

## Our Lady of the Lakes Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026

Please encourage and pray for many of our students who will be receiving sacraments in the upcoming weeks.

- The grade 2 and sacramental preparation students have been learning about the love and mercy of God and the gift of forgiveness He gives us when we confess our sins. We keep our grade 2 and sacramental preparation students in our hearts as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- The grade 11-12 students are completing a two-year journey of faith before they receive the sacrament of Confirmation. We have asked these students to use their gift of free will to discern if they are ready, willing, and wanting to say "Yes!" to the Holy Spirit and the responsibilities of becoming full-participating members of the Catholic Church. We keep them and their families in our prayers. (*And, yes; the Confirmation Mass is on SuperBowl Sunday. Go, Holy Spirit, for the win!!*)

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

*Classes on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>!*

- **Family Meal.** The monthly free family meal will be in the gathering area. Volunteers will serve a delicious dinner from 4:45-6:45pm. We encourage students, parents, siblings, and catechists to take advantage of this opportunity.

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

- **All classes as normally scheduled.**
- **\*upcoming\* Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Grade 2 students' parents- if you have not already done so, please sign up for Wednesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>'s First Reconciliation timeslot by visiting:
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BA5AB29A7F49-46389922-first>

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

- **All classes as normally scheduled.**
- **Gr. 8:** Grade 8 students are asked to bring desserts/ drinks for the meal.
- **\*upcoming\* Grade 10 Retreat:** Grade 10 Confirmation candidates and their sponsors need to attend the retreat at the Church of the St. Mary on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 9am-2pm. Both should attend the 9am Mass (*there will not be any reserved seating*) with a breakfast and retreat following. This is a mandatory event.
- **Gr. 11:** Grade 11 students are asked to help serve and clean up the Family Meal from 4:30-6:45pm. Students then report to their classrooms at 7pm. This is not mandatory but encouraged.
  - **\*upcoming\* Sacrament of Confirmation:** Grade 11 Confirmation candidates and their parents/ sponsors need to attend the rehearsal at the Church of the St. Mary on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 7-8pm. We will meet in the church for seating

assignments, dress codes, Mass procedures, etc. (*There is a free family meal served at St. Mary that night from 4:45-6:45pm in the parish hall; all are welcome!*)

\*Blessings,

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