

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Apr. 3

Never trust a groundhog named Phil. They lie. ❄️ **Happy Easter!**

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

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd!

Gr. 1-6: Regular classes on Wednesday, Apr. 3 from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-10: Regular classes on Wednesday, Apr. 3 from 7:00-8:15pm

- *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. Call the Faith Formation office to report any class absences.*

All Grades: 1st Wednesday Family Meal: Wednesday, Apr. 3 from 4:45-6:50 pm

- Students in gr.10 Nikki Bradford's classroom: help serve food & clean tables during the Family Meal. Students are to attend class at 7pm after helping with the meal. *Helping with the Family Meal is not mandatory. Those students who are able to help can log their volunteer time in their Individual Service Hours sheets.*

Gr. 2: First Communion Rehearsal on Saturday, 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. 9-10: "Liturgy of the Eucharist" PaY session cancelled

- The gr.9-10 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.

Gr. 10-11: Help needed for set-up & serving: 2024 St. Mary Gala

- The Church of St. Mary will be hosting a Gala: Grand Old Opry on Friday, April 5.
- We are asking for volunteers to help set tables and, possibly, help with last minute decorations. Please let myself or Donna Middleton (text: 320-235-6809) if you are available on **Wednesday, April 3 from 8-9pm**. Call the Faith Formation office to report any class absences.
- For any confirmation students, this is a wonderful opportunity for your required service hours..
 - Additionally, the Gala will need volunteers to be dinner servers ("runners") the night of the Gala. They are in the need of gr. 10 & 11 students to help from **6:30-11:00pm on Friday, April 5.**
 - If you are able to help, please let myself or Donna know before April 1 so we can appropriately staff the volunteers for the evening.

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.

Blessings,

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