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May 2026

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that May is upon us so soon. It is a beautiful time of the year as new life can be seen, and we are moving quickly towards the end of the school year. As the weather turns warmer, let's remember to be thankful for all our blessings this past year.

The week of May 4 is reserved for National Teacher Appreciation Week. The students and families of Newman Catholic Schools are blessed with awesome, caring teachers from the classrooms of our youngest students to our seniors. Catholic school teachers are like our Catholic school parents, they make a purposeful decision to be a member of a Catholic school family. Our students' teachers certainly include classroom teachers, but our classroom and playground aides, food service, office, maintenance/custodial, advancement, athletic and administrative staff members. As a collective group, we all teach in some way. This week, Newman Catholic Schools parents and students are encouraged to take a moment out of their busy lives and acknowledge their child's teachers – classroom, specialists, and all of our support staff members – in prayer, thoughts, or deeds. Let this dedicated crew know how much they are valued and appreciated. May God bless our Newman Catholic Schools teachers and staff members!

Our end of the year picnic will be Thursday May 21. We hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate together the wonderful year we had together.

The month of May is also the month of Mary, the Mother of God. Together we celebrate the gift of a mother in our lives. May God bless all women who serve in the special calling of motherhood. You are a blessing to others and an example of God's love for us. Have a Happy Mother's Day – May 8.

The last day of school for Preschool will be Thursday, June 4th.
The last day of school for 4K will be Thursday, June 4th.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of NCECC: St. Michael. We appreciate all your volunteer efforts throughout the year. The students, faculty, and families are dedicated to the success of this school. This makes our school a shining example of Catholic education! God bless each of you!

God Bless,
Sarah Welch
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael



NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

May 1st—Preschool Virtue walk

May 4th—4K School Forest Trip with Wausau School District

May 7th—Kindergarten Step up Day—St Anne's

May 8th—Kindergarten Step up Day—St. Mark's

May 8th—Muffins with Mom

May 21st—End of the Year Picnic

May 22nd—No School 4K

May 25th—Memorial Day—Center CLOSED

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

Our new Stem Lab is just about completed and ready to be used by your children. We are so excited for this additional learning tool!

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 April Family Fun Event during Week of The Young Child! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



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.



Classroom News



Little Lambs

The babies will be working on tummy time, rolling over and sitting up. The toddlers will work on sharing. Our themes will be Mother's day, Bugs, flowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies.

Happy Spring!

Ms. Alexis and Ms. Amanda

Little Angels

May

Spring
8th – Muffins with Mom LLC
10th – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
23rd – MOTHER'S DAY
28th – End of school year picnic

Weekly themes!
Mother's Day
Weather
Camping
Memorial Day

Since the weather is getting warmer, please be sure to dress your child in appropriate clothing. Please be sure to bring a water bottle and a hat to school.

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Rainbow

Hello Rainbow room families, in the month of May we will be celebrating Mother's day and learning about how things grow including different types of gardens. A few highlights for May include Muffins with Mom, watching a chia plant grow, bee and flower activities and art, going on a nature walk scavenger hunt and celebrating Memorial Day. I look forward to a fun month of learning before summer starts. Mrs. Liz

Noah's Ark

Dear Families,
Happy May! Our classroom is excited to continue exploring the beauty of spring through hands on science, nature discovery, and playful learning experiences.

This month, the children will be learning more about how plants grow by exploring roots, stems, leaves, and the important role sunlight and water play in helping plants thrive. We will introduce ideas about how plants use the sun to grow, along with observing blooming flowers, busy garden insects, and the exciting changes happening outdoors during May.

Our activities will include creative art projects, spring themed stories, mini planting experiences, outdoor nature walks, and movement games that help strengthen out motor skills. Along the way, the children will continue building vocabulary, practicing counting and sorting, and developing curiosity through simple science exploration.

May is a wonderful month for noticing growth all around us, and we are excited to learn through play, movement and discovery together!
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Warmly,

Leah Fleury

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Young Disciples

Happy May from Young Disciples,

Finally, the beautiful weather has started and that means less layers (fingers crossed) Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing.

This is a big Month for us because first we celebrate our Mom's and everything they do for us. Happy Mother's Day to all Moms.

This part always makes me sad but it's also time to say goodbye to some of our friends as they leave for the summer. I will be throwing an end of school year party for the graduating Young Disciples class. More of that information will be coming out very soon so please watch for that in your children's backpacks. I truly have enjoyed having your children in my room this year and am going to miss them so much. I am so blessed to care for your children and am sad to see them go but I know they are on to bigger and better things. There are a few birthdays this month. Caroline is celebrating her birthday on the 15th and Bou has his on the 18th. Happy Birthday to you! Also wishing the kids who celebrate birthdays this summer a very happy Birthday! I hope you have a fantastic day! You deserve it! Wishing you all a warm and beautiful summer filled with fun, love and memories that will last forever.

God Bless you all,

Ms. Paula

Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

We are entering our last full month of 3P! The kids have all accomplished so much this year, and it has been amazing to watch them learn and grow.

This last month, we will talk about plant life cycles and bees and flowers. We will run through our final assessments for the end of the year and continue practicing all of our shapes, letters, numbers and colors. In class we have covered every letter and its sound so we are reviewing those daily!

If you have time, see what letters and sounds they can tell you about.

We will also be working very hard on independently writing our first name, starting to write some of their numbers if they can, and drawing a full picture of a person. I just want to thank all of the families I have had this year. You are all so wonderful, and it has been such a joy to work with your kids this year. They have accomplished so much! This summer keep those hands strong and ready for 4K with lots of coloring, cutting, painting, and sidewalk chalk fun! Have some fun doing letter and number hunts or playing I spy! Please keep these dates in mind for the month of May and our week of June!

May 1st

Field trip to the REC for our virtue walk and May crowning

May 8th

Muffins with Mom-10 am

May 21st

End of year Picnic 11 am (Bring sack lunch and a picnic blanket)

May 22nd

Step up day for future 3p and 4k (9am-10am)

June 4th

Last day of school

Newman Night with the Woodchucks

4K AM & PM

Last Blurb!

We've made it to the final stretch of the school year! This year has been full of adventure, surprises, challenges, and joy. We've covered a lot of topics, made a lot of new friends, and helped each other grow!

I want to give a big thank you to everyone for being flexible and understanding as we went through different challenges and changes this year; we couldn't have done it without you!

What We're Learning

Starting May 11th, we will begin our final unit: Changes! We'll talk about things like:

- Changes in and around us
- The ways Earth changes (seasons, temperature, day/night)
- How to take care of Earth
- How we've changed since the beginning of 4K!

Reminders

- Bring water bottles on Mondays
- Return library books on Tuesdays
- Show & Tell is on Thursdays
- Please take home any remaining winter clothes from your child's winter cubby
- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather

Important Dates

- May 7 - Step-Up Day (St. Anne's)
- May 8 - Step-Up Day (St. Mark's) & Muffins with Mom
- May 21 - End of the Year Picnic
- May 22 - NO 4K
- May 25 - NO 4K or LCC
- June 4 - LAST DAY of 4K!**

Thank you all so much for the fantastic school year; best wishes on your next adventures!

-Ms. Franki

IT'S COOL TO BE
Kind



Religion for the month of May,

This is our finale month for religion, I have been so blessed to have taught your children over the last month and hope they have come home talking about our stories from the bible.

This month we will be talking about God's creation, we will learn how he created Light and darkness,

The sky and waters, The sun, moon and stars. How he created fish for the sea and birds for the sky.

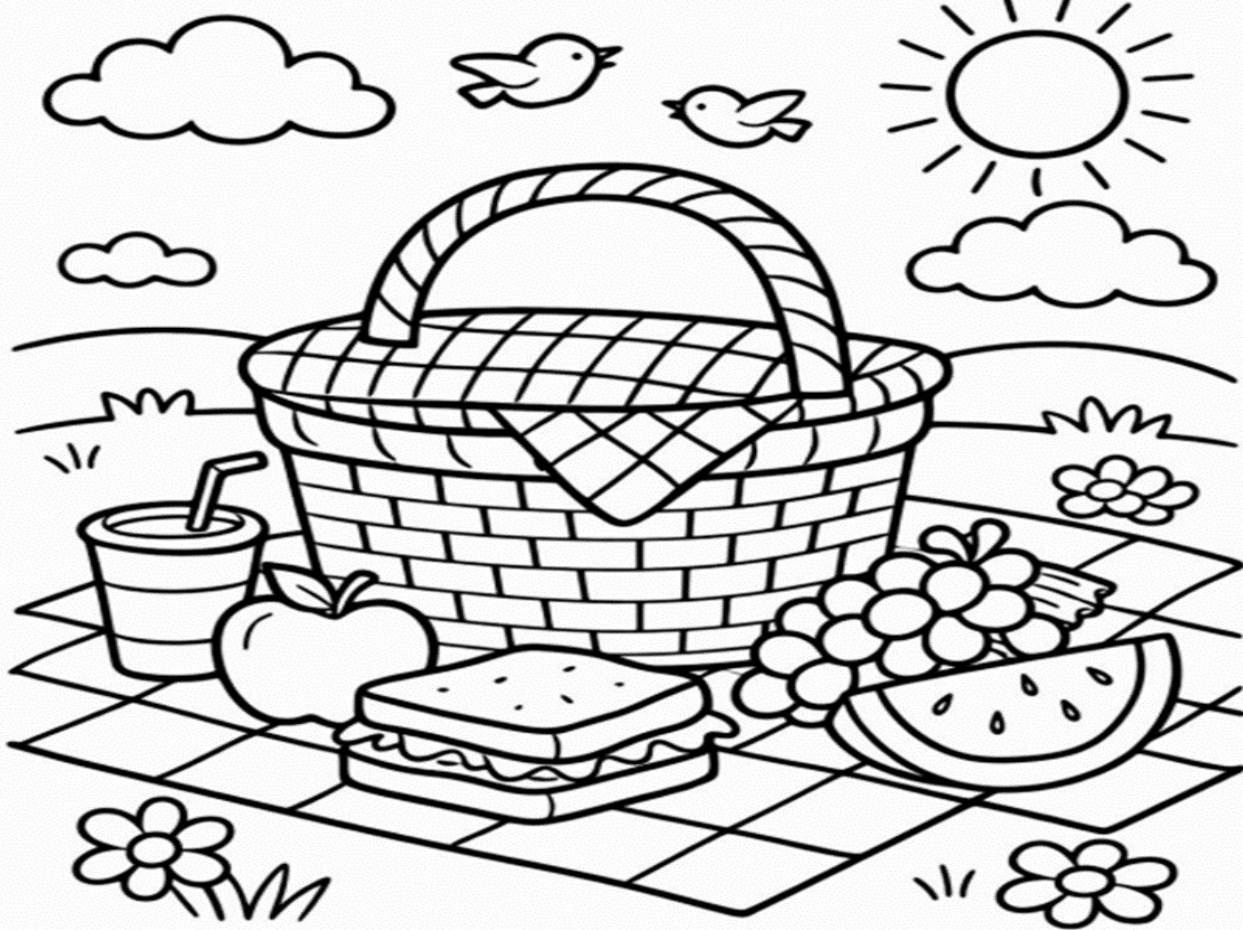
How he created land animals and Humans. And lastly how he rested on the 7th day. I pray you have a safe and wonderful summer filled with memories with your family.

God's blessings to you all

Ms. Paula

Kitchen News

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★ May 2026 SCRIP NEWS



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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.

Friendly reminder that the last day for Scrip School deliveries will be Thursday, May 28, 2026.

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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May 2026 Scrip Hours:

Friday May 2	Closed
Monday May 4	9:00-4:00
Tuesday May 5	Closed
Wednesday May 6	Closed
Thursday May 7	9:00-4:00
Friday May 8	Closed

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

Monday May 11	9:00-4:00
Tuesday May 12	Closed
Wednesday May 13	Closed
Thursday May 14	9:00-4:00
Friday May 15	Closed

Monday May 18	9:00-4:00
Tuesday May 19	Closed
Wednesday May 20	Closed
Thursday May 21	9:00-4:00
Friday May 22	Closed

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

Monday May 25	Closed Memorial Day
Tuesday May 26	9:00-4:00
Wednesday May 27	Closed
Thursday May 28	9:00-4:00
Friday May 29	Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 VIRTUE WALK- PRESCHOOL ONLY	2
3	4	5	6	7 Kindergarten Step Up & Sign- ing Day (St. Anne)	8 Kindergarten Set Up & Sign- ing Day (St. Mark) Muffins with Mom - Pre- school and 4K	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 End of School Year Picnic	22 NO SCHOOL - 4K AM and 4K PM	23
24	25 NO LICENSED CHILD CARE - Memorial Day NO SCHOOL - 4K AM and 4K PM	26	27	28	29	30

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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