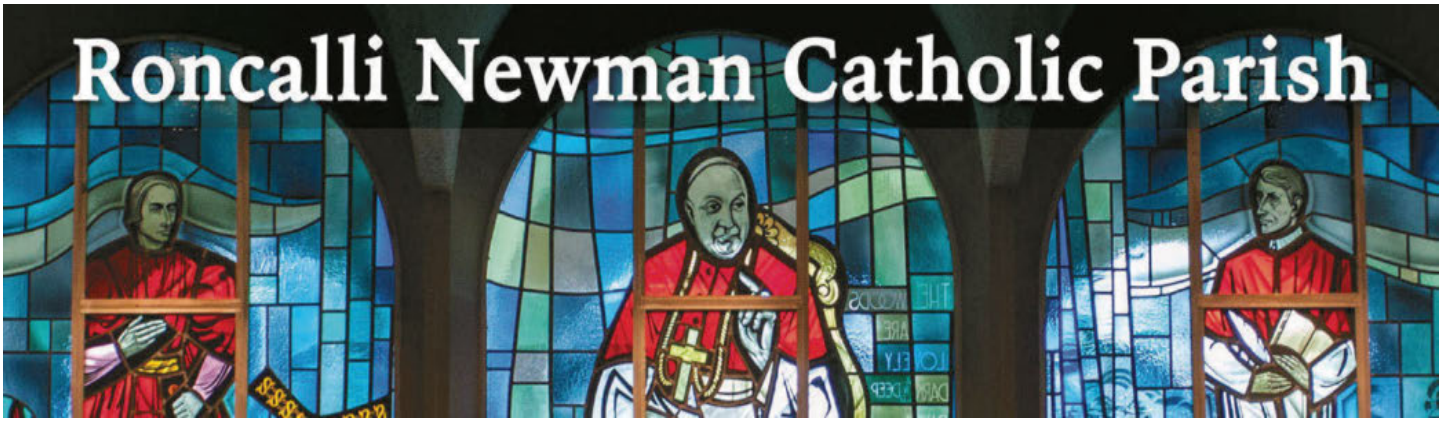
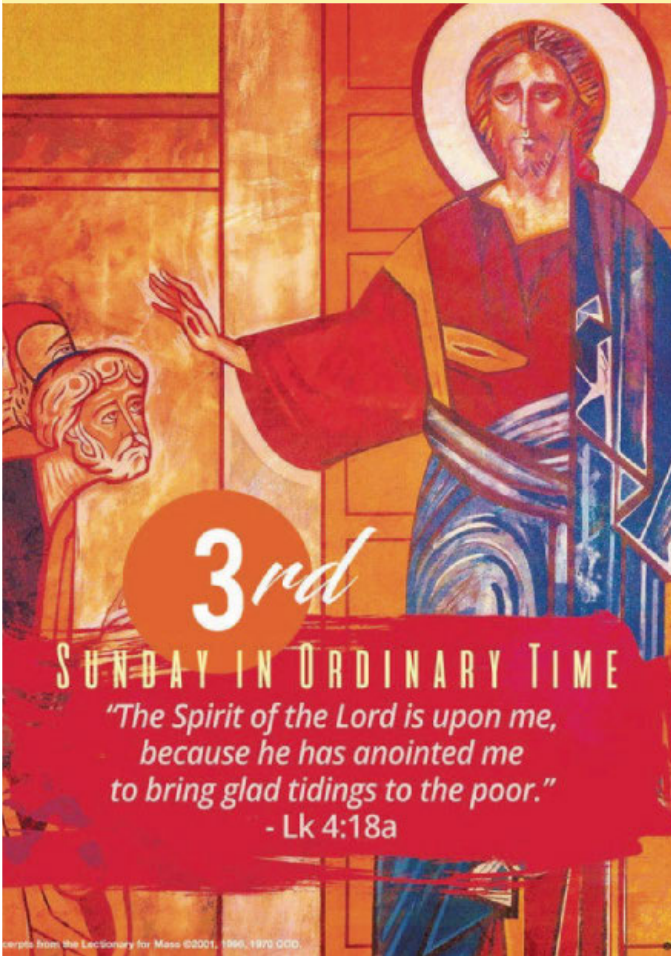


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Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
(and **Thursday** 6:00 pm & **Sunday** after the 8:30 pm Mass during academic year)

Eucharistic Adoration (during academic year)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 1:00 am
Tuesday 4:15 pm
Thursday 6:00 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.

New Office Email
office@newmanlc.org

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Campus Ministry

We are eagerly awaiting the return of our students from the long winter break. When they arrive back, we will be hosting our annual SEEK retreat/conference. We will provide snacks during the conference. We need pizzas for this conference. If you can donate please bring the pizzas downstairs where they can be placed in the freezer by you. The door is open. Thank you.

Religious Ed

Bulletin January 22 and 23

Edge: DOCTOR STRANGE

The goal of this Edge Night on **Wednesday January 26th from 6:45pm-8:15pm at Mary Mother of the Church** is to use the example of Dr. Strange to show the youth how temperance frees us to choose what is good and for the youth to begin fostering this virtue so that they can more freely choose what is good in their own lives.

Life Teen

Connected Session 3-Poverty and the Dignity of Work

On next Connected Session will be on **January 26th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at Blessed Sacrament**. *Connected: Catholic Social Teaching for This Generation, brings Christ's healing message to a world that sorely needs it through the topics that are most important to teens right now. It addresses: God's Creation and Stewardship, The Dignity of Human Life, Poverty and the Dignity of Work. Connected offers a unique presentation that blends glimpses of Catholic organizations at work in the world today, with accessible and attractive explanations of Church teaching, as well as engaging stories of the saints. This combination cuts through the noise to touch the hearts and enlighten the minds of our teens.*

Family Faith Formation

Families should be completing the Purple Lesson in your take home packet, Love. Our next Family Faith Formation Sunday for parents and children in grades 1st-5th will be **February 6th from 12:15pm-2:00pm**. Please be sure to complete the Safe Environment training with your child before then. Thank you!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

A word Pope Francis uses often is "encounter." It is through encounters that we grow in understanding and love for each other. To help facilitate these encounters across the worldwide Church the Holy Father is asking every parish to engage in a process of synodality. Synod is an uncommon word, but it is basically a gathering of the members of the Church - both clergy and laity - to dialogue about some topic of importance. The topic for this worldwide dialogue is how well are we a Church community encountering each other - not just with Catholics in the pews, but also those no longer coming to Church and non-Catholics.

We have until June 15, 2022, to conduct a series of listening sessions, to compile the responses, and send them off to the Vatican. The Vatican has given us a list of topics, but we are not limited by those topics. I am looking for several parishioners who are interested in conducting a few in person gatherings, online gatherings, and collecting written/emailed responses, then compiling that data to forward to the Vatican.

More important than what Pope Francis receives is how we are transformed and learn from our encounters at the local level. The Holy Father hopes our eyes and hearts are opened to what we hear in regards to how our local Church is responding or not responding to the needs of the people in our community.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being part of the leadership team. Calling the office is not a firm commitment, but letting us know you are interested in potentially being part of this important project.

God bless,
Father Billy Dodge

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 23, 2022

Music & Liturgy

New Liturgical Minister Schedule to Begin on February 1st!

Please put your conflicts in the MSP app or contact Mary Ellen at your earliest convenience. The new MSP schedule begins in less than a month which means the next three weeks will be dedicated to the step-by-step process of creating the schedule for February, March, April, and May. It works best if you can enter your own conflicts, but Mary Ellen is also happy to help!!

Food for Thought as Our Students Begin Again

During our faculty in-service last week, Dr. Rick Kyte offered an inspirational address that sent many of us to our emails to request a copy. Here is an excerpt from his talk, which is well worth reading, especially as we consider the challenges that our young people are facing in this day and age:

Imagine what it is like coming to age in a small town in rural Wisconsin, being asked repeatedly what you are going to do with your life, trying to imagine a future in a world that is incredibly, unimaginably complex, where adults all around you are behaving like children, and where nearly all important decisions that shape your future are made far away, in government agencies, in corporate offices, by people whose lives and circumstances you can only dimly conceive.

But you trust the adults in your life and gamble that by taking out huge loans and committing yourself for several years to a system of training in skills and attitudes that we call higher education, you will be guided into and through that maze of complexity, to find your place in the world.

When you get here, you do not find the clarity or the confidence you expected. Instead, you discover that the world is actually more complex, and much more corrupt than you imagined.

You are taught about the extent of systemic racism. Systemic poverty. Systemic injustice. Systemic environmental degradation.

Gradually, the conviction seeps into your heart that there is no positive role for you in such a world. You might find a professional role in such a world, a role that allows you to pay back your loans, to secure some kind of a future, but you will be powerless to meaningfully shape the world. In fact, you will become part of an irredeemably corrupt and dehumanizing system.

The populist response is to this situation, on both the left and the right, by those who are most aware of the extent of the problems and most determined to do something about it, is to tear things down.

But what you hunger for, what you desire most deeply, but without knowing quite how to put into words, is to have another choice. To be part of a force for goodness. To spread light and compassion, and not to do it alone, but to be part of a team, not to destroy but to build up. You want to be part of a community of love, with people who are not continually nagging and sniping and trying to outdo one another, but who are helping one another forward, taking responsibility for the pain of the world and offering a helping hand to those in need.

I believe we can offer our students that third alternative. When we are at our best, we work together out of a sense of our Franciscan calling to be a light to the world. A counter-cultural force of goodness. Working diligently to serve our community by recognizing the inherent dignity and worth of every person. I'm not always sure we realize what a serious calling that is.

Institutions are the way we lay hands on the world. When we tear down the system, the only ones who thrive in the chaos are the most powerful. When we use the institutions merely for our own individual ends, our own comfort, our own professional and personal goals, we contribute to a system of increasing alienation and injustice.

Most importantly, we do not serve our students well. We do not help them develop their own agency, a self-identity that is both competent and committed to a larger purpose.

When you are part of a counter-cultural community, you must be very intentional about what you are doing and why you are doing it. Otherwise, you will be subsumed by powerful cultural currents. We cannot be effective in this work as a collection of individuals, using the institution for our separate but worthwhile ends. That might be okay in normal times, but not in times of crisis. We are living in a time of crisis.

*When I start to lose my way in the confusion of the times, I turn to three words to help me reorient myself. **The three words are the theological virtues, faith, hope, and love.***

> **Hope:** a vision of where we are headed. Not optimism, which is a positive imagining of how things will unfold, but a confidence that things will turn out well because of who we are and where we came from.

> **Love:** an expansion of the soul from a narrowly conceived self to a much larger self-identity, a comprehensive sense of who belongs to me and to whom I belong. An expansion of imagination from mine to ours, so that what happens to my neighbor is felt as part of what happens to me. Love is the foundation of any flourishing community.

> **Faith:** trust in one another. We, together, are enough. We can do what we promise to do. "Con" + "fides" which is literally "trusting together," the source of "confidence," which is closely connected to competence. Confidence comes within a context of community. Knowing one's role and being able to do it well, depending on others to do their jobs well. Being part of a system, an institution, a community, dedicated to pursuing the good—together.

THE WEEK OF January 23, 2022

Sunday, January 23-3rd Sunday in Ord Time

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10/I Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4;4:14

9:00 am- Mass

11:15 am- Mass

8:30 Mass

Monday, January 24-Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30

No Mass

Tuesday, January 25-Weekday

Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 (+Ray Sedevie)

4:15 Holy Hour/5:15 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 26-Weekday

2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:1-20 (+Earl Fadness)

Noon Mass

Thursday, January 27-Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-20/Mk 4:21-25 (Souls in Purgatory)

Bethany/10 am/6 pm Holy Hour/7 pm Mass

Friday, January 28-Weekday/St Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,13-17/Mk 4:26-34

Noon Mass (+Mary Boland)

Saturday, January 29-Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 (+Larry Hogden)

5 pm Mass

Sunday, January 30-Fourth Sunday in Ord. Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/I Cor 12:31---13:13/Lk 4:21-30

9 am Mass

11:15 Mass

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY 01/23/22

Readers

5 pm John & Meredith Houge

9 am Shawn Dwyer/Teresa Walter

1115 am Margaret Anderson/Mike Haupert

Greeters

5 pm Tim Fuss/Lisa Ward

Mike & Becky Kreiling

9 am Larry & Erma Hafner

Kelly Nowicki/Randy Van Rooyen

1115 am Vanessa & Ressano Machado

Debbie Dahl-Schultz/Sean O'Flaherty

Cleaners

5 pm Mary O'Mara

9 am Chip Backlund

1115 am Volunteer

Birthright of La Crosse

The annual fundraiser for Birthright of La Crosse is here. Birthright is an international volunteer organization with a La Crosse chapter since 1976. Birthright is available to those with an unintended pregnancy to provide information, a listening space, and love, along with referrals and emotional and spiritual support when needed. The envelopes will be available to take home Saturday January 22, 2022 and Sunday January 23. Please read the insert and return at your earliest convenience or by Sunday March 6, 2022. Thank you and know your pro-life support will be appreciated by moms, dads, and babies to be.

Newman Needs Vintage Table Cloths To Make Purificators for the Chalice for Mass

Looking for vintage table cloths, stains are ok, natural fibers only, such as linen and cotton, color needs to be white to off white to sew purificators for the chalice. We also are in need of others with reliable machines for sewing these. Also we could use help with soaking, pressing and ironing these cloths. This project requires just basic hemming skills, cutting out of the cloth, and or sewing. We will provide the thread and needles and clips, Thank you for considering doing this as these are the best purificators and most absorbent. Call Sandy in the Newman office if you have suggestions or can help with this project. We are repurposing the material in the spirit of Pope Francis' Encyclical. We would like the linens now but our plan is to start sewing at the end of Feb.

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