

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Mar. 20

May the luck of the Irish be with us all! In 387 A.D., Maewyn Succat was born in Roman Britain. As a young teenager, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates and was forced into slave-labor of herding sheep for approximately 6 years in Ireland. Although he escaped captivity and returned home, he listened to the voice of God telling him that he needed to return to Ireland and that the people of Ireland needed him. The man we know today as St. Patrick helped spread Word of God in Ireland, often using the shamrock to teach about the Blessed Trinity.

I love the story of St. Patrick and the perseverance of his spirit and the trust in the Lord he had throughout his life. Although often said as a birthday blessing, “May green be the grass you walk on. May blue be the skies above you. That pure be the joys that surround you. May true be the hearts that love you.” (Read *James 1:12*)

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

NO CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th!

Gr. 1-6: NO classes on Wednesday, Mar. 20 from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-10: NO classes on Wednesday, Mar. 20 from 7:00-8:15pm

All Families: **Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper: Friday, Mar. 22 from 5:30p-7pm**

- All are welcome to pray together the Stations of the Cross during Lent, followed by a soup supper.
- If any families are interested, I have resources available for age-appropriate explanations of the Stations of the Cross for their children. Please contact me.

All Parents: **Tuesday, Mar. 19: “Chosen” viewing & discussion 6:00-7:45pm**

- At the Church of St. Mary, there will be a viewing of the popular multi-season series “Chosen.” A discussion will be held afterwards. The historical fictional drama series depicts the life of Jesus, shown through the eyes of those who knew Him. This event will run every Tuesday, 2/20-4/2, from 6-7:45pm.

All Grades: **No Classes on Wed., Mar. 27**

- There will not be classes on Wed., Mar. 27 due to Easter and Holy Week.
- All classes resume on Wed., Apr. 3 as scheduled. *If your family was unable to attend the Teaching Mass on March 13, please attend the Teaching Mass on April 3rd at Church of St. Mary in Willmar from 6-8pm.*

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
 - 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!*)
 - 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.

Blessings,

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