

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Mar. 27

With the late March snow, Minnesota reminds its citizens that spring is here. With Holy Week and Easter approaching, I like to reflect on **John 3:16**.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people jubilantly celebrated the arrival of Jesus and laid their cloaks and palms down on the road for the donkey to walk on. They shouted “Hosanna!” It is a beautiful story of hope and gladness. The days of Holy Week take us on a journey with Jesus through His last days on earth. From Holy Thursday’s Last Supper and the betrayal of Judas, to the punishment and crucifixion on Good Friday, we reflect on the love Jesus has for us to endure what He went through. On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy. When we wake Easter Sunday, we rejoice to find the tomb empty and we know that Our Lord has resurrected and that we will join Him in heaven!

Please take a moment to reflect on the journey we take with Jesus during this upcoming week. Please check the Mass bulletins (OurLivingWater.org) for the confessional and Mass times. No classes this week.

Happy Easter!

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

NO CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th!

Gr. 1-6: NO classes on Wednesday, Mar. 27 from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-10: NO classes on Wednesday, Mar. 27 from 7:00-8:15pm

- 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 Parents: **Tuesday, Mar. 26: “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 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. An additional email will be sent.
 - 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!*)
 - **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!!**
 - 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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