

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: Jan. 31

The sacrament of confirmation, although similar to baptism, calls us to deepen our baptismal life. When the chrism oil is placed on the confirmation candidate's foreheads, that individual is blessed by the Holy Spirit and is asked to extend Jesus' love and service to others. All baptized persons can and should be confirmed. The effect of the sacrament of confirmation is to give strength in faith and for the confession of faith. We are always invited to love and serve the Lord!

I would ask our catechists to please pray to the Holy Spirit, keeping in mind our gr.11 students who will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.*

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

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st ☺

Gr. 1-6: Regular classes on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 5:30-6:45pm

Gr. 7-10: Regular classes on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 7:00-8:15pm

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

- The rehearsal is required for Confirmation students, parents and their sponsors!!
 - The rehearsal will run from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at Our Lady of the Lakes.
- A parent may stand-in for a sponsor if they are unable to attend the rehearsal.
 - ♥ The Confirmation Mass is Sunday, Feb.4, 2024 at the **Our Lady of the Lakes Church, in Spicer at 3pm.**
 - 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 of St. Mary will be closed Mondays-Thursdays until further notice. Daily Mass will be held in the Chapel.

All Grades: Teaching Mass

- There will be a **Teaching Mass**
 - **Wednesday, March 13th from 6:00-8:00pm at Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer**
 - This opportunity is for **all students, gr.1-10, and families to attend.** Please welcome grandparents, friends and fellow parishioners to these events as well; this is a wonderful event to learn more about our Catholic Mass and share in a deeper understanding of our faith. Attendance is expected.

All Grades: Vacation Bible School 2024

- We will have Vacation Bible School this summer! Yay!!
- I am already looking for volunteers in the planning and execution of VBS 2024. The theme is "SCUBA: diving into friendship with God." My hope is to get committees formed and our first planning meeting sometime the first week of April.
 - Proposed dates & times: VBS at the Church of St. Mary from Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6 at 8:30-11:30am daily (*the alternate dates are Tue- Fri, 6/4-6/7 from 8:30-11:30am*)
 - Please consider helping in one of the following: Squad Leader, set design, Scuba Snacks, Imagination Station, Bible Adventure Diving, Song Leader, Dance/ Finale coordinator, "Underwater" Games, photographer/ videographer, VBS check-in, etc. (*there's even more ways to help than I listed!*)
 - Participation in past years has exceeded 200 children; I will appreciate everyone's help prior to, during, and after this year's VBS. Also, the quicker we can initialize our 2024 VBS plans, the more marketing we can have and, thus, get even more of our community's children involved in a week of listening to God, loving our neighbors, and having a safe start to summer's fun.
 - More information will be coming!

Blessings,

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