

## Our Lady of the Lakes Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024

Let us celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6<sup>th</sup>. \*Santa is REAL!\* Ask your student about the *real* Santa we know as St. Nicholas. 🎅

*Classes on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>!*

- **Free Family Meal** from 4:45-6:45pm in the Parish Hall.
  - **Grade 10- Karen Atkinson's class:** students are expected to help.
  - **Grade 6- Lynae Peterson's class** can donate desserts for meal.

**Gr. 1-6:** Class from 5:30-6:45pm

**Gr. 7-11:** Class from 7:00-8:15pm

*Blessings,*

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### ***Additional Events:***

- Gr. 2-4, Join us for a wonderful time of Christmas carols as we sing to residents at the **Bethesda Care Center in Willmar, MN (901 Willmar Ave. SE)** and residents at the **Bethesda North Pointe in New London, MN (500 Peterson Parkway)**. Attendance is not required; any grades 2, 3, & 4 child and their families can participate in this concert! The music packets will be available for families at each site the day of the Christmas caroling.

- **Sunday, Dec. 8th from 11:30am-12:00pm @ Bethesda Grande**
- **Sunday, Dec. 15th from 11:30am-12:00pm @ North Pointe**

Transportation will **not** be provided by the church. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior, dressed in your most festive Christmas outfits. We will meet in the main entrance's front hall. We will then spread joy by visiting the various meal halls and rooms, led by a Bethesda employee. Let's sing joyfully to the Lord!

- The Diocese of New Ulm presents COR Nights. These evenings are geared towards our teens in grades 6-12. The speakers are dynamic, and food is provided. There are two COR Nights, Sunday Dec. 15 & Sunday Feb.23, which will be held at St. Aloysius, Olivia from 4-8pm. This is not a JOLW-sponsored event. Transportation and registration ([www.dnu.org/cor-night](http://www.dnu.org/cor-night)) are solely on the individual(s) wanting to attend. I wanted to provide everyone with this information on these great faith-filled opportunities.
- The 2nd **Annual Cookie Exchange Night will be Wednesday, Dec. 18**. During our faith formation class times we will be participating in a faith formation school-wide cookie exchange party for the first 30 minutes of class.
  - Our Lady of the Lakes: Wednesday, Dec. 18: grades 1-6                      5:30-6pm

- Our Lady of the Lakes: Wednesday, Dec. 18: grades 7-11 7-7:30pm

Please have your child bring **1 dozen** of his/her favorite cookies to share to class on Dec.

**18<sup>th</sup>**. We will display the cookies on banquet tables. Each child will have the opportunity to pick 12 cookies of their choosing to bring home (*but no more than two of one kind!*). We will help re-wrap the treasures and your child will bring home a wonderful assortment of Christmas cookies to share. *\*Remember- the broken ones have no calories!*

Please place your donated cookies on a **disposable plate**, as we will not be able to keep track of every serving tray. For those that might have food allergies, please note if any gluten, nuts or peanut butter is used in the cookie.