

Our Lady of the Lakes Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025

To report a student's absence, please call the parish office at 320-796-5664 or email OLOLfaithformation@ourlivingwater.org before class begins.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation from the children's youth Christmas program (Nov. 30). While I might be biased, I believe we have the BEST kids who did an amazing job performing in our first-ever "The First Noel" production. I also want to thank the many, many parents who helped me during rehearsals, set-up, and the day of the show. This wonderful show would not have been possible without everyone's cooperation. Thank you.

It is really a *sweet* time of year! 🍪 🌲 As we prepare for the Christmas season, the faith formation program will be participating in a **cookie exchange party on Wednesday** during the regular class times.

- Please have your child **bring 12 cookies** to share to class.
- For those with food sensitivities and allergies, please note if gluten-free or if the cookies contain nuts or peanut butter. **A separate table area will be assigned for gluten & nut-free cookies.*
- **This event is optional** and not required for any student to participate in.

Merry Christmas to you and your families this joyous season.

Reminder that there will NOT be Faith Formation classes on Wed. Dec. 24 or 31. Classes resume on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026.


Classes on Wednesday, December 17th!

Gr. 1-6: Class from 5:30-6:30pm

- **All:** Many classes are learning about Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. I would encourage parents to ask their children-
 - Why do we need to prepare our hearts every year for Christ's arrival?
 - What do we celebrate on Christmas day (*hint- it is not getting gifts*)?
 - What day is the Epiphany? What is the Feast of the Epiphany?

Gr. 7- 11: Class from 7:00-8:00pm

- **All:** The classes had the opportunity to pray and reflect on the sacrament of Reconciliation last week. While not all students had the chance to confess (*see the bulletin! Many opportunities are available during Advent for confession!!*), I would like to address that I feel it was incredibly worthwhile for the students to take a moment to reflect on their sins. Many students took that time for a private conversation with God. Parents, I encourage you to ask your child about their reflections.

 Blessings,

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