed around here, last year we tried something new for our post-graduate twenty- and thirty-somethings. To make scheduling easier with this fast moving bunch, we thought it best just to pick a day in the month and stick with it. So, "Third Thursdays" for young adults was born! The Third Thursday of October is the 15th, and the group invites others in this special demographic to join them for a potluck, recipe-swap, and pumpkin carving, starting at 6:30 pm. Steve and Cassandra Torres, our hosts for the night, would welcome a heads up if you plan to join. Call the parish or email Fr. Mark to make contact with this bunch, and in the meantime save November 19 and December 17.

The Ministry of Prayer welcomes your requests

There is a network of seventy 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 included. 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 edition of the newsletter to our pray-ers will go out at the end of the month.

October 18th is Mission Sunday

Even as we are beating the bushes concerning the Diocesan Annual Appeal you will find one more special appeal attached to this bulletin: the World Mission Sunday collection. When our Catholic ancestors made their way to the Wisconsin territory, all of their energy was poured into building homes and making a living from the land. But the Church traveled with them, thanks in this area to the generosity in this area of German "mission societies" of laypeople who bankrolled missionaries to travel through the region and call Catholics together for worship. It should be obvious that we are quite well settled now ... but there are other parts of the world (think Eastern Europe, Russia, and India) where the development of the Catholic infrastructure has not been able to keep pace with the growth of the Church ... and those who have not yet heard the Good News of faith. Please give this need your attention. Whatever you can contribute here will bear good fruit.

Last call for missing membership renewals

Well, the deadline was nearly three weeks ago, Fr. Mark has nearly completed his calls, and we still have 110 stationary members who haven't gotten their materials back. Meanwhile, we have sixty-one people on our membership waiting list. Hmm, what would you do? Hurry your materials back before we actually do it!

A day for Veterans and those who love them

Coming home from deployment is an occasion for many emotional, relationship, and spiritual challenges for both veterans and those who love them. On Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 am-4:45 pm, the Franciscan Spirituality Center in partnership with the Veterans Administration is providing a safe, caring, welcoming place to learn how to deal with these challenges through 15 different 90-minute workshops. Even if the veteran chooses not to attend, family members are especially encouraged to come. The cost is only \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 per family with lunch included. Registration deadline is October 15th. For complete information, call 791-5295 or go to www.franciscanspiritualitycenter.org.

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

If you caught Channel 19’s news a couple Sundays back, you might have seen yourselves on the tube. They were after some “background footage” to show on a story about the precautions area churches are taking in the face of the H1N1 risk. Thankfully there were no close-ups of the pastor, but they did get many of you sharing the Sign of Peace (which was what they were after when they called and asked for permission to shoot). The voiceover on the story was speaking about parishes that are “for the meantime” dispensing with the actual gesture (in the US, a handshake) as well as the distribution of the Eucharist under the form of wine. As I mentioned in the bulletin that same weekend, my attitude—beyond reminding all to cut others some slack if, because of their own sickness or fear of sickness, they hesitate to make the gesture, and to reinforce the practice of refraining from receiving from the cup if you are feeling ill—is to “wait and see” how things develop. So far, so good ... but then again, the flu season is just beginning.

Now, there really is no intentional connection between the above paragraph and what follows, but a few years ago a group of our stationary members sat down with me and developed a tool to help individuals and families make some basic decisions about how they want matters to be handled on the occasion of one’s death. Such forethought isn’t meant to be the ultimate aide to the control freak, but to enable people to do their part in relieving some of the burden that their passing will evoke for those we leave behind. Happily lots of people have shown interest in doing a little planning, and some have even left a copy of their decisions here at the parish. Every fall the group that spearheaded the project has hosted a few occasions for those who would like to hear more about the materials and the process of planning a funeral. We are gearing up for some fall meetings, but thought we’d first put out an open invitation for any who might like to join us in assisting others (in groups or singly) introducing others to the idea. We will provide a little training, but the chief quality that’s required is being someone yourself who sees the good in making preparations so that your dying can reflect your living. If you think you might like to help with this, contact me in the next week or two.

Place of Grace needs your help

Roncalli Newman is planning a meal at Place of Grace on Sunday, October 25th. If you would like to volunteer for meal preparation, serving, or clean up, please give Joe Leuck a call at 788-0990.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



A Student Supper of Substance

This Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 pm. Student parishioner **Jessica Mollison** and

Viterbo student **Michael Krueger** reflect

on their experience at the Catholic social teaching seminar, **Path to Peace** held last spring at the **United Nations** in NYC. **Sign up** on the table in the State Street entrance.

Tuesday night with the rosary

We now have student leadership who will resume the evening rosary. Gather in the **student chapel at 8:30 pm every Tuesday** this beautiful prayer of reflection on the life of Jesus.

Family weekend is coming

Students, here’s a chance to impress your parents by inviting them to join you for weekend Mass at the Newman Center. Bring them home with you!

Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

Pack 28 would like to thank Roncalli Newman parishioners for purchasing over \$700 in popcorn two weekends ago. If you missed the sale and would still like to purchase popcorn products, please call Carol Fortney at 793-1416

Readings for Ordinary Sunday 29 (Oct. 18)

(Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45)

As its name suggests, the Letter to the Hebrews is firmly rooted in the scriptures and traditions of the Jewish people. Today’s second reading focuses on Jesus as the High Priest—the subject of this middle reading for the next four weeks. In Jewish temple practice the high priest served as the supreme representative of the people before God—offering atonement on their behalf and at times functioning to mediate God’s word to the people. The letter casts Jesus in this role, according special significance to his ministry precisely because of his earthly existence. Today’s text emphasizes just how much he is like us “in every way”—even in the human experience of being tested. What a profound and comforting message, particularly when we are very much aware of our own weakness. Knowing that Jesus has firsthand experience of weakness, trials, and testing, we have reason to approach God with confidence. *How can the experience of our own weakness help us to be more compassionate toward others?*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Website: www.roncallinewman.com/education
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Recognition of Confirmation candidates

Next Sunday, October 18th, the parish Confirmation candidates for 2010 will be recognized at the 9:00 am Mass. Our 26 candidates and their parents are invited to attend this Mass. Both the candidates and their parents will be recognized and the candidates will sign their name in our parish book.

PSF schedule

Just a reminder, 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 10:10-11:10 am.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry This Week Welcomes Social Action Theater!

This fine group of UW-L Students led by Bob Krajewski will perform skits that touch on many social issues facing our young people today. The young people will be asked to respond to these situations and may even join in the fun! Join us on **Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 pm** for a night of fun, laughter and interesting conversation.

Other EVENTS

Birthright needs office space

Birthright is in urgent need for new office space effective October 31st. A location near universities and on the bus line is preferable. Bathroom accessibility is a must. We are also looking for one very special person to fill Birthright's secretary position. The position has a time commitment of 12-18 hours per year. Please call Jan immediately at 782-0373 or 787-6541.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 11—28th Ordinary Sunday

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

Monday, October 12—Weekday

Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

12:00 nn - Communion Service

4:15-5:00 pm - Children's Choir

7:00 pm - Sunday Scriptures Study

Tuesday, October 13—Weekday

Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

No 12:00 nn prayer

7:00 pm - Social Justice Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, October 14—Weekday

Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

12:00 nn - Daily Mass (+Everette & Sally Coghlan)

5:00-6:00 pm - Liturgical Choir

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 15—Teresa of Jesus

Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

12:00 nn - Daily Mass

6:00 pm - Opportunity for Individual Confession

7:00 pm - Liturgy Committee

Friday, October 16—Weekday

Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

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

Saturday, October 17—Ignatius of Antioch

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 18—29th Ordinary Sunday

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Next Saturday and Sunday, October 17/18

Minister Coordinators

5:00 Tom Ward

9:00 Shar Selinger

11:15 Melanie Johnson

Readers

5:00 Joan and Patrick Nee

9:00 Rita Koch-Thometz / Bill Leonard

11:15 Sr. Karen Flottmeier / Student

Greeters

5:00 David and Julie Snyder

9:00 Jim and Carol Reider

11:15 Bev Lewis / Angie Jack

Gift Presenters

5:00 Linda Goodman / Lisa Ward / Michelle Smith

9:00 Pat and Kitty Bonadurer & family

11:15 Robert and Eileen Mueller

Donut Pick-up Beth Bakel

Coffee Set-up John and Pat Trussoni

Wafer Pick Up Teresa Runchey

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