

LOL Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Jan. 17

It is a wonderful time to step back and embrace our faith. Weather is cold, nights are long, but our lives are increasingly busy. “**Now faith is the substance for things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**” (*Hebrews 11:1*) I will try keep my faith strong, as Abraham was suggesting in this passage. Let us remind our children as well to keep praying, studying the Word of God, sharing the Good News, and reaching out to those who need our help. I believe in our God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth!

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

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th! 😊

All Grades: 2024-25 F.A.C.T.s leader

- Our Lady of the Lakes is looking a FACTs team leader to help with next year's ministry.
- Gr.12 **F**un **A**ctive **C**atholic **T**eens meet once a month, during the Wednesday class times. These students help prepare/ serve/ clean-up the family meals, assist in teaching the younger class lessons, and help lead other classroom's activities.
- If you, your spouse, or even a grandparent is interested- please contact the Faith Formation office at your earliest convenience.

Gr. 1-6: Regular classes on Wednesday, Jan. 17th from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-11: Regular classes on Wednesday, Jan. 17th from 7:00-8:15pm

Gr. 2: First Reconciliation on Wednesday, Jan. 17th from 4:50-6:50pm

Gr. 11: Confirmation Mass rehearsal Wed., Jan. 31st at **Our Lady of the Lakes Church**

- The rehearsal, at Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer, is required for Confirmation students and their sponsors
- The rehearsal will run from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Timeliness is important!
- ***A parent may stand-in for a sponsor if they are unable to attend the rehearsal. Please be in contact with the sponsor to share the important information from the rehearsal.***
- The Confirmation Mass is Sunday, Feb.4, 2024 at **Our Lady of the Lakes Church** at 3pm. Both students and sponsors are asked to be at the church between 2:15-2:30pm for staging in the classroom hallways. Pictures will follow the Mass; please refrain from flash photography during the service.

Gr. 2: The “Let's Pretend Mass” **Parent and Youth session has been cancelled**

- The **Parent and Youth session on Wed., Apr.3, 2024**, held at the Church of St. Mary, has been cancelled.
- Classes will run as normally scheduled.

Gr. 2: First Communion rehearsal on April 17th will be from **5-6pm**

- This is due to a scheduling conflict for Fr. Steve

Gr.7-10: Mission Retreat on **April 17th** has been cancelled. **Classes will be held as normal.**

All Grades: We need more substitute teachers!

- If you, your spouse, or even a grandparent is interested- please contact the Faith Formation office at your earliest convenience.
- All of the lesson curriculum, activities and craft supplies are provided.
- With the winter season, our need for subs exceeds our supply. Please consider volunteering in our classrooms.

All Grades: Important calendar updates!

- Pending unforeseeable inclement weather, **there will be classes on February 28th.**

- There will be a **Teaching Mass on Wednesday, March 13th from 6:00-8:00pm**. This is for all students gr.1-10 AND families to attend. Please welcome grandparents, friends and fellow parishioners to this event as well; this is a wonderful event to learn more about our Catholic Mass and share in a deeper understanding of our faith.
- Due to the restoration and cleaning of the pews at the Church of St. Mary, the location of the **Confirmation Mass has been moved to Our Lady of the Lakes**. Additionally, the church will be closed Mondays-Thursdays until further notice. Daily Mass will be held in the chapel.

Ages 9-14:

Free Throw Championship Sunday, Jan.28 @ KandiYMCA

- The Knights of Columbus of the Church of St. Mary are hosting a Free Throw Championship on Sunday, Jan.28
- Held at the KandiYMCA: 1000 Lakeshore Dr. SE, Willmar
- Registration on site at 12:30pm. Free throw contest begins at 1:00pm.
- For any child, ages 9-14

Blessings,

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