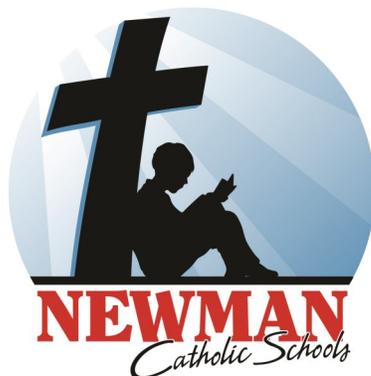


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## *The Cardinal Connection*

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January 2026

NCECC: St. Michael

Hello St. Michael Families-

God blesses us with so many wonderful things. We all have very busy lives and it might be easy to have the winter blues at this time of the year. Remember, this is a wonderful and beautiful time in your child's life. Celebrate the winter through their eyes!

As always, please know how grateful I am that you entrust your most precious gift, your child, to us at Newman Catholic Schools. You and your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

God's blessings,  
Sarah Welch

Please note that on Friday, January 2, 2026 the Child Care Center will be **CLOSING at 3pm**



**Is it time for Preschool, 4K, or Kindergarten??**

**NCECC: St. Michael Open House (8 am - 6 pm)  
Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**Monday, January 15, 2026  
NCES: St. Anne Open House (8 am - 6 pm)**

**Registration for the 2026 - 2027 school year begins February 2!**

## NCECC: St. Michael January Calendar Reminders



- **Thursday, January 1**
  - No Licensed Child Care services due to employee holiday.
  - Preschool, 4K AM and PM not in session due to Christmas Break
- **Friday, January 2nd**
  - Child Care Center **CLOSING** at 3pm.
  - Preschool, 4K AM and PM not in session due to Christmas Break
- **Monday, January 19 - NO 4K AM AND PM** - Wausau School District Recordkeeping Day
  - Licensed Child Care services still available
- **Friday, January 23 - NO 4K AM AND PM** - Wausau School District Professional Learning Day
  - Licensed Child Care services still available
  - Preschool still in session
- **Monday, January 26 - Friday, January 30 - Catholic Schools Week**  
Watch for a flyer to come home with daily dress up themes and information on our weeklong-service activity.

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

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

The next Home and School Meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2026 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.

### NCES: St. Anne Open House for 2026 - 2027

Happy New Year! A new year leads us to think of all the possibilities! All those wonderful things that God has planned for our futures! At NCES: St. Anne we would like you to think about being part of our school family in the near future as kindergarteners!

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Open House**

**Thursday, January 15th-8:00am to 6:00pm** –come anytime throughout the day

**Newman Catholic Elementary School: St. Anne**

**604 N 6th Ave. Wausau, WI**

**715-845-5754**

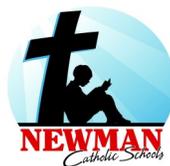
### Winter Weather Clothing

Please remember to send your children to school properly dressed to be outside, whether they are in Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool, or 4K. The teachers are taking the classrooms outside for walks and to play on the playground as often as possible as long as the weather conditions cooperate. All students - Licensed child care, Preschool, and 4K - are expected to have winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens in order to 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 ( 2/12 years to 3 years).
- ◆ Second teacher in the Noah's Ark classroom (3 years to 4 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@newmancatholicsschools.com](mailto:swelch@newmancatholicsschools.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@newmancatholicsschools.com](mailto:hr@newmancatholicsschools.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:

- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Yearbook Committee (March / April 2026)
- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Spring Fling (April 2026)



## Classroom News

### Little Lambs

It's hard to believe it's the start of a new year. During the month of January the children will learn about snowflakes, snowman, winter clothes, penguins, polar bears and winter fun. The toddlers will be working expanding vocabulary and small motor skills. Our littles ones will be working on tummy time and rolling over.

God Bless  
Amanda and Alexis



Reminder -Center is Closed January 1st

-Center closing at 3pm on January 2nd

### Little Angels

Happy new year!

In January, Little Angels will continue learning about numbers, shapes and colors. Our theme this month will be Artic animals. We would also incorporate hand eye coordination into our projects this month.

Have a happy and healthy New Year !  
Ms. Linda and Ms. Gabby

January 1st Center Closed

January 2nd Center Closing at 3pm

### Young Disciples

Welcome 2026 from Young Disciples

Hello and welcome to a brand-new year, I am hoping you had a wonderful relaxing holiday with your family. This month we will be talking about snowflakes and snowman and doing some really cute art projects with that. We also will be talking about Polar bears and Penguins and learning all about them. Please remember snow gear for your children because we do go outside. Wishing you a wonderful new year filled with health, love and Joy.

Ms. Paula

### Rainbow

Hello Rainbow room families, in the month of January we will be learning about all sorts of animals. A few things to look forward to in January include "Going on a Bear Hunt" and learning about hibernation, along with reading the Jungle Book and coming up with our own creative jungle story. We will also learn about Martin Luther King and his dream for peace. Towards the end of the month we will be learning about Jonah and the Whale along with Noah and the Ark. Looking forward to the new year and new theme- Mrs. Liz

\*Center Close on January 1st

\*Center closing at 3pm on January 2nd

### Noah's Ark

Important dates to remember:

January 1, 2026– Center Closed

January 1st and 2nd—No Preschool

January 2, 2026– Center open 6:30-3:00pm for LCC families

January 15, 2026– Open house for the 2026-2027 School year  
8:00am-6:00pm



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*  
**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**Preschool**

Hi 3P families,

Happy New Year! We have an exciting month ahead in 3P! We will be starting all kinds of new things but our main theme of the month is independence. We will be starting to work on writing our name, trying to zip our coats, buttoning, zipping, and cutting. These skills are hard, but we can do hard things! You can all help at home by encouraging the kiddos to do more and more things on their own such as zipping their coat, putting on snow gear, or getting dressed in the morning. We will continue working on our letters, focusing on N, O, P, and Q. Friends who are ready will start to find their name using lower-case letters.

Our units this month are all about winter, snowmen, and the difference between hot and cold. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. Part of that celebration includes a fun-filled field trip to Monk Gardens!

I know this month is going to zoom by so here are some important dates to remember:

January 6th- 3P class resumes

January 15th- Open House at St. Michael for the 26-27 school year 8am-6pm

January 26th-30th Catholic Schools Week

January 29th- Field Trip to Monk Gardens

**4K**

Happy New Year! I'm super excited to be ringing in 2026 with such amazing students and families! I'm also super excited to be ENGAGED! There will be more details to share as the wedding planning begins!

Through January, the students and I will be diving into some construction and creativity! We will be discussing topics like:

- The names of big machines and construction vehicles and how they are used to build
- The tools that builders, artists, and children use
- Their imaginations and how to share their creative ideas
- How their imaginations can lead them to become artists, musicians, architects, etc.

Some reminders:

- Return library books every Tuesday
- Show & Tell is every Thursday
- Water bottles should be brought every Monday
- Bring winter gear! Use your winter cubbies to store items

Important upcoming dates:

- Jan. 5: Return from Winter Break
- Jan. 19: No 4K (AM & PM)
- Jan. 23: No 4K (AM & PM)
- Jan. 28: Vision & Hearing Screening
- Jan. 29: Monk Gardens Field Trip

**Thank You's**

NCECC: St. Michael has been blessed by the following people with their generous acts of kindness:

Nancy Losinski for playing wonderful Christmas music for our children at our Christmas program.  
Ms. Nancy you are a blessing to us!

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



# 4K RELIGION NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



## What We're Learning

### Happy New Year!

**I hope everyone had a great Christmas break, and I cannot wait to hear all about it!**

**Week 1:** Christmas Break

**Week 2:** This week is all about creation and how all God made is good. We will be using our senses to learn about what God Made.

**Week 3:** We will discover ways we can help take care of God's creations and how we can take care of ourselves.

**Week 4:** We will be reading a story about God's Promise. The class will discover ways they can care for each other just as Noah cared for his family and animals.



Ms. Coral

## Reminders

January 26-30<sup>th</sup> we will be working as a class to create Noah's Ark. We will be painting cardboard to look like wood. On January 30<sup>th</sup> please bring in a stuffed animal to represent an animal that Noah brought with him on the Ark.

## Upcoming Events

- Christmas Break: Jan. 1-2
- No School: Jan. 19
- No School: Jan. 23
- Catholic Schools Week:  
Jan. 26-30



Fun ways to ring in the New Year!

Host a countdown earlier in the evening for the younger people to celebrate and avoid the need to stay up late! Get the party started with a dance Party using a playlist of favorite songs and dance away. Next, set up a Make-Your- Own-Pizza station to fuel up after all the exercise. Include toppings that kids like plus some they may not be familiar with. Fruit or veggie toppings would be a fun twist. Themed Pizzas would be another fun option! Don't forget to try a different pizza crust like flatbread, English muffin, or even crispy tortilla rounds for a great crunch!

As it gets closer to bedtime, gather everyone in the Movie "theater". Provide blankets, pillows, or even inflatable beds. Let the kids relax and enjoy a New Year's movie or holiday classic. It's a great way to wind down the party and the kids. Whatever your plans are for the big night, make it a Fun and healthy one.  
Happy New Years!



★ **January 2026**  
**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 [newmanatholicschools.com](http://newmanatholicschools.com), click on scrip. Please call or email [scrip@newmanatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmanatholicschools.com) for the NCS enrollment code.

**Scrip Hours**  
**Monday 9:00-4:00**  
**Thursday 9:00-4:00**

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



### January 2026 Scrip Hours:

Thursday January 1      Closed  
Friday January 2      Closed

#### ==Local Scrip Order Week==

Monday January 5      9:00-4:00  
Tuesday January 6      Closed  
Wednesday January 7      Closed  
Thursday January 8      9:00-4:00  
Friday January 9      Closed

Monday January 12      9:00-4:00  
Tuesday January 13      Closed  
Wednesday January 14      Closed  
Thursday January 15      9:00-4:00  
Friday January 16      Closed

#### ==Local Scrip Order Week==

Monday January 19      9:00-4:00  
Tuesday January 20      Closed  
Wednesday January 21      Closed  
Thursday January 22      Closed  
Friday January 23      Closed

Monday January 26      9:00-4:00  
Tuesday January 27      Closed  
Wednesday January 28      Closed  
Thursday January 29      9:00-4:00  
Friday January 30      Closed

**NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - January 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Center Closed No LCC, Preschool or 4K	2 Licensed Child Care Closing at 3PM	3
4	5 4K Classes Resume	6 Preschool Class Resume	7	8	9 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	10
11	12	13	14	15 Prospective 3P and 4K Open House 8 am to 6 pm	16 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	17
18	19 No 4K - Wausau School District Professional Learning Day	20	21	22	23 No 4K - Wausau School District Recordkeeping Day	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Catholic Schools Week</b> (Sunday, January 25 - Saturday, January 31)  <b>Watch for daily activity schedule to be released.</b></p> </div>						

**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**

**RESPECT** the learning environment  
yourself and others

**INTEGRITY** wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

**GRATITUDE** is key

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