

LOL Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Dec. 6

Advent is upon us. Christmas time will soon be here. Let us ask God to help us prepare our hearts for His coming and to aid us in having a good and holy Advent. Sometimes we worry needlessly about creating the perfect season for those around us, but the true purpose of any of our Advent customs is to give us a moment to remember God's presence in our lives and reflect on our Catholic faith. Please read this email thoroughly to ensure you don't miss out on any important information.

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th! 😊

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

Gr. 7-11: Regular classes on Wednesday, Dec. 6th from 7:00-8:15pm

Gr. 11: 1st Wednesday Family Meal: Wednesday, Dec. 6th from 5-6:50pm

- Students in gr.11 Karen Atkinson's classroom: help serve food & clean tables during the Family Meal. This is not mandatory. Those students who are able to help can log their volunteer time in their Individual Service Hours sheets.

ALL GRADES: Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception- holy day of obligation

- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation (*the Catholic Church celebrates the conception of Mary of Nazareth, not Jesus. Mary was conceived and lived without original sin.*)
- Mass schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 7	Church of St. Mary	Mass @ 5pm
	Church of St. Clara	Mass @ 5:30pm
Friday, Dec. 8	Our Lady of the Lakes	Mass @ 8:30am
	Church of St. Mary	Mass @ 12pm

Gr. 1-6: Christmas Caroling at Bethesda Grand, Willmar

- For anyone in gr.1-6, opportunities to join the Christmas Caroling at the Bethesda Care Facility in Willmar
 - Sunday, Dec. 10 from 11:30am-12:00pm
 - Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5:30-6:00pm
 - Sunday, Dec. 17 from 11:30-12:00pm
- **Many voices are needed. If your child would like to attend any of the above listed times, please know that your classroom absence is excused and your presence is extremely welcomed.**
- **Gr. 3 & 4: there will be NO CLASS on Wednesday, Dec. 13th**

Gr. 2: Parent and Youth Session on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 5:30-6:45pm

- Reminder: parents are to attend the Parent and Youth session together with their child(ren)

Gr. 10 & 11: Reconciliation on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 7:00-8:15pm

- Remind your child that they are to go to the Church of St. Mary in Willmar for the sacrament of reconciliation
- Note: for gr. 11 students, the Church asks that those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation have reconciliation prior, in order to come into the Church with a pure soul and full of God's grace
- It is highly encouraged for the catechists to attend this night as well as an example to your students

Gr. 10: Sponsor Forms Due Wednesday, Dec. 13th

- Reminder for gr.10 students: submit the online form for their sponsor no later than Dec. 13th
- <https://www.OurLivingWater.org/Confirmation---Important-dates.html>
 - [Confirmation: Sponsor Form \(web4ucorp.com\)](#)

Blessings,

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