

NEWMAN CATHOLIC
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The Cardinal Connection

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

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October 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 Angels (18 months to 2.5 years)
- ◆ 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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	● No School: 4K St. Therese ● Pumpkin Patch-4K AM/PM (AM CLASS ONLY)	● Preschool Pumpkin Patch	7	● All Schools Mass	● No School: 3P. 4K St. Mark, & K-12	10
11	● Book Fair	● Book Fair ● Picture Day	● Book Fair	● Book Fair	● Book Fair ● Grandparents Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	● Trick or Treat-ALL Classrooms	● No School: 4K St. Michael ● 1st Quarter Ends ● Deceased Alumni Mass	● No School: 4K St. Michael ● No School: 3P. 4K St. Therese & St. Mark, & K-12	● No School: 4K St. Michael ● Licensed Child Care at St. Michael & St. Therese Closed ● No School: 3P. 4K St. Therese & St. Mark, & K-12	31

● Trunk or Treat

Classroom News

Little Lambs

It is hard to believe fall is upon us. The children will be learning about Fall colors, pumpkins and Halloween.

Reminder:

Grandparents day is Friday October 16th

NCS Trunk or Treat is Sunday October 25th

Center Closed Friday October 30th for staff in-service

God Bless

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Rachel

Rainbow

Hello Rainbow Room families. In the month of October we will be learning about fall and changes all around. A few fun activities we have planned include making scarecrows, learning about a butterfly's life cycle, Columbus day boat making, apple and pumpkin painting and we plan on having a Rainbow classroom Halloween party on October 27th, we will be having the center Halloween party that day as well. For the Halloween event you don't need to bring anything, and when dressing up please remember no capes, weapons, fake blood or face masks per our safety policy. We look forward to having an exciting October of fun and learning. [Mrs. Liz](#)

Little Angels

In October, Little Angels will be working on fall/Halloween projects. Please make sure your child has warm clothes for outdoor play.

Important dates:

13th picture day

16th grandparents day

27th Halloween party

30th Center Closed

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Ms. Gabby

Noah's Ark

Our weekly themes for this month will be: Fall and Halloween.

Please remember with school in session, we will be serving breakfast starting at 7:30am with it ending at 8am.

Important Dates:

Friday, October 9th– NO Preschool

Friday, October 16th– Grandparents Day

Sunday, October 25th– NCS Trunk or Treat

Wednesday-Friday October 25th-30th NO Preschool, No 4K

Thursday, October 30th– Center Closed- Staff In-service

Ms. Sarah & Ms. Natalie

Young Disciples

Hello Parents, A reminder that Young Disciples and Noah's ark are combined right now in Noah's Ark room. Please remember the weather is getting colder so dress your children appropriately. Here are important events happening this month:

5th Pumpkin patch field trip

13th Picture day

16th Grandparents day

27th Halloween Party

28th-30th No 4k

30th Center Closed

Happy Halloween and have blessed October.

Ms. Paula



Classroom News

3 Yr old Preschool

Hello 3P Families,

We had an absolutely fabulous first month in our 3P classroom. Our class is learning so much. We are all working hard on being great friends, great listeners, and great helpers.

We have talked about the letters A,B, and C. We have learned numbers 0-4 and are practicing them each day. All the kids are doing an amazing job learning our routines and our schedule.

We are starting October with a fun trip to the pumpkin patch. This month our class will be learning about the fall season, community and community helpers, and pumpkins.

In Religion, we will be talking about how God made the world and how we take care of the world for God.

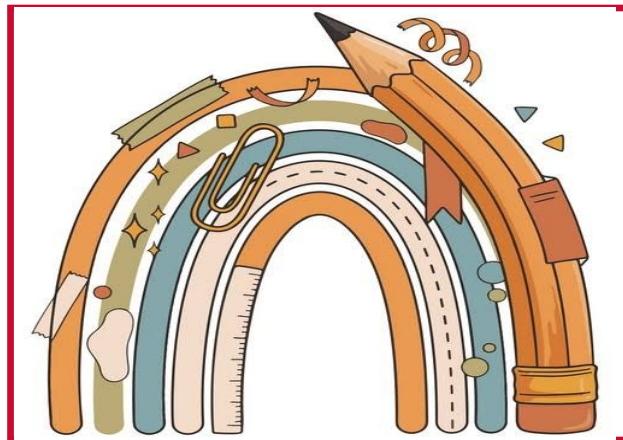
We will continue learning letters D,E,F,G and numbers 6,7,and 8. We will also be working on our hand strength to prepare us for small motor activities like cutting with scissors, holding our crayons and pencils correctly, and using zippers and buttons!

Helpful hints for the month: Learning occurs when kids have to try multiple times and use problem solving skills. If there is a task at home that your child is struggling with but close to accomplishing, allow them to keep trying. If you need to offer help, do the least possible that will still allow them to succeed and feel a sense of accomplishment. We can do hard things!

Ms. Monica

Important October Dates

10/6 Field Trip to Willow Springs Garden Pumpkin Patch
10/8 All School Mass (3P will be attending for a short time)
10/9 No 3P
10/12-10/16 Scholastic Book Fair
10/16 Grandparents Day
10/27 Halloween party and building trick or treat
10/29 & 10/30 No Preschool



Religion News

Happy October everyone,

This month we will be learning about Jonah and the Whale, Abraham and Sarah and how God blessed them with children. Cain and Abel and how Jesus walked on water. I am enjoying having these conversations with your children and am so glad they come home to you talking about it. Wishing you all a peaceful October filled with love.

Ms. Paula

4K AM & PM

This month, our focus is on understanding emotions and how they affect us. We're engaging in activities that help students identify and express their feelings in healthy ways. Following our exploration of emotions, we'll be shifting our focus to the theme of family and friends for the rest of the month.

In addition to our emotional learning and family and friends, we are integrating math into our curriculum by exploring shapes and understanding numerical correspondences. Students are engaging in hands-on activities that involve identifying and sorting shapes, as well as recognizing patterns and sequences in numbers. We also are practicing letters, sounds, and numbers daily.

~ 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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★ October 2026 SCRIP NEWS



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for the NCS enrollment code.

Scrip Business Hours

Monday 9:00-4:00

Thursday 9:00-4:00

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October 2026 Scrip Hours:

Thursday October 1	9:00-4:00
Friday October 2	Closed

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

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

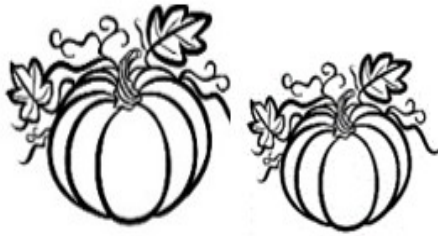
Monday October 12	9:00-4:00
Tuesday October 13	Closed
Wednesday October 14	Closed
Thursday October 15	9:00-4:00
Friday October 16	Closed

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

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

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

Kitchen News



OCTOBER 26 IS NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY!

Did you know that pumpkins are a great teaching tool? Not only are they a healthy vegetable, they offer many ways to help your child learn. Running around a pumpkin patch looking for the perfect pumpkin, rolling it to the wagon, lifting it into the wagon, or washing the outside, all these activities help to develop muscles and coordination. Scooping out the seeds teaches fine motor skills and counting. Best of all these activities come at a low-cost and create lots of confidence, memories, healthy bodies and smiles!

Just remember to wash your hands before making that pumpkin pie. Yum!!

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BRING IT!

B_e RESPONSIBLE

RESPECT the learning environment
yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

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GRATITUDE is key

Newman Catholic Schools fosters disciples of Christ through
Catholic faith, service and academics.