

Sunday Bulletin

Blessed Sacrament & Roncalli Newman

Roman Catholic Churches of La Crosse, WI
Second Sunday of Advent | December 10, 2023

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

4:30PM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

SUNDAY

9AM Blessed Sacrament (BSP)

11AM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

8:30PM Roncalli Newman (RNC)

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday - 8:00AM (BSP)

Tues - 5:15PM (RNC)

Thurs - 7pm (RNC)

Wed/Fri - Noon (RNC)

CONFESSIONS

3:30 - 4:15PM Saturdays or by appt.

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. BILLY DODGE

WARNING: Watch out for e-mail scams! Several parishioners have fallen for a scam in which a scammer pretending to be me or Father Sam will send an email asking a parishioner for monetary assistance - usually in the form of gift cards - and to email them the numbers on the gift cards. The ONLY email I use is billyjdodge@gmail.com - do not forget the letter "J". Often these scammers have emails like father.billy.dodge@gmail.com and include a picture of me which they found online, so be careful! If you have any doubt just call the parish office or call me and ask if I am in need of financial assistance. Do not give away any information through email or text.



AROUND THE PARISHES

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Decoration Setup!

As we joyfully anticipate the birth of Jesus, the Environment Committee leads at Blessed Sacrament and Roncalli Newman Center are excited to transform our beloved spaces into warm and welcoming environments for all. To achieve this, MANY HANDS will be needed for tasks from setting-up trees to tying & attaching bows. We are SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to team-up with us at the following times:

Blessed Sacrament: Friday, December 22 at 9AM. Please meet in the sanctuary.

Roncalli Newman Center: Sunday, December 17 after the 11 AM service. Please meet in the basement hall after Mass.

Collection for Retired Religious

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting the Retired Religious. Religious sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit significantly from this national collection. Please take an envelope provided in the pews and bring back next week.

Ring in the New Year!

While there will not be an evening Mass on Sunday December 31st, there's no reason we can't watch the 6:00pm fireworks from the hallway outside the Blessed Sacrament parish center. All that is needed is a few families/individuals interested in helping to host the fireworks party held in the parish hall beginning at 5:30pm. If you're able and willing, please call the parish office at 608-782-2953 by December 22nd.

December Men's Prayer and Fellowship | December 11

The next Men's prayer and fellowship gathering will be Monday December 11th from 6-7:30 pm in the conference room. Bring your Rosary and a friend.

Pointsettia Orders Available Now

Help adorn our church sanctuaries with a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Call your respective church office, 608-782-2953 for Blessed Sacrament, and 608-860-6001 for Roncalli Newman, to place your order for a 6 inch pot for \$18, an 8 inch for \$35 or a 10 inch for \$53.

AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

Bishop Callahan Advent Remarks:

“As the year draws to a close and the hopes for 2024 dawn, I am grateful to have the opportunity to pass along my own Advent greetings to you...” Please share Bishop Callahan’s Advent remarks by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0cKXO0q9t8> or by using your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right.



Couches for Campus Ministry

Hello from Campus Ministry! We are in need of a few good/great condition couches or loveseats for a project. If you or anyone you know has some furniture to get rid of, please email campusmin@newmanlc.org. Thank you!

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday December 13th. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 3-1: Live Like Jesus and 3-2: Love Like Jesus. We will see you again on December 20th. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Newman Giving Tree

Our annual giving tree is up and ready for takers. The 3 local agencies that Social Justice has chosen to help this season are The Exchange, New Horizons, and Jail Ministry. They each have a website if you would like to check out the good work that they do in our community. Each tag on the Giving Tree has a list of items needed at one of the agencies. They request only NEW items. Please shop for the item(s) and return back under the tree at RNC by Monday, December 18th. We plan to deliver items before Christmas to each agency. Thank you. This is a nice way to remember those in need during the holidays.

Women’s Club Holy Hour | January 6

Women’s Club will begin our New Year with a Holy hour for all ladies of the parish on Saturday January 6 at 10 am. A short business meeting will follow after the Holy hour, in the parish center. Please make your new 2024 calendar for Saturday, January 6.

Winter Coat Drive for La Crosse Jail Ministry @ RNC

La Crosse Jail Ministry is again asking for new or slightly worn winter jackets for men. Sizes M-XXL. A blue bin is in the back of Roncalli Newman. Thank you so very much!

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Roncalli Newman Parishioner, Dolores Graham.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Roncalli Newman Parishioner, Rita Andrews.

Advent: It is not too late to begin your Advent Meditation. Choose one from these compelling resources.

- Bishop Barron’s daily Gospel reflections - www.wordonfire.org/reflections/advent
- Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA - Weekly Advent Reflection Videos (2 min.): What can we give Jesus for Christmas? www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/advent-14416
- Hallow’s Advent Pray25 with C.S. Lewis - <https://hallow.com/blog/pray25/>
- Matthew Kelly: Best Advent Ever - www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.htm
- EWTN daily Advent Reflections - www.ewtn.com/catholicism/reflections/advent

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 16/17

Sun, Dec 17, 9:00 AM - Third Sunday of Advent (BSP)

Gene Kolaczowski	Reader (1)
John Gallagher	Reader (2)
Kristin Johnson & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Matthew B. & Hunter J.	Servers
Steve Flottmeyer & Mark Hyde	Hospitality Ministers
LuAnne Kratt & Bob Roth	Hospitality Ministers
William Arnold	Sacristan/MC
Sandra Borreson & Bernice Lansing	EMHCs

Rosary Leaders at Blessed Sacrament

12/16 4:30pm -

12/17 9am - Kevin and Helen Roop

Sun, Dec 17, 11:00 AM - Third Sunday of Advent (RNC)

Margaret Anderson	Reader (1)
Alexandra UWL - Hill	Reader (2)
Andy Manson & ME Hauptert	Cantor & Accompanist
Alex B	Server
Debbie Dahl-Schultz & Michael Porter	Hospitality Ministers
Suzanne Verdoliva & Aaron Zivney	Hospitality Ministers
Lois Martin & Aaron Zivney	Gift Bearers
Mary Lou Balts	Sacristan/MC

Sat, Dec 16, 4:30 PM - Third Sunday of Advent (BSP)

Tom Kieffer	Reader (1)
Joan Mueller	Reader (2)
Chris Dresen & Mary BD	Cantor & Accompanist
Charlee G. & Ruby G	Servers
Donna Cramer & Scott Weaver	Hospitality Ministers
Mike Vanderploeg	Sacristan/MC
Paulette & Peter Drozdowicz	EMHCs

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

Social Justice Alternative Gift Giving:

Dear Parishioners, The Alternative Gift announcement for the Dec 3rd bulletin was sent to the wrong email address, so it did not get in last week's bulletin. So, Social Justice is submitting them both to the Dec.10th bulletin because they build on each other. Sorry about the mix-up on Social Justice's part.

Social Justice Alternative Gift Giving for Sun. Dec 3rd:

In the readings for today, the 1st Sunday of Advent, Jesus tells us to "watch" as a precursor of the gift of His birth. During this first week of Advent, consider giving the gift of "time". Discuss with your family what gift of "time" you can give to others this Advent. Some possibilities are: "time" ringing the Salvation Army bells as a family, or "time" preparing a meal as a family for the Warming Center—see Newman's home page at www.roncallinewmancenter.com/ and click on Warming Center box to learn more), or "time" choosing a tag off of the Giving Tree (in the Gathering and Sunday donuts Space) and shopping together as a family, for a gift to bring back and put under the tree.

Social Justice Alternative Gift Giving for Sun. Dec 10th Bulletin:

As we continue to watch and anticipate Christ's gift to us, His Birth on Christmas, again pause and as a family and discuss possible ways to give to others. Start by having each person in your family make a donation from their savings-- coins to bills-- and put it all together to: **1.** Shop as a family for treats for Finals week at UW-L (Dec 15–20) **2.** Shop and prepare as a family, a dish for the Tuesday night Student Suppers -click on the blue Student Supper Volunteer Sign-Up box on Newman's home page at: www.roncallinewmancenter.com/ **3.** Shop for food as a family, before going on a family outing to the Rotary Lights. Bring the food that you bought, and give it to the volunteers collecting food for Wafer, as you leave.

MUSIC & LITURGY

Christmas is coming and we are busy preparing the music for the three Christmas Eve Masses and our Christmas morning Mass. The Mass schedule is as follows:

-Dec. 24 - 4:00 PM at BSP (organ, piano, and choir) Choir will practice on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 10:00 AM at BSP

-Dec. 24 - 6:30 PM at RNP (music and liturgy led mostly by children and parents) - Practice date yet to be determined

-Dec. 24 - 8:30 PM at RNP (choir with congregational and choral pieces) Choir practices Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM at RNP

-Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM at BSP (choir with organ, piano, and brass) Choir will practice on Wednesdays, 5:30-7PM @ RNP

If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument for one of these Masses, please contact Mary Blaha-DeBoer, marybdmusic@gmail.com or text/call 608-780-5780,

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:30pm BSP +Marianne Pittman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9am BSP +Charlie Brendel

11am RNC +June Norgaard

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

8am BSP +Mary Ann Bradley

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8am BSP +Barb Durst (SCHOOL MASS)

5:15pm RNC +John Boland

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8am BSP +Lloyd Herlitzke

Noon RNC +Jack Niedfeldt

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8am BSP +Jim Kroner Sr

7pm RNC +John Boland

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8am BSP +Shirley Murphy

Noon RNC +Richard Tuma

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:30pm BSP +Vernadine Doll

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9am BSP +Don Dolan

11am RNC JoAnne & Dan Pedretti
celebrating their 56th Anniversay

Campus Ministry Corner

Inspiring testimonies & stories of how Roncalli Newman is changing the lives of college students

Coming into college, moving away from home and all your comforts, everyone begins to search for new comforts, a new home, and new friends. My freshman year experience was no different. I had the obstacle of COVID to work around however. Outside of Angell Hall, my new physical home, my next google maps search was Catholic Churches in the area. Unfortunately due to the circumstances I didn't get really involved with Newman till the following year at the first Kairos retreat. This is where I truly got to meet the most amazing, God loving, faithful humans I consider some of my best friends today. I had finally found a new home. Forming these relationships help motivate me to dive deeper and become more intentional with my faith and relationship with God. Being able to share the common goal of loving God with those around me lead me to joining helping greet and serve at mass, get into Bible studies and discipleship and now leading them. Finding the community that Newman provides, I haven't seen anywhere else and I'm so blessed not only for my friends I've made here or the experiences like Kairos and SEEK I've had the opportunity in partaking in, but the exponential growth that I have seen in my relationship with God and how it continues to grow everyday inside or out of Newman!

-Max Gutenberg, Junior

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Prayer

A Minute with Jesus during the National Eucharistic Revival: Does Jesus understand everything about me?

Jesus knows exactly what you are feeling and understands. Where you are, Jesus has been; He shares every joy and every pain with you. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: If you have something painful in your heart, speak with Jesus about it and give it to Him.

This week, read from Scripture how the angel appears to Joseph and guides him to take his wife Mary into his home in Matthew 1: 18-25. Note: Mary and Joseph were married in the Jewish tradition, which is referred to as being betrothed. There are two parts to betrothal: marriage and, after one year, sharing a common home.



Encounter Jesus
in the Eucharist.
He waits for you!

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats – Rachel's Vineyard – Encounter God's Mercy

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat to help anyone who has struggled with the aftermath of abortion to begin healing through a supportive, trauma-sensitive approach. Each weekend is run by a team of trained volunteers (counselor, priest, and lay people), who care deeply for your needs. All interactions with the Rachel's Vineyard retreat team are completely confidential. These retreats will be offered in the Diocese of Madison on Nov. 10-12, 2023, March 15-17, 2024, and Nov. 8-10 2024. For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Substitute Teachers Needed

Aquinas Catholic Schools are seeking candidates for Substitute Teaching positions at all schools. If you are interested in applying, please submit a resume and cover letter to J.T. Gilbert (Dean of Students) at jt.gilbert@aquinasschools.org.

In need of yarn, fabric, and needlework supplies

Coulee Region Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is seeking donations of yarn, fabric, and needlework supplies for its Handcraft Program. RSVP volunteers make thousands of items for donation to local hospitals and other social service organizations. We make hats, mittens, scarves, quilts, afghans, wheel-chair/walker bags, and countless other items.

RSVP donates about 5,000 handcrafted items yearly, so we always need more yarn and fabric. All needlework supplies are accepted, and what we can't use for making items for donation will be saved for a needlecraft sale in the spring to support the Handcraft Program.

If you have any questions or want to drop off a donation, call us at 608-785-0500. Coulee Region RSVP is located at 2920 East Ave. South, La Crosse, and we are on the web at www.rsvplax.org.

Sunday Rest

Come and pray with us!
Fr. Sam will lead a
teaching and practice of
different forms of prayer.

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AT NEWMAN
7:30PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 17

Sept 17 - Lectio Divina

Oct 1 - Examen Prayer

Oct 15 - Ignatian Meditation

Oct 29 - Rosary

Nov 12 - Breviary and Psalms

Nov 26 - Praise and Worship

Dec 10 - "ARRR"

*"Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while"*