

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Apr. 17

Only four more class times to meet, pray, learn and laugh together. Take a moment with your child to discuss the past faith formation year's highlights. I know that I have personally had quite the Faith Formation year; not a week has passed that I have not learned something about my faith, about these great children, or about this program. "Instruct a wise man, and he becomes wiser; teach a just man, and he advances in learning." (*Romans 9:9*) Our Catholic faith is dynamic! We should never reach a point in our lives where we think that we no longer need to learn more. Scripture challenges us to keep growing in our faith and expanding our knowledge of God. Thank you, parents, for your dedication in this Faith Formation program.

With summer approaching, our schedules are filling up quickly. Mark your calendars- Vacation Bible School is happening June 3-6 (8:30-11:30am) at the Church of St. Mary. I am still in the need for crew leaders, set decorators and station assistants. Please register to help. The first meeting for adult volunteers is Monday, Apr. 15 at St. Mary from 5:30-7pm. We will be meeting in the conference room. If you would like to help, but are in need of VIRTUS training- mark your calendars to attend the Monday, Apr. 22 meeting at St. Mary from 6-9pm. As "the Lord God said: 'It is not good for man to be alone.'" (*Genesis 2:18*) Come and help! ☺

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

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th!

Gr. 1: Regular classes on Wednesday, Apr. 17 from 5:30-6:45pm

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.

Gr. 3-6: Regular classes on Wednesday, Apr. 17 from 5:30-6:45pm

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

Gr. 9-10: **Sunday, Apr. 28: Bethesda Wheelchair Transport cancelled**

- The gr.9-10 service project on Sun., Apr.28, 2024 has been cancelled. If a student would like to assist Bethesda residents on Sundays, please contact Rebecca Peterson (Director of Recreational Services) at 320-214-5638.

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.

All Grades: **1st Wednesday Family Meal: Wednesday, May 1 is back on!**

- Please update calendars and join us at the Family Meal on Wednesday, May 1.
- **Mrs. Dyrdal's gr.9 class** will be helping with the dinner. If possible, those students are to arrive at 4:45pm to help set-up and serve the meal to families. The students will eat dinner prior to attending their class at 7pm.

Gr. 12: **2024 High School Senior Graduation Mass**

- The Baccalaureate Mass for Our Lady of the Lakes' graduates will be held Sunday, May 19 at 10am.

All Grades: **Last FF Class! Wednesday, May 8**

- Registration to attend VBS is due Wednesday, May 8
- Please check with your children to make sure that no belongings are left behind at the church. Artwork will be sent home with child on the last class day.

Blessings,

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