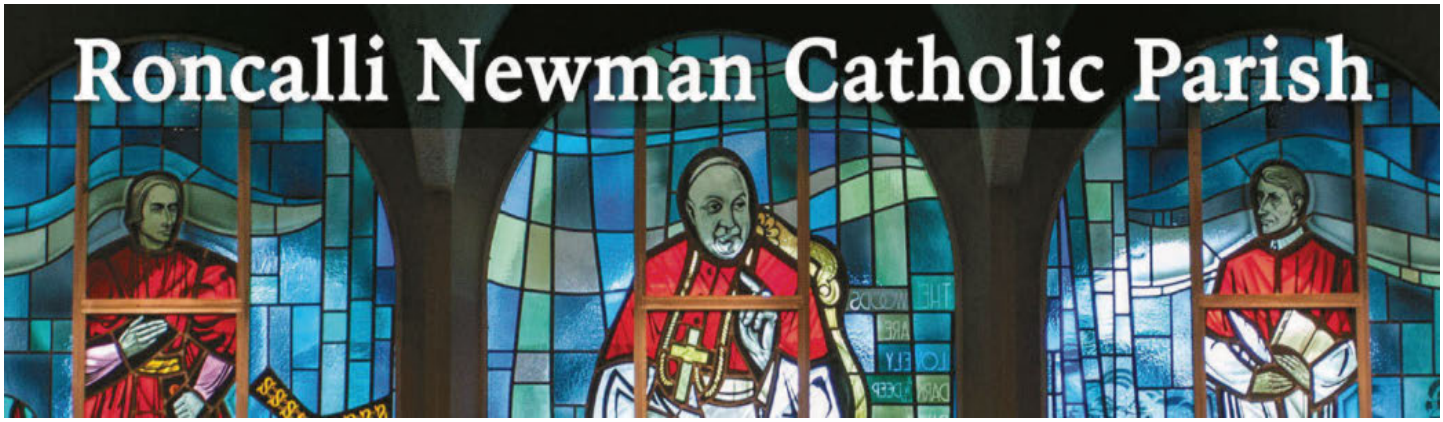

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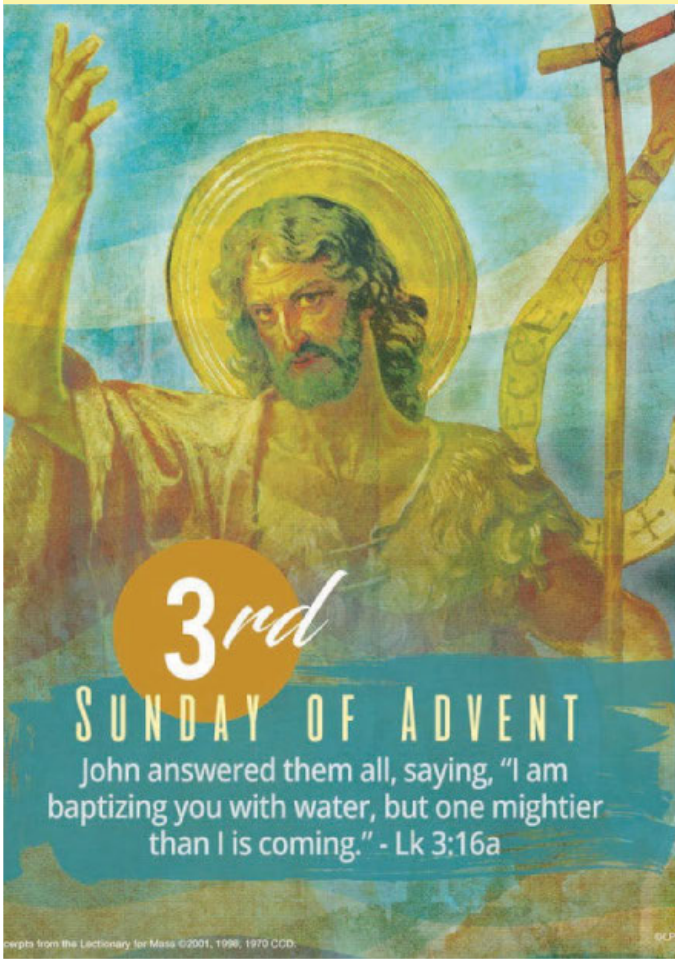

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
(and **Thursday** 6:00 pm & **Sunday** after the 8:30 pm Mass during academic year)

Eucharistic Adoration (during academic year)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 am
Tuesday 4:15 pm
Thursday6:00 pm

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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.

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December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent

The Roman Catholic Community at UW-L and WTC

Campus Ministry

If you would like to help with Tuesday, 6 pm dinners, By bringing an entrée, side dish, or dessert, please contact Adele at campusmin@newmanlc.org

Thank you.

Religious Ed

Edge-Christmas Celebration

On Wednesday December 15th from 6:45pm-8:15pm at Mary Mother of the Church the Edge youth will participate in fun Christmas games as well as learn a little bit more about the celebration of the Christmas Season.

Life Teen-Penance Service
This week on **Wednesday December 15th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament** the Life Teen youth will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Teens should report to the Parish Hall as usual. We will then move to the church as a group. Priests from all of the collaborating parishes will be present to hear individual confessions. After completing their penance teens should return to the parish hall for some fun Christmas Social activities. We will end at our regular time of 8:30pm.

Confirmation Candidates
Our next Confirmation session will NEXT Sunday **December 19th from 5:00pm-8:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish.** All high school students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should attend.

Family Faith Formation
Families should be completing the first At Home Lesson in your packet this week. Our next Family Faith Formation Sunday for parents and children in grades 1st-5th will be **January 2nd from 12:45pm-2:00pm.**

Message for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Pastor's Message

December 11/12, 2021
ADVENT 3, Year C

Dear Advent People,

The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" in latin means "rejoice." Can someone really be told to rejoice? The liturgy reminds us that joy is meant to be part of the life of a Christian. Deep joy is not simply equated with an external jovial attitude. Joy comes from a sense of knowing I am loved. We find so much joy in being loved by family and friends. How much more joy is there in being loved by the source of love - the Trinity! If we are lacking joy it is a good practice to stop and meditate upon this, to allow myself to rest in God's presence, and allow God to simply love me.*

In addition to prayer, the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation is an excellent place to experience God's personal love and care for me. I just want to remind my parishioners that I hear confessions at least 30 minutes before every weekday and Saturday Mass. Special for Advent Season I will be hearing confessions after Sunday Masses. This Sunday (Dec 12) I plan to offer the Sacrament of Confession after the 9am, 11:15am and 8:30pm Masses. Next weekend I plan to hear confessions after all weekend Masses. Then on Monday, December 20, there will be the Confess-athon at the Cathedral from 9:00am - 6:00pm.

Finally, I want to thank the parishioners for supporting the Diocesan Annual Appeal. When I first started promoting the DAA when I came to Newman, I noticed there were a lot of misconceptions about the DAA and how the money was used. But now more and more Newman members are generously supporting the DAA. This not only helps important endeavors in our Diocese, but it also helps Newman itself. Thank you!

God bless,
Father Billy Dodge

Music & Liturgy

Many Hands needed for Christmas Season Liturgies!
We will need readers, greeters, gift bearers, servers, sacristans, and musicians for our Christmas Eve (5:00, 7:30, and 10:00 PM) and Christmas Day (10:00 AM) liturgies. We will also be looking for help for the New Year's Eve (Mary, Mother of God) Mass at 5:00 PM on December 31st and the 10:00 AM Mass on New Year's Day. Mary Ellen will send an email invitation via MSP but would also welcome your sign up at the piano after Sunday liturgies!

Advent Calendar
Liturgy Committee put together and electronic Advent calendar that contains music, poetry, family activities, daily readings, and Advent reflections. You can access the calendar from the parish homepage!

"SAVE OUR STEINWAYS" NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DEC. 31 AT THE WEBER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS; LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE
A New Year's Eve Gala to benefit the "Save Our Steinways" fund at Viterbo University will be held from 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31–12:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1 at the Weber Center for the Performing Arts. The evening will feature live music by jazz quartet Dave Marck, Greg Balfany, Karyn Quinn, and Rich McDonald and cabaret entertainment by Kayla Shue, Carter Semb and Nancy Allen. The event will also include champagne toasts, appetizers, party favors, and a cash bar. Tickets for the gala are $70, and only 120 will be sold. To purchase tickets, contact the Viterbo University Advancement Office at 608-796-3070 or *advancement@viterbo.edu. The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, Dec. 17.*

Music & Liturgy Continued

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CHANCERY BULLETIN:
Help Catholic Charities love our neighbor in need this Advent
Thousands of Afghan refugees are being housed temporarily at Ft. McCoy near Tomah, and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is right there helping them. Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbor in need in many other ways as well, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to assisting families in need as the Christmas season approaches. Find out more, and how you can help, at cclse.org. Let your heart be touched this Advent.

Casa Hogar Virtual Nativity Tour December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Join Casa Hogar family for the 2nd Annual Nativity Tour on December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm CST. With this virtual tour the kids will guide you through each family's nativity scene. And because the kids like a little competition, our virtual guests can vote on the top girl house and top boy house. If you have never seen Christmas in Peru, you're in for a real treat! For more information and to get the zoom link, email nfurger@frjoesguild.org.

Faith Build

Faith Build is at $71,024 towards our $87,500. Thrivent match goal with a deadline of December 31, 2021! Help us hammer it home. Also Volunteer needed inside the home finishing the painting and other things. It is at 1121 Avon St.

Donate.habitatlacrosse.org/charities/1655-habitat-for-humanity-la-crpsse-area/volunteer

THE WEEK OF December 12, 2021

Sunday, December 12-3rd Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
9:00 am- Mass (+Ken Balts)
11:15 am- Mass /830 Mass

Monday, December 13-Weekday
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
No Mass

Tuesday, December 14-Weekday
Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32
4:15 Holy Hour/5:15 Mass (+Souls in Purg)

Wednesday, December 15-Weekday
Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Noon Mass/7 pm
(+Mary Leuck)

Thursday, December 16-Weekday
Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30 (Daniel & JoAnne
6 pm Holy Hour/7 pm Mass Pedretti)

Friday, December 17-Weekday
Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Noon Mass (+Lois Retzer))

Saturday, December 18-Weekday
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
5 pm Mass (+LeRoy & Lynn)
Paulin)

Sunday, December 19, 4th Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
9 am Mass (+Poellinger &)
11:15 Mass Pedretti Families)
8:30 Mass

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY 12/12/21

Readers
5 pm Jim Klock/Judy Kabat
9 am Mike Haupert/Sean Dwyer
1115 am Mike Porter/Julie Montabon

Greeters
5 pm Natalie & Scott Schwinn Weaver
Lisa Ward
9 am Gabe & Annie Berendes
Mark & Maureen Neuville
1115 am Sandy Sieck & Debbie Dahl-Schultz
Ken & Ginger Horth

Cleaners
5 pm Alice McGuire
9 am Eric Neumeister
1115 am Volunteer

Newman's Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up in the Gathering space outside of Mary Ellen's office . Three local agencies, the Exchange, New Horizons and Boys and Girls Club have provided us with lists of their high need items. Please purchase item(s) and return to the Giving Tree by Sunday December 19th. We will transport the items to each of the agencies. If you want to learn more about these agencies, check out their websites which are listed on the bottom of the tag. Any questions call: Pat Carpenter (608)406-0635

Alternative Gift Giving/Social Justice

The Salvation Army buckets are out and the bells are ringing! This year have a family discussion about how the SA provides assistance to those in need, which includes providing Christmas gifts, food, paying bills, and providing shelter. Discuss what it would be like to be homeless. Then go to a bank or ATM & get several dollars bills and give them to your children. When they hear the Salvation Army bell, have them put in some of the money in the bucket. Talk about caring for others, say a prayer for them and by Christmas all the money you gave them for this will be in the Salvation Army bucket.

Offertory Giving	12/06/21	$4809.00
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