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The Cardinal Connection

*Fostering disciples of Christ
through Catholic faith,
service and academics.*

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March 2026

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are moving quickly through the school year as March is already upon us! We have hit many milestones and continue to make strides towards a successful completion of our school year.

March is always a great month at NCECC: St. Michael. The month will begin with a celebration of Dr. Seuss and the timeless story, *The Cat in the Hat* along with "Read Across America" week from March 2nd through 6th. Learning about Wisconsin weather in March and if the month comes in as a lamb or a lion is also a popular theme. Please continue to make the positive connections between home and school with your child. We are so very blessed to have such a strong school community where we can celebrate our Catholic faith and the joys of early childhood education.

Don't forget it's NCS registration time! If you haven't registered your child for Preschool, 4K, or Kindergarten yet for the 2026-2027 school year, please see me! Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join our early childhood center and all the great programs we have to offer! I look forward to working with your family as your child continues on in their NCS journey! More information regarding NCS registration can be found at: www.newmancatholicschools.com.

Ms. Sarah,
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael



NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

March 5th—Dr Seuss Family Night! All families are welcome!

March 17th—Dress Up day: St Patrick's day

March 27th No Preschool and No Licensed Child Care—Staff Inservice day

March 30th-April 3rd—No Preschool or 4K AM and PM—Spring Break

April 3rd—Licensed Child Care Closed

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

You will notice in the next few weeks that we are moving some teachers around to new classrooms—We are excited to be expanding room in some classrooms. If your child's teacher is one that is transitioning to a new room be sure to watch for updates from them!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is still running until March 6th— Get your orders in!

Thank You's

NCECC: St. Michael would like to thank all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our parent teacher conferences last month. We appreciate all you do to support our teachers and your child(ren)s learning!



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 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@newmancatholicsschools.com.

Volunteering As a Classroom Helper or Field Trip Chaperone

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael please reach out to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Kristin 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
- ** 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 either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Kristin 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

In the month of March the themes are Dr. Seuss, Colors of the Rainbow, St. Patrick's Day and Bunnies. The children will be working on sitting up, rolling over, tummy time, standing and walking with support.

God Bless, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

Rainbow

Hello Rainbow room families, in the month of March we will be learning about Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Ash Wednesday and Spring. March is an exciting month. We have so many fun activities and projects planned including: Oobleck story telling followed by making oobleck, leprechaun traps and creative stories, and we will have a class chia egg to watch grow, as we notice the flowers and grass start to bloom and grow outside, not to mention seeing some wildlife return and come out of hibernation. I look forward to a fun month of learning.
Mrs. Liz

Little Angels

In the month of March, Little Angels are excited to get outside again with the warmer weather. We will be doing projects involving learning about weather. We will be going on walks and playing on the playground. With that being said, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with clothes that you don't mind that get muddy.

Spring is approaching us. We will be learning about spring by planting flowers in a cup and watching them grow.

We have many learning activities planned. Some of the activities we will be doing include memory games, flash cards, beads on a string and balance stepping stones.

To celebrate saint Patrick's day, your child may wear the color green. We will have treats and teachers will hide shamrocks around the room during naptime for the children to wake up to and find.

Have a great month!

Ms. Gabby and Ms. Linda

Noah's Ark

2nd - 6th
Read Across
America
Week!

17th
Dress up day!
St Patty's day!

27th
CLOSED
STAFF INSERVICE

30th - April 3rd
No Preschool!

APRIL 3rd CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY!

APRIL 6th CLOSED
STAFF INSERVICE

Weekly Themes!

Dr. Seuss
Weather
St Patty's day
Spring

Preschools days
are
Tuesday,
Thursday &
Friday!

Breakfast is served
on
Preschools
Days from
07:30am -
08:00am!

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Young Disciples



We are finally almost to spring Yay! This month is a busy one for us. We will be learning about rainbows and how they make the beautiful colors. We will also be talking about shamrocks and trying to catch the leprechaun. It's also Dr. Seuss week and I love his books so much. Here's some upcoming events that are happening this month:

March 5th Dr. Seuss fun

March 6th No 4k

March 20th First day of spring

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March 24th Rowan has a birthday

March 30th-April 3rd is spring break week.

Wishing you Peace, Joy and love this Month and wonderful memories with your family.

Ms. Paula



Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

This March we will be learning about rainbows and God's promise to us, who St. Patrick was, and Lent! In Religion, we will begin talking about the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

We will continue working on handling our big emotions, practicing our colors, naming numbers 0-10 and counting to 10. Our shape of the month is oval. Feel free to search for ovals when you go to places this month! We are also starting to talk about rhyming words, opposites, and patterns in class. This month we should be wrapping up our weekly letter for us and should cover letters U, V, Y, and Z. Once we have covered all our letters we will begin some fun letter hunt games to continue our alphabet recognition.

We are continuing to focus on beginning to be able to write our names independently! The kids are growing so much with this skill every day! I can't wait to see the amazing strides our 3P class will make this month. I hope everyone has a wonderful March!

Ms. Monica

Important dates this month:

March 1st-6th Read across America Week

March 5th Dr Seuss night at St Michael's

March 17th St Patrick's Day dress up and 3P St. Patrick's Day Party

March 27th No School

March 30th-April 5th Spring Break

April 7th 3P Resumes

4K AM & PM

Blurb

Hello and welcome to March! Spring will be knocking on our doors before we know it, so let's get ready for sunshine, puddles, and potentially muddy clothes/shoes!

This Month's Theme

This month we will be talking all about BUGS!

-Insects that crawl

-Insects that hop or jump

-Insects that fly

-Creepy crawlies! (worms, spiders, and scorpions)

We're Almost There!

The school year is very quickly reaching an end... It can be hard to remember rules as the energy ramps up, so please remind your child(ren) of classroom safety, rules, and expectations!

Reminders

-Library books due every Tues.

-Show & Tell every Thurs. (no cameras or remote control toys please!)

-Water bottles are needed every day!

Upcoming Events

-Mar. 5: Dr. Seuss Family Night (5:30-6:30 @ St. Mike's gym)

-Mar. 6: NO 4K

-Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Dress-Up

-Mar. 30-Apr. 3: NO 4K (Spring Break)

Bonus

Please remember to look in your child's folder every day! There may be time-sensitive and important paperwork being sent home!

Let's leapfrog our way into spring!

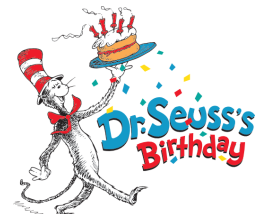
-Ms. Franki

Wausau School District 4K Family Event Hosted by NCECC: St. Michael

All NCECC: St. Michael families and Wausau School District 4K families are invited to join us the evening of Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 pm in the NCECC: St. Michael gym to celebrate Dr.

Seuss' birthday.

Activities, stories, and a snack are all planned. This is a family fun night with a cause— all proceeds will be given to a NCECC St Michael family in need!



4K Religion Newsletter

March 2026

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

WEEK 1: This week we will identify some ways to pray along with thanking God for all he has given us.

WEEK 2: We will continue working on identifying ways to pray.

WEEK 3: Discover how we can join with friends to praise God. We will talk about celebrating friendships and praising God together.

WEEK 4: Discover that Easter and springtime bring new life. We will celebrate the new life of Easter and Springtime.

WEEK 5: Spring Break

Ms Coral



To Pray as Jesus Did

There is no deep secret to praying. We just need to want to pray- to respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit, pray and continue to pray.

IMPORTANT DATES

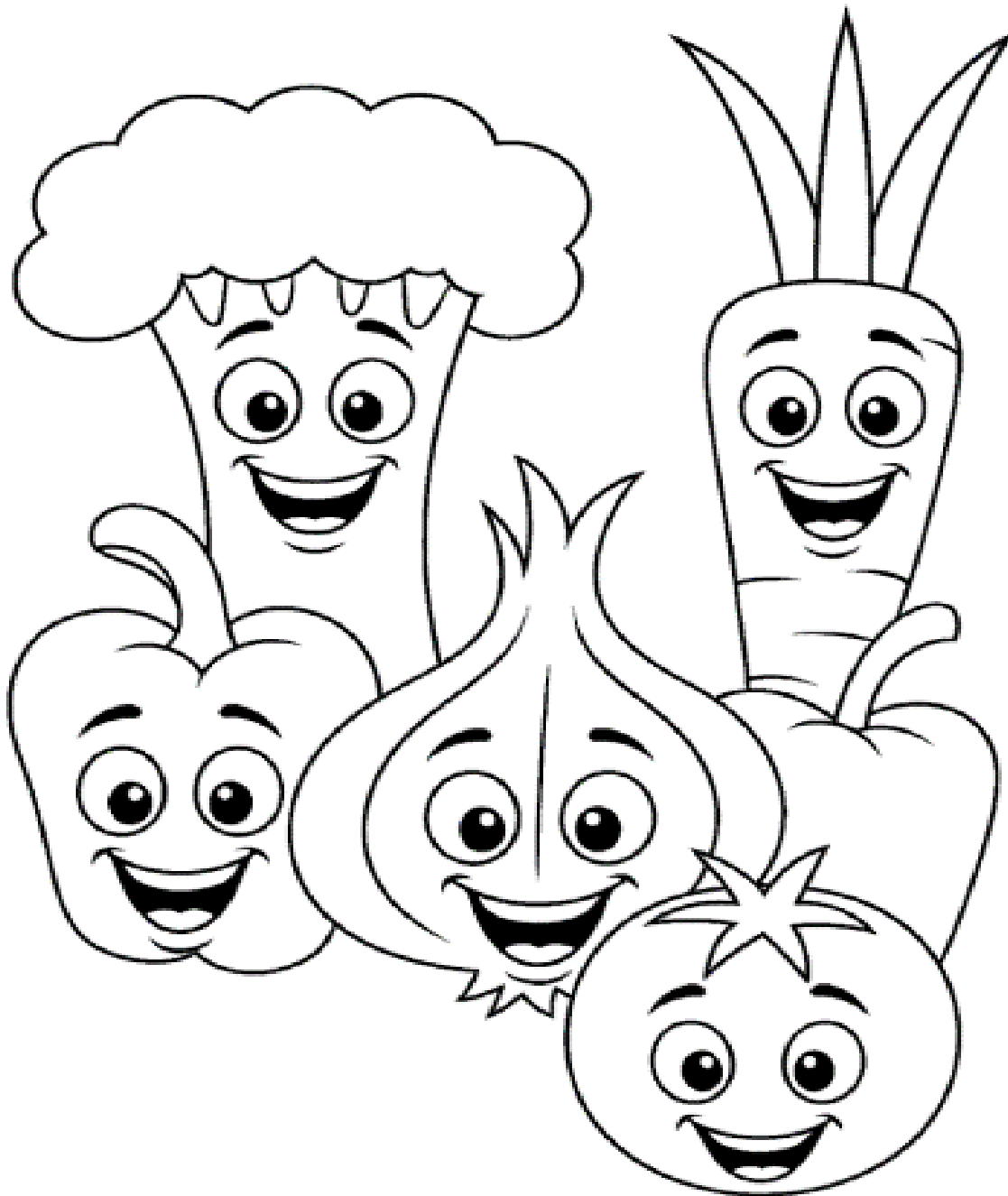
MARCH 6: No School

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: First Day of Spring

March 30- April 3: Spring Break

Kitchen News



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



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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.



Download our RaiseRight mobile app



New to scrip? Find the instructional video at newmancatholicsschools.com, click on scrip. Please call or email scrip@newmancatholicsschools.com for the NCS enrollment code.

Remember to order Scrip Gift Cards from our local business:

- Wausau Wellness Center
- Tower Cafe
- Legato Ballroom

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

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.

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March 2026 Scrip Hours:

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

Monday March 2	9:00-4:00
Tuesday March 3	Closed
Wednesday March 4	Closed
Thursday March 5	9:00-4:00
Friday March 6	Closed

Monday March 9	9:00-4:00
Tuesday March 10	Closed
Wednesday March 11	Closed
Thursday March 12	9:00-4:00
Friday March 13	Closed

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

Monday March 16	9:00-4:00
Tuesday March 17	Closed
Wednesday March 18	Closed
Thursday March 19	9:00-4:00
Friday March 20	Closed

Monday March 23	9:00-4:00
Tuesday March 24	Closed
Wednesday March 25	Closed
Thursday March 26	9:00-4:00
Friday March 27	Closed

Closed - Easter Break - 3/30 thru 4/6/26

Monday March 30	Closed
Tuesday March 31	Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Read across America Week	3 4K AM and 4K PM Hearing & Vision Rescreening day	4	5 NCECC: St Michael families and WSD 4K family fun night	6 NO SCHOOL 4K AM and 4K PM	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 DRESS UP DAY— St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 NO Licensed Childcare— Staff Inservice NO SCHOOL— Preschool	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL— Preschool, 4K AM and 4K PM	31 NO SCHOOL— Preschool, 4K AM and 4K PM				

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

- 1) Go to the Newman website.
- 2) Under "About", click "Calendars".
- 3) On the "Academic" calendars tab; 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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