

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Feb. 14

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14; we also celebrate the feast day of St. Valentine on that day (*maybe without the desserts this year, though!*). As I was reflecting on Lent, I came across a verse in the gospel of John that really spoke to me. **“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”** (*John 14:21*)

I appreciate how this particular scripture speaks of both Lent (this was Jesus speaking to the apostles at the Last Supper) and St. Valentine’s Day (patron saint of couples and love). I **LOVE** each and every one of you that helps keep this faith formation program running!

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

NO CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th!

Gr. 1-6: No classes on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-10: No classes on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 7:00-8:15pm

All Grades: Ash Wednesday

- There will be no classes on Wednesday, Feb.14. We encourage all students and their families to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass. The schedule is as follows:
 - 8:30am Our Lady of the Lakes
 - 12:00pm Church of St. Mary
 - 5:30pm Church of St. Mary
 - 6:00pm Church of St. Clara

All Parents: Tuesday, Feb. 20: “Chosen” viewing & discussion 6:00-7:45pm

- At the Church of St. Mary, there will be a viewing of the first episode from the popular multi-season series “Chosen.” A discussion will be held afterwards. The historical 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 Grades: Friday, Feb. 23: Stations of the Cross and Soup Dinner

- At Our Lady of the Lakes, join in the Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm followed by a Soup Dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to join fellow parishioners in a devotion to Jesus’ last days on earth. It is open to everyone, so please consider partaking in this event with your family.

Gr. 10: Gr.10: Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Retreat: Sunday, Feb. 25 from 10a-2pm

- All gr.10 confirmation candidates need to attend this event with their sponsor. Both will attend the Church of St. Mary Mass at 10am together, followed by a brunch, with the retreat following. Please meet in the **Parish Hall** of the church following Mass. (*The congregation, though, will be encouraged to walk to the other side of the church for their KC coffee and donuts in the Gallery Rooms.*)
- For those students unable to attend, a make-up assignment will be assigned.
- For sponsors unable to attend, a parent/ grandparent/ trusted Catholic adult may attend as a substitute.

All Grades: Wednesday, April 10: faith formation classes will be held

- There is no school for the Willmar school district on Wed. Apr.10. However, there will be faith formation class, scheduled as normal.

Blessings,

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