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April 2026

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all enjoy the Easter season and your Lenten journey was personally meaningful. Spring is definitely in the air at NCECC: St. Michael and you can hear it through the happy cheers of the young children as they look forward to time spent outside and seasons changing.

The month of April will also bring the celebration of the Week of the Young Child from April 13-17. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their early learning. We invite you to join us in the celebration of this special week. This year's theme focuses on our youngest learners and the activities will combine fun and learning through each day's projects. Hopefully you saw the flyer sent home with your child earlier this week with the daily dress-up themes and activities!

Don't forget there's still time to register! NCS' 2026-2027 registration materials are available on our website, www.newmancatholicschools.com. Please see me if you have any questions.

We value your trust and support in our ability to nurture and educate your child, and we take this responsibility very seriously and will continue to strive for the very best for each and every student.

God Bless,

Ms. Sarah,
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael



NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

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

April 3rd—Licensed Child Care Closed—Good Friday

April 6th—Licensed Child Care Closed—Staff Inservice

April 7th—Open House

April 11th—Cabin Fever

April 27th—4K AM & PM NO SCHOOL

Bits ‘N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

We have added a new breastfeeding room to our center! Tucked away in its own area behind closed doors of our Early Childhood office. This space offers privacy along with a calming experience to come and breastfeed your baby. Please feel free to come check it out. Ask any of our teachers our stop by our office and we will gladly give you a tour!

Thank You’s

NCECC: St. Michael would like to thank all of the families you took time out of their busy schedules to attend our Dr. Seuss Family fun night. We had a great turnout and hope you all had fun too!



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@newmancatholicschools.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@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 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 April the themes are Week of the Young Child, Easter, our Earth and Umbrellas. The babies will be working on tummy time, rolling over and sitting up. The toddlers will work on eating at the table.

God Bless,
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

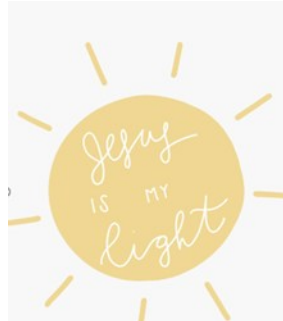
Rainbow

Hello, Rainbow room families. In the month of April, we will be learning more about Easter, Spring and flowers and baby animals. A few activities we have to look forward to include: A rain dance with some handmade rain sticks, growing a small chia garden, a baby animal matching game, bug splat painting and puzzle making. We also plan on getting outside more now that the weather will be nice, with that being said, let's remind our children of the safety rules and make sure we have the appropriate outdoor gear. I'm looking forward to a fun April of learning and discovering. Mrs. Liz.

Little Angels

We, the "Little Angels continue working on our rules of coexistence: Showing respect, asking for forgiveness. Saying "please" and "thank you", sharing, and learning to wait our turn. We also focus on hygiene and maintaining order in the classroom. Furthermore, during the spring, we enjoy painting, singing and dancing together as well as going for walks to observe the changes occurring in nature. We also explore the world of baby animals through stories, paintings and songs. We give thanks to God every day we share together.

Ms. Gabby and Ms. Dani



Noah's Ark

Dear Families,

Happy April! As spring begins to bloom around us, our classroom will be exploring the exciting changes that happen in nature during this time of year.

Throughout the month, the children will be learning about how plants grow, what seeds need to sprout, and how spring weather helps gardens and flowers come to life. We will explore topics like rain, soil, sunshine, insects, and the many ways nature wakes up again after a (long) winter. Our activities will include hands-on art projects, spring themed stories, movement activities, and simple science exploration that help build curiosity and early learning skills!

The children will also practice important developmental skills such as counting, learning new vocabulary, strengthening motor skills, and working together during group activities. April is a wonderful time for discovery, and we look forward to observing nature and learning through play together.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Warmly,

Leah Fleury

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Young Disciples

Welcome to April from Young Disciples

Spring is finally here Yay, hopefully that means warmer weather and less layers.

This month we will be busy learning all about Spring and what comes during that time like Baby animals, what they are called, how important they are and plus they are so cute!

We will discuss flowers and how they help feed animals We will have lots of exciting art projects that will be hanging in our hallway so please check them out. Our bible story this month will be Easter and why that is an important holiday. We have 2 birthdays this month and that is Ana and Oliver and their birthday is on the 23rd of this month. Happy Birthday to you both! Wishing you a wonderful spring filled with health and happiness and a blessed Easter holiday.

God's Blessings
Ms. Paula



Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

We are getting closer and closer to the end of our 3P year! This April we will be talking about weather and springtime, Easter, Earth Day, and new life. We have almost completed all of the letters in the alphabet along with their sounds.

As we draw closer to the end of the year, we will be reviewing all the colors, shapes, and numbers we have learned. We will continue to practice our name writing, cutting (zig zags), and drawing skills! We will also continue work on drawing a recognizable picture.

If the weather cooperates, I am hoping we can take walks and talk about the changes we see as we cover our springtime unit!

Monica Tatro

4K AM & PM

It's April!

We made it to spring finally! I am really looking forward to getting to spend more time on the playground and getting everyone some much needed fresh air!

What We're Learning

This month, the students will be learning all about Animals! Each week we will learn about the characteristics of:

- Mammals
- Reptiles
- Sea life
- Birds!

We are a little off on our weeks due to Christmas and Spring Breaks, so this chapter will begin on April 13th!

Reminders

- Water bottles should be brought every Monday
- Library books are due on Tuesdays
- Show & Tell is on Thursdays
- Call/email the office or Ms. Franki to report absences
- Dress your child appropriately for the weather
- AM 4K begins at 8:05!

Important Dates

- Return from break: April 6 (NO LCC, ONLY 4K)
- AimsWeb Testing: April 7-13
- NO 4K: April 27

Extras

Our last day of school is still scheduled for June 4th!

Thank you! - Ms. Franki

March 30th –April 3rd
Enjoy some time with family!



Happy Spring Break



Hello and welcome to April. My name is Paula Pavlovich and I am the current Religion teacher and the teacher for the Young Disciples room. It has been so much fun getting to know your children and their personalities. Here is what we will be learning this month. We will be learning about Jesus and how he died on the cross for us, how he rose from the dead, his last supper and how he always keeps his promises. I truly love listening to them talk about our stories and answer questions. We will have some really neat art projects that will be getting done as well and hopefully can get hung up and go home. If you have any questions or want to get to know me more please just reach out and ask. Thank you again for allowing me to spend time with the kids and teach them about God and his love for us all. Wishing you a blessed Easter with your family.

Sincerely
Ms. Paula

Kitchen News

Bring your child's curiosity to life and get ready for gardening time with these food-themed books for preschoolers. Join Grandpa as he makes a yummy lunch with foods from his garden. Get counting as plans are made to prepare a family's meal. What is a Beastly feast? What does rice have in common with many cultures? Learn about fruits and vegetables from around the world then create a meal that will become your family's new favorite!

- *Grandpa's Garden Lunch by Judith Caseley*
- *Eating the Alphabet: Fruits & Vegetables from A to Z by Lois Ehlert*
- *Feast for 10 by Carolyn Falwell*
- *Everybody Cooks Rice by Norah Dooley*
- *The Beastly Feast by Bruce Goldstone*
- *Zachary's Dinnertime by Lara Levinson*



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★ April 2026 SCRIP NEWS



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Thursday 9:00-4:00

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April 2026 Scrip Hours:

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

Wednesday April 1 Closed

Thursday April 2 Closed

Friday April 3 Closed

Monday April 6 Closed/Easter Monday Tuesday April 7 Closed

Wednesday April 8 Closed

Thursday April 9 9:00-4:00 Friday April

10 Closed

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

Monday April 13 9:00-4:00 Tuesday

April 14 Closed

Wednesday April 15 Closed

Thursday April 16 9:00-4:00 Friday April

17 Closed

Monday April 20 9:00-4:00 Tuesday

April 21 Closed

Wednesday April 22 Closed

Thursday April 23 9:00-4:00 Friday

April 24 Closed

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

Monday April 27 9:00-4:00 Tuesday

April 28 Closed

Wednesday April 29 Closed

Thursday April 30 9:00-4:00

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - April 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| | 29 | 30 NO SCHOOL PRESCHOOL, 4K AM and 4K PM | 31 NO SCHOOL PRESCHOOL, 4K AM and 4K PM | 2 NO SCHOOL PRESCHOOL, 4K AM and 4K PM | 3 NO SCHOOL PRESCHOOL, 4K AM and 4K PM. NO LICENSED CHILDCARE | 4 |
| 5 | 6 NO LICENSED CHILD CARE— STAFF IN- SERVICE | 7 OPEN HOUSE | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 CABIN FEVER |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 NO SCHOOL —4K AM and 4K PM | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 VIRTUE WALK— PRESCHOOL ONLY | |

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.



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