

Students Bring Energy to Campus Ministry

Over the past couple weeks, several parishioners have mentioned that they love coming down to the ERC to be with the college students because it is energizing to be around them. I couldn't agree more! Even though I am not far removed from my own college days, the students here often remind me that college is a unique time of growth, transformation and joy. They give me a reason to be hopeful for the future, both of the world and of our Church.

One aspect of this year that has been very fruitful and joyful is encouraging students to take responsibility and initiative in Campus Ministry. In my experience, if you give students opportunities to lead, they become more invested in their faith, and in encouraging their peers to come to know the Lord. We've been working on several new student led events over the past year and I have already been seeing more involvement and a deeper community developing. A few of the highlights include a 'Miracle of the Sun' party that celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Fatima; a monthly time of Adoration, Confessions and fellowship called *Encounter*; and a student-led retreat called Koinonia that we have done with UW Stout for the past two



years, but will be fully led by our own students next year! I am constantly inspired by the faith of our students, and I pray that each of you as parishioners will get to experience their joy anew in the coming weeks and months.

Savannah Siegler

Beacon House Toy and Gift Collection

For the past six years, the Newman Parish and University Lutheran Church have been partnering with the Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley/Beacon House to provide Christmas toys and gifts to homeless and low income families in the Chippewa Valley. Last year 77 families and 198 children were served through this toy and gift project.

To prepare for the Toy and Gift Give Away, which runs from Dec 12 - 16, we are asking for the following toy donations:

- Puzzles for all ages
- Games
- DVDs
- Infant toys
- Lego's
- Baby dolls
- Stuffed Animals
- Sports equipment (balls, bats, etc.)
- Sleds and other winter outdoor items
- Music-related items
- Hand-held games



- Transformers and robots
- Art kits
- Car or truck models to build
- Bikes (new or gently used)
- Teen items
- Gift cards

We are also accepting contributions of wrapping paper, scotch tape, gift tags and Christmas cards. Monetary donations are acceptable and can be made by sending a check made payable to: Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, 309 E. Lake Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701 (please write Toy and Gift Project in the memo line).

A box will be available for toy donations at the ERC from Nov 11 - Dec 10. In addition, toys will also be collected after the 9:30 am Masses at Sacred Heart Hospital from Nov 19 - Dec 10. Toy donations can also be dropped off with children through the religious education program. If you have questions, please contact Laurie Hittman, jlhittman1@jlhittman.com 715-379-4110 or Lou Hoeschen, lou.hoeschen@gmail.com 715-456-3695.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Under Way — Let's Meet Our Goal!

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is now under way. Our parish is asked to support the Diocesan Appeal with \$54,670. THANK YOU to all who have already given; your generosity is appreciated! But, we do need everyone's support. Please prayerfully consider giving to the needs of the Diocesan Annual Appeal and the parish's Charity Appeal. Here at Newman we recommend a gift of \$350 to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and \$50 to the Newman Works of Charities Appeal to help fund charitable works for local, diocesan and national charities.



Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin Nov 26th

Choir rehearsals for the Christmas liturgies begin on November 26th at 6:30 pm. Rehearsals are held on Sundays after the 5:30 pm Mass. If you are interested in participating or would like more information about the choir, please contact Adam Krajnikconde at adam.krajnikconde@gmail.com.



Drive for Personal Care Items a Huge Success!



Our third grade class visited Prairie Ridge Learning Center for their Works of Mercy, *Clothe the Naked*, project. Personal care items and children's clothing that were generously donated by the religious education classes and by parishioners were given to the center for children in need. Some of the personal care items that were collected were also donated to Sojourner House. Thank you for your generous donations!

Second Annual Cookie Sale November 11-12

The second grade class will be selling home-made cookies after each Mass the weekend of November 11-12 to raise money for their Work of Mercy, *Give Drink to the Thirsty*. All proceeds go to Jesse's Clean Water Project to build wells that provide clean water to people in Africa. Please help support the second grade Work of Mercy with your donations.

Juan Ana Coffee Orders

Coffee orders will now be taken every other month. Email eileenmunger62@gmail.com by November 13 to order Juan Ana Coffee for the next delivery. The cost is \$9 for a 1 pound bag of medium (whole bean or ground) or dark (whole bean only) roast coffee. Proceeds help the programs of San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. The next orders will be due by January 8.

ERC Book Club

The ERC Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 30, at 7 pm in the ERC Library. Contact Kathie Schneider at schneiks@uwec.edu for book information.

November Events

All Saints Day Masses
Wednesday, Nov 1, noon and 5:15 pm

Grief Group Supper and Fellowship
Wednesday, Nov 1, 6:15 pm, ERC

Wednesday Night Youth Program
Wednesdays, Nov 8, 15, 29, 6 pm

Teaching the Way of Love
(parents K-3)
Wednesday, Nov 8, 6 pm

2nd Grade Cookie Sale
November 11-12
All all weekend Masses

Toy and Gift Donations
Items collected after Masses and anytime the ERC is open.
November 11 - Dec 10

Free Student Dinner
Monday, November 13

Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 6-7 pm

Thanksgiving Mass, reception follows in the Fireside Lounge
Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 pm

Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 26, 6:30 pm

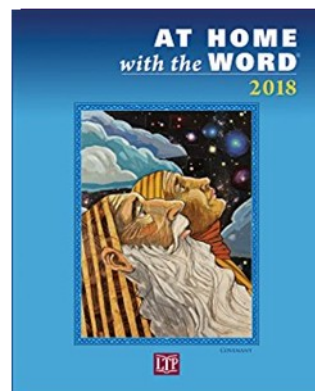
Advent Begins
Sunday, December 3

At Home With The Word - 2018

At Home with the Word will be available after the Masses the

weekends of Nov 18-19 and Nov 25-26. *At Home with the Word* provides the Scripture readings for Sunday Masses, insights from

Scripture scholars and action steps. It also includes seasonal prayers, citations for weekday readings and other resources for Scripture study. The cost is \$8.00.



Youth Group Events

Deanery Youth Minister, Kristin Betlej, is putting on the following great events in the coming weeks! If you are interested in participating email her directly: kbetlej@regiscatholicschools.com

Middle School Youth Group (6-8th Grade)

Sunday, November 5th
3:45-5:00 pm, St Patrick's
(Enter the cafeteria doors via the big parking lot off of Fulton Street)

Lifeline at NET Ministries in the Twin Cities (7-12th grade)

Mass + a concert with Connor Flanagan
Saturday, December 4th
Only \$7 -Bus leaves the Regis parking lot at 3 pm. Arrive back to Eau Claire ~11pm. Bring money for food on the way back! Connor is a dynamic musician. His mixture of acoustic guitar, hip-hop, and Catholic faith sets him apart and allows him to connect with teens.

Jump For Joy - Youth Night at Action City Trampoline Park (6-12th Grade)

\$10 for 2 hrs of jumping with Pizza, Pop and Prayer
Jump from 4-6pm. Pizza starts at 5:30