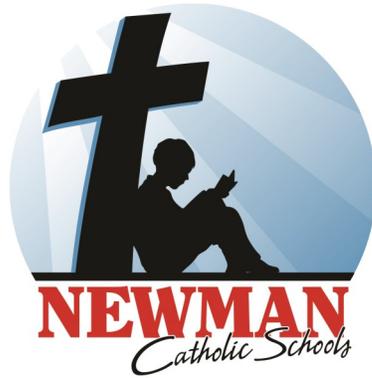


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## *The Cardinal Connection*

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December 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents,

During Advent the teachers will work with the children to help them learn the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus' birth. While the outside world is filled with Santa, we will strive to support our parents in helping young children learn about Jesus, God's gift to the world. Families are encouraged to keep an Advent wreath at home and count down the days and weeks to the birth of Jesus. This is a simple way for families to grow together in faith. Teaching your child the value of waiting and learning Jesus is the reason for the season are important life lessons.

Our Preschool and 4K Christmas Concert is Monday, December 1 at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael gym. Parents, please have your children to their Preschool or 4K classroom by 5:30 pm that evening.

I pray that this Advent season brings you peace.

Merry Christmas!

Sarah Welch  
Site Director  
NCECC: St. Michael



## NCECC: St. Michael Program Holiday Schedules

### Preschool Christmas Break

- No class Monday, December 22 through Thursday, January 1
- Classes resume on Friday, January 2

### 4K Christmas Break

- No class Monday, December 22 through Thursday, January 1
- Classes resume on Friday, January 2



### Licensed Child Care Holiday Schedule

- Monday, December 22 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Tuesday, December 23 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Wednesday, December 24 - **CLOSED** - Employee Christmas holiday
- Thursday, December 25 - **CLOSED** - Employee Christmas holiday
- Friday, December 26 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; Attendance and weather permitting, Sack lunch from home
- Monday, December 29 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Tuesday, December 30 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Wednesday, December 31 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Thursday, January 1 - **CLOSED** - Employee New Year's holiday
- Friday, January 2 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.

*We wish your family a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*

## Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

### Preschool & 4K Christmas Concert - Monday, December 1

Preschool and 4K students should report to their classroom no later than 5:30 pm that evening. The concert is scheduled to begin at 6 pm. The concert will be in the NCECC: St. Michael gym. After the program we will have a small gift for you and your family to enjoy!

### NCES: St. Anne & NCECC: St. Michael Home & School Association

The next Home and School Meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm at NCES: St. Anne. All NCECC: St. Michael families are invited to attend as the Home & School supports our Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K students as well.

### Winter Weather Clothing

Please remember to make sure your children come to Licensed Child Care, Preschool, or 4K dressed for winter weather. Teachers are still able to take the children outside with the colder weather. All students - Licensed Child care, Preschool, and 4K - are expected to have winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens so they can go outside. Thank you in advance for your preparation.

### Extra Clothing

Please make sure the extra clothing your child has here at NCECC: St. Michael is appropriate for the winter weather if they need to change in the event of an accident (i.e. exchanging t-shirts for long sleeves and/or exchanging shorts for long pants). If you are able to provide more than one full change of clothing that would be appreciated.

Additionally, if your child (ren) were sent home in clothing borrowed from NCECC: St. Michael, please return those items to our child's teacher.

## NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

**Child Care Teachers** - Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided. We're looking for:

- ◆ Second teacher in the Rainbow classroom (2 1/2 years to 3 years)
- ◆ Second teacher in the Noah's Ark classroom (3 years to 4 years).
- ◆ Second teacher in the Young Disciples classroom (4 years to 5 years)

If you have questions or are interested in any of these positions, please contact Sarah Welch, NCECC: St. Michael Site Director at 715 - 848 - 0206 option 2 or swelch@newmancatholicschools.com.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

## Volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael please reach out to Ms. Sarah in the Early Childhood Center Office for the appropriate forms from the Diocese of La Crosse that need to be completed.

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ( [Link to online portion](#) ).
  - \*\* When selecting a "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
  - \*\* When selecting a "Position", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or both. **Please be specific.**
  - \*\* Make sure to take your time. The online portion will not be complete if you rush through the process.
- 2) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check & Authorization for Release of FBI Information" form ( [Link to website PDF](#) ).
  - \*\* Under "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer" or Field Trip Chaperone".
  - \*\* **All blanks MUST be completed in order for the background check to be run.** If you do not have a completed background check, you will not be able to volunteer.

At the bottom of the form:

- \*\* Parish / School - Newman Catholic Schools
- \*\* Parish / School Contact Person - hr@newmancatholicschools.com
- \*\* City/Unified System - Wausau / Newman Catholic Schools
- \*\* Contact Phone Number - 715-845-5735



- 3) Complete the "Annual Verification of Protect and Heal Training" form ( [Link to website PDF](#) ).
- 4) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Employee and Volunteer Confidential Questionnaire" form ( [Link to website PDF](#) ).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Sarah in the Early Childhood Center Office.

Upcoming events extra hands will be appreciated at are:

- NCECC: St. Michael Preschool & 4K Christmas Program (Monday, December 1)
- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Yearbook Committee (March / April 2026)
- NCECC: St. Michael and NCES: St. Anne Spring Fling (April 2026)

## Classroom News

### Little Lambs

Merry Christmas to all!!

In the month of December our themes are Merry Christmas, Happy Birthday Jesus and Happy New Year!

The babies will be working on tummy time and rolling over. The toddlers will be working on eating meals at the table and sleeping on a cot.



God Bless, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

### Rainbow

Hello Rainbow Room families, in the month of December we will be learning about winter, Family traditions, and Christmas. A few things we are looking forward to include making snowflakes, listening to Christmas songs, snow dough and we will be having a class Christmas party. Looking forward to having a merry and bright December with you, Mrs. Liz



### Young Disciples

I can't believe it's the last month of the year! This month we have 1 birthday and that is Ambry. She will celebrate her big day on the 30th . Happy Birthday Ambry! This month we will celebrate the birth of Jesus and talk about how important he is to all of us. A reminder that we are closed December 24th and 25th in celebration of Christmas and the 1st of January to welcome the New year. Please have a blessed Christmas and New Year with your family and as always if you have any questions for me please don't hesitate to ask or email.

God's blessings to you all

Ms. Paula

### Little Angels

December?!?!

Where did the year go? Time has surely flown by!

In the month of December, Little Angels will be learning about why we celebrate Christmas.

We will be singing songs, creating art projects in honor of Jesus's birthday, Dates to remember:

Dec 23 Classroom Christmas party

Children are welcome to wear their pajamas on this day.

We will be watching holiday movies, playing games and opening a gift from our teachers. ,

From the bottom of our hearts,

It is always a pleasure working with your children.



Merry Christmas To All And A Very Blessed New Year!

Ms. Linda and M.s Gabby

### Noah's Ark

Please remember the weather is changing so please make sure your child has appropriate outside gear.

Our weekly themes are;

Snow/winter  
Christmas  
New Years

Reminders:

Monday, December 1 Preschool/4K Christmas Program

Please have your child here by 5:30 in their preschool

room

Week of Dec 15th—Holiday Dress up week

More information to come

No Preschool– December 22nd– Jan. 1st.

Center Closed– December 24th –25th  
-January 1st

#### **Like us on Facebook!**

See all the fun things happening at Newman Catholic Schools. "Like" us on Facebook!

Look for the Newman Catholic Schools logo!



## Classroom News (continued)

### Preschool

December 1st we will get to perform our Christmas concert. Our 3P friends have been working so hard on their songs and all their hard work is really paying off!

In 3P this month, we will be talking about our 5 senses and the Christmas story. We will continue working on our letter identification with letters K, L, M, and N. We are going to continue working on using our pincer grip to trace letters. Each child will be starting with the letters in their name. We will continue naming the parts of a book, working on our shapes and becoming more independent with scissors.

In religion, we will continue talking about Jesus and His family and practicing the sign of the cross.

In class this month, as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birthday, we will be working hard on our class room to live the way Jesus asked us to. When friends do kind deeds their name will go on the board in class. At the end of class, we will be calling those names to come up and add hay to our class manger. Our kindness will help to keep Jesus warm when he arrives the day before Christmas break!

Dates to remember

December

1st - Christmas Program - 6 pm, Drop kids in 3P room at 5:30 pm

15th - 19th - Holiday dress up week

22nd - January 2nd - Christmas Break

January

6th - 3P Resumes

15th - Open House for 26-27 school year, 8-6 pm

Ms. Monica

### 4K AM & PM

Time flies when you're learning and having fun! With the end of the year coming fast, I want to thank all of you for making this year a blast! You all have made my first full year of teaching 4K magical, and I look forward to finishing off the year with everyone!

Our Christmas Concert is on Monday, December 1st @ 6 PM! Please make sure to have your child in the 4K classroom by 5:30!

#### **What We're Learning About**

Our next theme is Compare and Contrast! We will be discussing:

- Living and nonliving things
- Stories and how they're alike and different
- Things that are real and make-believe
- Opposites!

#### **Reminders**

- Return library books every Tuesday
- Show & Tell is every Thursday (no electronics or remote control toys please!)
- Water bottles should be brought every Monday
- Bring winter gear! There will be spare cubbies to store items

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Christmas Concert: Dec. 1
  - Pajama Day: Dec. 19
  - Winter Break: Dec. 22 - Jan. 2
- (see NCECC calendar for LCC hours)

### Preschool & 4K Activity Fee Payment Reminder

If you have not already paid your annual activity fee for the 2025 - 2026 school year, please make sure you do so.

- **Preschool Families** - your annual fee is \$40.00 and goes towards helping cover the cost of the snack provided to the students.

**We are still missing payments from 11 families.**

- **4K Families** - your annual fee is \$40.00 and goes towards helping cover the cost of both the snack provided to the students and two of the potential four field trips coordinated by the Wausau School District for the students.

**We are still missing payments from 10 families.**

Due to how we need to track the payments, we only can accept cash or check payments for this fee. We are unable to put the fee in eFunds to be paid with credit card. Checks should be made payable to "NCECC: St. Michael".

If you have questions on this, please reach out to Ms. Sarah in the Early Childhood Center Office.

# 4K RELIGION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



## What We're Learning

### Happy December!

We only have a few short weeks this month, however, we are going to be really busy!

Week 1: Discovering how we can honor Jesus through our actions and words.

Week 2: Celebrate the birth of Jesus and discuss how we can do so by being kind to others.

Week 3: This week is all about Jesus' birth and Mother Mary.

Week 4: Christmas Break

Week 5: Christmas Break

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and I cannot wait to see you all when you return on January 6th!

Ms. Coral



## Reminders

We will have our monthly party on the last day before Christmas break (December 19). If anyone is willing to bring in a snack or drink for the class, please make sure it is STORE BOUGHT. We have 11 students in religion class.

## Upcoming Events

- Christmas Concert: Dec. 1 @ 6P
- Holiday Parade: Dec. 5
- Christmas Break: Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

## Request

I have a big project planned for the end of January. If anyone has cardboard they are willing to donate, please drop it off in the religion classroom. Thank you!





## Join NCECC: St. Michael for a week of Holiday cheer!

### **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Blue Christmas**

Wear your blues because you'll miss us during Christmas.

### **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Grinch Green**

Wear your greens - like the Grinch - and/or have a crazy hair day like the Grinch and the Who's.

### **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - Candy Cane**

Wear red and white to look like a candy cane.

### **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Reindeer Games**

Wear your favorite Christmas headwear, such as a Santa hat, Elf hat, antlers, Christmas headband, Christmas hat, Christmas scarf, etc.

### **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Spirit**

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater.

### **THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER IS CLOSED**

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**through Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Licensed Child Care services will not  
be available those two days.

**Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> child care pending due to  
enrollment numbers**

Licensed Child Care services will be available again  
Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> with our regular hours.

## From the Kitchen



A tasty recipe from long ago, Gingerbread is full of wonderful ingredients that help to make Christmas yummy. Today gingerbread is a holiday staple for many families. You can often find tasty gingerbread cookies or cake offered at holiday gatherings. A favorite activity during this festive time is creating a gingerbread house decorated with all a child's favorite goodies. Have you ever created a gingerbread house?



## ★ December 2025 SCRIP NEWS



Check out the mobile app for scrip on your smartphone: RaiseRight. Available in the App Store or Google Play. Use your same log in as the RaiseRight website.



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**New to scrip?** Find the instructional video at [newmancatholicschools.com](http://newmancatholicschools.com), click on scrip. Please call or email [scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com) for the NCS enrollment code.

### **Scrip Office Closed:**

The Scrip Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 23, 2025 until Monday, January 5, 2026.

### **Scrip Hours**

*Monday 9:00-4:00*

*Thursday 9:00-4:00*

**Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.**

Contact us: 715-849-7713  
615 Stark St. Wausau, WI 54403  
[scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com)



### **December 2025 Scrip Hours:**

#### **Local Scrip Order Week**

Monday December 1	9:00-4:00
Tuesday December 2	Closed
Wednesday December 3	Closed
Thursday December 4	9:00-4:00
Friday December 5	Closed

Monday December 8	9:00-4:00
Tuesday December 9	Closed
Wednesday December 10	Closed
Thursday December 11	9:00-4:00
Friday December 12	Closed

#### **Local Scrip Order Week**

Monday December 15	9:00-4:00
Tuesday December 16	Closed
Wednesday December 17	Closed
Thursday December 18	9:00-4:00
Friday December 19	Closed

Monday December 22	9:00-4:00
Tuesday December 23	Closed
Wednesday December 24	Closed
Thursday December 25	Closed
Friday December 26	Closed

Monday December 29	Closed
Tuesday December 30	Closed
Wednesday December 31	Closed
Thursday January 1	Closed
Friday January 2	Closed

**We will open after the holidays on Monday, January 5, 2026!**



# NCECC: St. Michael Calendar December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Preschool and 4K Christmas Program @ 6 pm in the Gym	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)  Wausau Holiday Parade @ 6 pm	<b>6</b> St. Nicholas Day  
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Holiday Dress Up Week - More information on next page. A paper handout will come home at a later date.</b>					<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>No 4K and Preschool— Christmas Break</b>					<b>27</b>
			Center Closed for Christmas		Sack Lunch from home day	
<b>28</b>	<b>No 4K and Preschool— Christmas Break</b>					<b>January 3</b>
				Center Closed for New Year's	LCC services resume	

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS**

- 1) Go to the Newman website ([www.newmancatholicschools.com](http://www.newmancatholicschools.com)).
- 2) Under "About", click "Calendars".
- 3) On the "Academic" calendars tab; click the grey RSS icon. If you wish to subscribe to lunch menu calendars, click "Lunch Menus" then click the grey RSS icon.
- 4) In the "Calendar Feeds" box; click the green "ICAL" button to the right of the calendar you wish to subscribe to. Select the appropriate option for your device.



# CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

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**INTEGRITY** wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

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