

Our Lady of the Lakes Church Weekly Parent Connection!

Week of: May 1

There are only two weeks left of Faith Formation for this year. Ask your child to share with you all the great Catholic knowledge he/she learned this year! Thank you, parents, for your help in not only getting your child to and from classes each week, but also to the many who helped volunteer your time and talents throughout the year.

I love my Catholic faith! Did you know:

- In the world, Christianity has approximately 2.38 billion followers (*that's almost 30% of the world's population!*), with the Catholic Church comprising **1.2 billion** followers.
- Over 15% of all hospitals in the United States are Catholic hospitals.
- The first book ever printed in Europe using movable type was the Bible (*printed in 1455 by Johannes Gutenberg, who was a Catholic!*).
- The Catholic Church existed for over 1,000 years before other Christian denominations came into existence (*The Great Schism, 1054, marked the divide between Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxies; Martin Luther's "95 Theses" in 1517 sparked the Protestant Reformation*).

Being Catholic is awesome; high-five a fellow parishioner and share the Good News. 🙌

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

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1!

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

Gr. 7-10: Regular classes on Wednesday, May 1 from 7:00-8:15pm.

Gr. 9-10: **Sunday, Apr. 28: Bethesda Wheelchair Transport cancelled / Gr.10 will have class on May 1**

- The gr.9-10 service project on Sun., Apr.28, 2024 has been cancelled. If a student would like to assist Bethesda residents on Sundays, please contact Rebecca Peterson (Director of Recreational Services) at 320-214-5638.
- There WILL BE regularly scheduled classes on Wednesday, May 1 for all students.

All Grades: **1st Wednesday Family Meal: Wednesday, May 1 is back on!**

- Please update your calendars and join us at the Family Meal on Wednesday, May 1.
- **Elizabeth Dyrdal's gr.9 class** will be helping with the dinner. If possible, those students are to arrive at 4:45pm to help set up and serve the meal to families. The students will eat dinner prior to attending their class at 7pm.

All Grades: **Last FF Class! Wednesday, May 8**

- Registration to attend VBS is due Wednesday, May 8
- Please check with your children to make sure that no belongings are left behind at the church. The artwork will be sent home with your child on the last class day.

All Grades: **Vacation Bible School 2024: Scuba!**

- We are recruiting volunteers for VBS 2024. The theme is "SCUBA: diving into friendship with God."
 - VBS will be held at the Church of St. Mary from Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6 at 8:30-11:30am
 - Registration for attending VBS will open Monday, April 1.
 - <https://www.web4ucorp.com/forms/forms/view.php?id=566019>
 - If you are interested in volunteering, please register at <https://www.web4ucorp.com/forms/forms/view.php?id=180132>

Gr. 12: **2024 High School Senior Graduation Mass**

- The Baccalaureate Mass for Our Lady of the Lakes' graduates will be held Sunday, May 19 at 10am. Seniors, please meet me in the gathering area prior to Mass at 9:45am.

Parents:

Donations wanted: 2L Plastic Bottles

- We need 40 empty, clean two-liter plastic bottles for an exciting new project our grade 6 students will be partaking in next year. Please consider saving any 2L bottles this summer. I will collect the bottles in September. Thank you!

Blessings,

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