

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Apr. 10

Spring is coming and Our Lord has risen! Alleluia, alleluia! I want to thank all of the families who have made this Faith Formation year a success. Continuing in my optimistic attitude, I love to read and reflect the last chapters of Third Isaiah; the imagery and poetry never cease to bring me peace. This coming week, share your joys with your families and invite your children to share their Good News as well.

Isaiah 55:10 “Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful.” (April showers will bring our May flowers!) *Isaiah 55:12* “In joy you shall depart, and in peace you shall be brought back. Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, and all the trees of the countryside shall clap their hands.” (The presence of God is visible in so many ways.)

Please read this email thoroughly to ensure you don't miss out on any important information

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th:

Gr. 1-6: Regular classes on Wednesday, Apr. 10 from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-10: Regular classes on Wednesday, Apr. 10 from 7:00-8:15pm

Gr. 9: “Liturgy of the Eucharist” PaY session cancelled

- The gr.9 Parent & Youth session on Wed., Apr.10, 2024 has been cancelled.
- This event will be held in the classroom for the students only. Classes will run as normally scheduled.

All Volunteers: VIRTUS Training: Monday, Apr. 22

- If you are needing to be VIRTUS trained, please attend the VIRTUS training session held at the Church of St. Mary on Monday, April 22 from 6-9pm.
- This training is for new volunteers only.
- If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this summer, and do not already have a VIRTUS account, you will need to attend this one-time training.

All Grades: Vacation Bible School 2024: Scuba!

- We are recruiting volunteers for VBS 2024. The theme is “SCUBA: diving into friendship with God.”
 - VBS will be held at the Church of St. Mary from Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6 at 8:30-11:30am
 - Registration for attending VBS will open Monday, April 1.
 - <https://www.web4ucorp.com/forms/forms/view.php?id=566019>
 - Please consider helping in one of the following: Squad Leader, set design, Scuba Snacks, Imagination Station, Bible Adventure Diving, Song Leader, Dance/ Finale coordinator, “Underwater” Games, photographer/ videographer, VBS check-in, etc. (*there's even more ways to help than I listed!*)
 - Email MichelleTortorella@OurLivingWater.org if you have questions!
 - **I am in need of current gr.5-12 student helpers! Please consider filling out the volunteer form and indicating ANY station you would be interested in helping with!!**
 - Confirmation Students: these hours will count towards your required service hours!
 - If you are interested in volunteering, please register at <https://www.web4ucorp.com/forms/forms/view.php?id=180132>

All Families: Church of St. Mary: From Meal to Mission: Sunday-Tuesday, Apr.14, 15, 16

- Come to the Area Faith Community Mission, led by Fr. Larry Snyder. Presentations begin at 7pm. *All are welcome!* The mission will explain how the Eucharist calls us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. *Matthew 25:35-40*
- Join us each evening for a meal before the session; serving from 5-6:45pm and refreshments will follow each evening's presentation from 7:45-8pm.

Gr. 2: First Communion Rehearsal on Wednesday, Apr. 17 from 5:00-6:00pm

- Please attend with your son/ daughter to a rehearsal for those receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. This rehearsal will go over the logistics of the Mass, but is also a wonderful time to ask any questions. **Note the time! The rehearsal will begin at 5pm.** This is due to a scheduling conflict for Fr. Steve.
- The Our Lady of the Lakes' First Communion Mass will be Sunday, Apr. 21 at 8:30am.

All Grades: 1st Wednesday Family Meal: Wednesday, May 1 has been cancelled

- Please update calendars and omit the May Family Meal.

Blessings,

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