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

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September 2026

NCECC: St. Michael

WELCOME to Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael!

Dear Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael Families,

Newman Catholic Schools is destined for amazing things throughout the 2026-2027 school year. The gifts and talents of our students combined with the dedication and passion of our teachers allows us to strive for excellence. Excellence in our faith and academics is what you will see throughout the school year. We continue to work hard to ensure that Newman Catholic School is recognized as a system that sets their students and teachers up for high achievement. Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael will make every effort to assist your child spiritually, academically, and socially throughout the year. It is our goal to create an enriching learning environment that engages every child uniquely.

Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael is a great place to be! We are a school with strong family relationships, which are essential to high academic achievement. We encourage and want our parents and community members to be involved in and supportive of the education of our youngest Newman Catholic School learners. Throughout the school year there will be many opportunities for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, neighbors, and many others to be involved in the children's education. We look forward to your support throughout the school year!

We thank you for choosing Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael to provide your child with a loving, safe, engaging and fun early childhood experience. Early childhood education is a wonderful foundation for future educational success, and you have chosen to help your child make a great first step on a wonderful journey of learning and discovery. We thank you for your continued support, and look forward to working with you and your child in the coming year!

God bless,

Sarah Welch
Site Director



NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities & Bit N' Pieces

NCECC: St. Michael is looking for people to help full the following roles:

Immediate Need

Licensed Childcare Teachers

Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

- ◆ Second teacher in the Little Lambs (6wks to 18 months)
- ◆ Second teacher in the Noah's Ark classroom (3 years to 4 years).
- ◆ Licensed Child Care support staff (works with all classrooms).

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](tel:715-848-0206) option 2 or swelch@newmancatholicsschools.com.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

Month	Week	Day	< SEPTEMBER 2026 ▶ 📅 2 Selected						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5			
		● <u>First Day of School: 3-Year-Old Preschool & 4K St. Michael</u>			● <u>No School: 4K St. Therese</u>				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
	● <u>District Office Closed</u> ● <u>No School: Licensed Child Care, 4K All Locations, & K-12</u>								
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
	● <u>Homecoming Week</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u> ● <u>Homecoming Week</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u> ● <u>Homecoming Week</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u> ● <u>Homecoming Week</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u> ● <u>Homecoming Football Game</u> ● <u>Homecoming Week</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
● <u>Book Blast Event</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u> ● <u>Home and School Meeting-St. Anne</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u>	● <u>Book Blast Event</u>	● <u>No School: 4K St. Michael</u> ● <u>Book Blast Event</u>				
27	28	29	30	1	2	3			

Classroom News

Little Lambs

Welcome to the 2026/2027 school Year! We are excited to have your child in the Little Lambs classroom.

During the month of September, the children will be learning all about apples, all about themselves and each other. Infants and Toddlers learn and grow at a fast rate. It is cool to watch how much they learn in a short amount of time.
God Bless,

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Rachel

Little Angels

In the "Little Angels" classroom we will continue to work on positive social skills – remembering to use words instead of shouting, asking politely for toys, sharing and taking turns. We will also reinforce habits of hygiene and tidiness.

We look forward to enjoying the theme of the month "Dinosaurs". Exploring characteristics, baby dinosaurs, sizes and shapes through games and stories. We will enjoy walks to observe seasonal changes and use new materials such as markers for drawing and pasta for art projects featuring various colors and shapes. We will continue to work gradually on the various objectives of the plan.

Observing and remaining attentive to changes in the children's emotions in order to provide support and assistance. Our goal is to make everyday in our classroom and at school a new and unique experience!
~ Ms. Gabby

Rainbow

Hello and welcome back Rainbow Room families! We will be starting off the school year/ fall season by learning about the alphabet and letters in our name, colors and mixing colors, how to be good friends, grandparents and family history, and we will be learning some fun dances and games that involve everyone in class working together. We look forward to having a great start to fall.
Mrs. Liz

Noah's Ark

Hello Noah's Ark and Young Disciples Class We will continue to combine Noah's Ark and Young Disciples in the Noah's Ark classroom until we are able to bring on more staff. 3-Year-Old Preschool Days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:05 -10:45. 4K AM class meets Monday-Friday from 8:05-10:45 (ALL field trips meet during AM Class Only) AM Religion is Monday-Friday from 10:45-11:10 (NO religion on field trip days) During the school year our breakfast will be served from 7:30 am – 7:50 am

Our themes for the month are:

Fall/Autumn season

Apple Activities

We will be learning the letter A

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Paula and Ms. Sarah if you have any questions

Young Disciples

Welcome back from Young Disciples! I hope you had a wonderful summer and made some memories. I'm so excited to get back into a routine and help your child learn and grow. This year I am the 4k am aid and I'll also be the religion teacher. The month of September we will learn about each other while doing our all about me lesson. Next we will talk about apples and all the different kinds there are, and find out how they grow. It's going to be a busy month but I'm excited to see everyone and meet new faces. This is going to be a fantastic year. God Bless you all and again Welcome back!

Ms. Paula



Classroom News

3 Yr old Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

It is hard to believe that our summer flew by so quickly and we are already beginning our school year! During 3P this September, we will be working on so many fun and exciting things!

To begin, we are slowly getting adapted to what we do in a classroom setting. We will be focusing on making friends, sharing, working with others, identifying our emotions, and functioning in a classroom setting. These are very important skills that we will continue to work on the whole year.

Our units during this month are all about ourselves and our emotions, Family, and weather. At the end of this month, we will begin our Apple unit. Our shape of the month is Circle. Our numbers of the month are 1, 2, and 3. Our letters of focus this month will be A, B, and C.

When you go places like the grocery store, see if you can work together with your kiddo to find these letters, shapes, and numbers!

Our first field trip to the pumpkin patch is approaching fast and will be on October 6th! We love it when parents are able to join us on this trip. If you would like to accompany us on this field trip, please complete your safe environment training as soon as possible. I'm so excited to get to know all of you. We have a wonderful year ahead of us!

Ms. Monica

4K PM - Religion Students

All 4K students enrolled in the optional Religion class will meet together at the end of the 4K AM session.

The schedule for the afternoon session is as follows:

- **11:50 am - Classroom door opens.**
Students are dropped off by their family or walked to 4K from Licensed Child Care.
- **12:00 pm (Noon) - Class begins**
Students are picked up by their family or walked to Licensed Child Care from 4K.

Religion

Hello my name is Paula Pavlovich or Ms. Paula and I'm excited to be your religion teacher this year. A little about me, I've worked for St. Michael's for 12 years and love being here. When I'm not working I enjoy going on adventures, working out and being healthy. This is what we will be talking about in religion the next four weeks. We will start out with learning about creation and how everything was made. Next we will talk about Adam and Eve and how they were the first people. After that we are going to talk about Noah's ark and the animals that were on it. And lastly we will talk about Daniel in the lions Den! I hope this school year is amazing and your children learn so much about how incredible God's love and kindness is. I'm looking forward to meeting you and having the best year. God's blessings to you all and happy school year!

Ms. Paula

4K AM & PM

Welcome, 4K Families!

Hello, 4K families! We are thrilled to welcome you and your little ones as we step into the rhythm and routines of the classroom together.

Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum for 4K is the engaging and dynamic **Frogstreet** program. Throughout September, we'll be focusing on getting to know our classroom environment, our teachers, and each other. Each week, we will introduce new vocabulary words, which will be incorporated into our daily activities to reinforce learning in a fun and interactive way.

Calming Strategies

An important aspect of our curriculum is teaching calming strategies. These techniques are designed to help your child learn to recognize and manage their feelings in a constructive manner. By understanding and practicing these strategies, children will be better equipped to navigate their emotions appropriately.

Meet Franny the Frog

We also have a special classroom friend, Franny the Frog. Franny is a lovable frog who joins us in our daily classroom experiences. She is here to help the children engage and interact, making learning even more enjoyable and memorable.

~ Mrs. Olson

Volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael

As a requirement of both the Diocese of La Crosse and Newman Catholic Schools, the following steps need to be completed **PRIOR** to volunteering in any capacity at NCECC: St. Michael:

⇒ **EVERY FIVE YEARS** - complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check & Authorization for Release of FBI Information" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).

- All fields **MUST** be completed for the background check to be run.
- Under "**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**", select "Other" and answer "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](tel:715-845-5735)

⇒ **EVERY YEAR** - complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ([Link to online training](#)).

- **Take your time**; it will not be considered "Complete" if it feels you went through it to fast.
- **For "School"** select "Newman Catholic Schools".
- **For "Position"** select "Other" and then answer "Volunteer".

⇒ **EVERY YEAR** - complete the "**Annual Verification of Protect and Heal Training**" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).

⇒ **EVERY YEAR** - complete the "**Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Employee and Volunteer Confidential Questionnaire**" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).

Paper copies of all of the PDFs are available from the Early Childhood Center Office.

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

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★ September 2026 SCRIP NEWS



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New to scrip? Find the instructional video at newmancatholicschools.com, click on scrip.

Please call or email

scrip@newmancatholicschools.com

for the NCS enrollment code.

Scrip Business Hours

Monday 9:00-4:00

Thursday 9:00-4:00

Scrip School Deliveries will begin on Thursday, September 3, 2026!

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.

Contact us: 715-849-7713
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scrip@newmancatholicschools.com



September 2026 Scrip Hours:

Tuesday September 1	Closed
Wednesday September 2	Closed
Thursday September 3	9:00-4:00
Friday September 4	Closed

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

Monday September 7 Labor Day	Closed
Tuesday September 8	9:00-4:00
Wednesday September 9	Closed
Thursday September 10	9:00-4:00
Friday September 11	Closed

Monday September 14	9:00-4:00
Tuesday September 15	Closed
Wednesday September 16	Closed
Thursday September 17	9:00-4:00
Friday September 18	Closed

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

Monday September 21	9:00-4:00
Tuesday September 22	Closed
Wednesday September 23	Closed
Thursday September 24	9:00-4:00
Friday September 25	Closed

Monday September 28	9:00-4:00
Tuesday September 29	Closed
Wednesday September 30	Closed

Kitchen News

KITCHEN NEWS

To all who are joining us as we begin a brand-new program year, Welcome!

We are so excited to see everyone's smiling faces and look forward to refueling your little ones with nutritious, wholesome meals. While the teachers are teaching, the cook will be cooking up delicious, healthy food in the kitchen!

To ensure the best nutrition possible during these critical early years, we continue to follow the current USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Infant and Toddler meal patterns. Providing age appropriate milk, low sugar cereals and yogurt, along with whole grain items is how we roll everyday here at Newman Catholic Schools Childcare!

For those that need Special Dietary Needs, forms are available from the school office. This form should be completed and turned in quickly. Once the form is on file, Food Service can begin making the appropriate accommodations.

Accuracy is very important. If you already have a Special Dietary Needs form on file, please make sure the information is still correct and make updates to the information throughout the year.

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