

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

See the calendar inside!

“Be My Witness”

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All Are Welcome

Do you or a member of your family have special needs? St. Mary of the Lake would like to grow as a welcoming community to all our friends and families. If we can help accommodate you in any way, please let us know. Would you like to serve in a ministry or join a committee or book club? We would love to have you. Are your children in need of specific accommodations or aids so their time in our programs are more successful? Please bring your situation to our attention so we can discuss what will work best for everyone. Contact Karlene Feidt, Mary Beth Jambor, Justin Kelly or Theresa Steffes by calling the parish office 651-429-7771.

Staff Directory

Our dedicated staff is here to guide you on your journey:

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Call the parish office at 651-429-7771

Kohler Kafé—All are welcome!



NEW THIS YEAR: Once a month THEME nights!

KOHLER KAFÉ

Kohler Kafé is located in Kohler Hall at the St. Mary of the Lake Parish Life Center

A balanced meal, beverages and desserts are served on most

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER - APRIL FROM 5:15 – 6:15 PM.

COST IS \$6 and open gym is also available.

No reservation is necessary. Come eat & talk with a neighbor!

Start your punch card—buy five meals and get the next one FREE!

See the calendar in the center of this brochure for specific dates.

To-go boxes are available too!



Praying with Our Youth

Daily Masses:

November 1: 4:15 & 6:30 PM

April 4: 6:45 PM

April 11: 4:30 PM



4:20 and 6:35 PM

Praise and Adoration Event:

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Awesome music, testimonials,

Adoration— alone time w/Jesus



Sacrament Preparation

BAPTISM is the first step in our initiation into the Christian Community. To prepare for this Sacrament, parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class. Please call the parish office in advance to register. Sign up for Baptism dates will be done when all required paperwork is submitted. We recommend attending the preparation class early in your pregnancy, which facilitates signing up for a Baptism date when the baby arrives. There is a \$30.00 per child administration fee. A birth certificate is required in order to celebrate the Baptism.

ADULT INQUIRERS (RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The RCIA is for 1) Adults and children, age 7 or older who are not baptized, leading to the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, 2) Adults baptized in a Christian tradition who wish to become Catholic, and 3) Catholic adults who wish to complete their initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are on **Sundays at 10:00 AM**. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in knowing more about the process, or to register, please contact Mary Beth Jambor at 651-429-7771 ext. 222.

PENANCE and RECONCILIATION (also known as Confession)

Preparation Retreat is Saturday, February 3, 8:30—11:00 AM.



INITIATION SACRAMENTS PREREQUISITE: All children/youth preparing for the Sacraments must have participated in a faith formation program at least one year prior to preparation for the Sacrament and be currently enrolled in faith formation (a Catholic school, the parish faith formation program for their age level, or the home program options). The program fee for each Sacrament, Confirmation and Eucharist, is \$40.00 per child and can be paid with registration.

CONFIRMATION: Youth preparing for Confirmation must be no younger than 8th grade and preferably before age 16. Preparation sessions for Confirmation candidates with a parent begin October 24. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Registration deadline is September 18, 2017.

EUCCHARIST: Youth preparing for the first reception of the Holy Eucharist must be at least in 2nd grade and 7 years of age. Preparation sessions begin January 29. First Eucharist will be celebrated on two weekends: **Saturday/Sunday April 14/15 and 21/22 at 5:00 PM, 9:00 and 11:00 AM**. Registration deadline is November 13, 2017.

Grades 9 -12

YOUTH GROUP The focus of the youth group is education. Sessions will include lessons and a few service projects. High Schoolers are encouraged to attend as often as possible. Youth Group is offered at 4:15 PM & 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. 4:15 PM Youth Group members are also part of Club 3:16 (see Gr. 6-8 page for details).



CALLED A service oriented group for youth in High School or older, who have been Confirmed. Meets at the church two Sundays a month, beginning September 10, 6:00-7:30 PM. We will meet to chat, do service, play some games and always EAT!! No pre-registration required! Show up when you can and bring a friend!

WORKCAMP 2018 For one week in the summer high school youth join approximately 400 young Christians from around the nation to participate in Group Workcamp. We will repair, paint and weatherize homes, build porches and wheelchair ramps for families living in poverty. By giving a week of hard work, we will come to understand the human side of poverty and we will know that we can make a difference. Through our caring, we will come to understand Christ's love for all people. We are going to **Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 23-July 1, 2018**. Participants must be in at least ninth grade, and age 14 through age 20. Adults interested in leadership roles must be 21 or older. Come to our **Information Meeting on Monday, October 9, 6:30 PM** or call Justin Kelly for information. Applications for both participants and adult leaders are now available and will be accepted until the camp fills, or October 18, 2017!

YOUTH ROOM: Take time to visit our new Youth Room on the top floor of the Parish Life Center. Play board games, pool, air hockey, or just hang out. The Youth Group meets here on Wednesdays.

DOROTHY DAY: Serve a meal to the needy during the Holiday Season. All high schoolers are invited to join us in this service to the poor by serving the meal or playing Christmas carols for the diners on Wednesday, December 20.

LOCK IN: Spend the night at St. Mary's with friends as we play games and learn about God on April 20-21, 2018.

MUSIC MINISTRY Share your musical gifts with the parish. Sing with the Teen Ensemble, Blessed Busy or with the Parish Choir (off during the summer). For rehearsal schedules and more information, contact the Liz Racine at 651-429-7771.

MASS IS MUCH MORE FUN WHEN YOU'RE INVOLVED. How? Become a Lector (reader), Eucharistic Minister, Projectionist, Musician, Greeter, Usher, Gift Bearer...so many possibilities. Please call Mary Beth Jambor at 651-429-7771 for information and training.

VOLUNTEER for Sunday Preschool, Vacation Bible School, Summer BLAST and more!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION If you have not been confirmed, see the Sacrament Preparation section of this brochure for details.

Young Adult Ministry

You are **CALLED** to be a part of the St. Mary of the Lake High School & College Community. We want ALL to be a part of service, community and the three Fs (faith, fun and food)!

CALLED will meet two Sundays a month and we hope you can be a part of this NEW service-oriented community of young adults.

The first fall gathering is
Sunday, September, 10, 2017, at the church in the St. Joseph Room.
Questions? Contact Justin Kelly at 651-429-7771 ext. 223.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; Search and you will find; Knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds." Luke 11:9-10

Adult Enrichment Events

SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS— St. Mary's invites parishioners and friends to join small faith-sharing groups. During Lent of 2018 we will be offering a study called "Be My Witness." It is designed to help everyone grow their relationship with Jesus and one another. Be watching for more information on how to find the right study group for you!



COMPANIONS IN GRIEF—Education and Support Groups for those grieving the loss of a family member or friend. Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 PM. See bulletin for locations.

HOT TOPICS Our Hot Topic program features guest speakers focusing on a variety of needs or concerns raised by parishioners. See parish bulletin for more details.

October 25: Who are the Dalit? Guest speakers Fr. Arockia Doss and Corrine Kindschy
January 17: Sponsored by St. Mary's Social Justice Group


MUSIC MINISTRY Share your musical gifts with the parish. Opportunities include the Blessed Busy, the Parish Choir and more! For rehearsal schedule and more info, contact Liz Racine at lracine@stmarys-wbl.org or 651-429-7771.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

This past summer, three groups studied "Scripture and the Rosary." Check back with us in the springtime to register for next summer's series!



ADULT SPORTS TEAMS

 Adult Open Basketball, Sundays during the school year at the Parish Life Center, 7:00-9:00 PM. Springtime Men's softball league plays at Lakewood Park on Wednesdays in June and July.

Call the Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771, to get connected



FAITH FORMATION ORIENTATION - PRESCHOOL thru GRADE 12

Children are welcome but not required to attend.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Life Center

All new families to the parish, or families who have children entering preschool, elementary, middle or high school for the first time are asked to attend one of the presentations given by the program coordinators at 5:00 or 6:30 PM. Staff will be available between presentations for individual questions.

Booths will be set up in Kohler Hall from 4:15—7:30 PM for:

Registration, Sacrament Preparation, Adult Enrichment, Music Ensemble Opportunities, Volunteer Opportunities and Credit Card Payments (Visa, MasterCard, Discover).

HOME PROGRAM FAMILIES: This year we invite the families who have chosen to lead faith formation in their homes to two events:
Kick off gathering will be Saturday October 7, 2017— orientation/ pick up materials
Mid-year check-in gathering will be Saturday, January 13, 2018
Both will take place from 10:30—11:30 AM at the Parish Life Center
We will share ideas about curriculum, activities, events, web site resources and more.



CATECHISTS

HALLWAY HELPERS

MASS MINISTERS

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

OPEN GYM SUPERVISORS

DRIVERS TO SERVICE SITES

KOHLER KAFE KITCHEN HELPERS

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANTS

Call the Parish Life Center at 651-429-7771 if you would like to volunteer. Our receptionist will help get you connected.

All volunteers who work with children need to first complete the "Essential Three:"
1) background check, 2) Virtus training and 3) sign a Code of Conduct. Dates the Virtus sessions are offered at St. Mary of the Lake: October 7, 2017; January 27 and April 21, 2018.

Grades 6-8

CLUB 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."

Club 3:16 is a safe place to be between school and Faith Formation. Middle schoolers are invited to come to St. Mary's after school on Faith Formation days to hang out, play in the gym, work on homework and have a snack starting at 3:16 PM. Be sure to tell your middle schoolers to head straight to St. Mary's so they don't miss anything.

FLEXIBILITY Pick the Faith Formation time that works best for your family, 4:15 or 6:30 PM. Sessions are one hour and 15 minutes long.

HOLISTIC APPROACH Faith Formation for middle schoolers includes: **Catechesis**, **Service/Ministry**, **Prayer/Worship**, and **Social Activities** such as, ski trips, dances, amusements and more. Each small group will spend at least one session off campus for a service project, such as visiting a nursing home or helping seniors with yard clean up.

ORIENTATION Learn more at Orientation on September 20, 2017. See page 3 for details. Registration forms are available online or at the Parish Life Center.

Grade 6-8 Opportunities

TEEN (Teen Eastside Ecumenical Network) St. Mary's works with area churches to provide opportunities for fun and fellowship with their peers. Watch the bulletin for details about our River Boat Dance on October 6 and Overnight Lock-out on February 23.

SUMMER BLAST BLAST is Believers Learning And Serving Together!

St. Mary's teams up with area churches for a summer program. Youth serve area residents and agencies in the morning. Each afternoon, youth enjoy a variety of fun activities. Registration for Summer BLAST takes place in April/May for the week of July 9-13, 2018.



MUSIC MINISTRY - Teen Ensemble (13 years +) leads music for six—eight masses over the year. Rehearse the week before each scheduled Mass. Mass/rehearsal dates and times are based on group **availability**. **Last year rehearsals were Wednesdays from 5:30—6:30 PM.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING If you are interested in volunteering as an altar server, please contact the Director of Sacraments and Worship, Mary Beth Jambor for possible training opportunities. mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org or 651-429-7771.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION If you are in 8th grade or older and have not been confirmed, see the Sacrament Preparation section of this brochure for details.

Grades 1-5

St. Mary of the Lake offers a variety of Faith Formation options for our youth. In order to participate in a Sacrament program, youth must be a parishioner and enrolled in one of the following three options for at least one year prior to entering the Sacrament Preparation Program:

Option 1: Wednesday Family Faith Night. Youth in grades 1-5 have the option to come for 1 hour and 15 minute sessions beginning at 4:15 or 6:30 PM. To enroll, pick up a registration form at the Parish Life Center or on our website under Learn: Faith Formation. See the Calendar in this brochure for dates.

Option 2: Be a full time **student at a Catholic school** such as Frassati Catholic Academy. It is there that students receive their catechetical instruction along with their regular classes on a daily basis.

Option 3: Home Program. Parents are provided with materials in order to teach their children at home. Twice in the year the families come together to share ideas and gather materials: Saturday October 7, and January 13, 2018 from 10:30-11:30 AM. Please contact Karlene Feidt: kfeidt@stmarys-wbl.org if you are unable to attend.

NO MATTER WHICH OPTION YOU CHOOSE, ALL YOUTH CAN PARTICIPATE IN:

Altar Server Training

If you are in fourth grade or older and are interested in volunteering as an Altar server, please contact our Sacraments and Worship Director, Mary Beth Jambor at mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org or 651-429-7771, to discover opportunities for training.

Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC)

LWC is a chance for youth in grades 1-5 to hear the Liturgy of the Word in an age appropriate way. Children come to Mass with their parents and then, after the opening prayer, are dismissed to the Notre Dame Chapel for Scripture and song, just as in the large assembly. They share reflections on the Gospel and return to the main worship space in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. LWC takes place during the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses most Sundays from September through Pentecost.

Vacation Bible School

On August 6-10, 2018 we will offer five exciting days of Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 through 10. Registration takes place starting in April. We depend on adults, high school and middle school youth to volunteer as leaders and helpers. This is a great opportunity to get a jump on those service hours!

If you are not currently a registered parishioner, please come to the Welcome Center in the church Gathering Space or stop in at the parish office to become members.

First Eucharist and Reconciliation—see Sacrament Preparation Section, page 10 of this brochure.

Faith Formation for Preschool and Kindergarten

Sunday Preschool and Kindergarten

Children ages 3-Kindergarten may enroll in our once-a-month program, which takes place at the Church. The faith-enriched *Stories of God's Love* curriculum is used during the session, which includes an activity book and take home pages for additional learning. Sessions are during the **9:00 or the 11:00 AM** Mass in the St. Joseph Room and the Nursery Room on the first Sunday of the month October—May (exception: April 8). Registration is required and there is a \$100.00 per person fee (\$200.00 family maximum). Space is limited to 30 children.



Wednesday Preschool and Kindergarten

From 4:15–5:15 PM on Wednesday afternoons, we offer *Stories of God's Love* curriculum for children ages 3-Kindergarten. These sessions are at the Parish Life Center and run simultaneously with our Faith Formation program for grades 1-12. We dismiss the PreK/Kindergarten children 15 minutes earlier than the older children to ensure a safe and non-rushed pick-up time for you and your child. There is a \$100.00 per person fee (\$200.00 family maximum). A full calendar can be found in the center of this brochure.



Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, to enroll in either program.

Nursery Program

Welcoming the Little Ones is a program in which parents bring their children ages 1-5 to the Nursery during the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Mass. Adult and student volunteers will supervise the children and do a craft or read a story based on the "Catholic ABC's" curriculum. This program is scheduled every Sunday except the 5th Sunday of the month and holidays, October—May. Registration is not required and there is no fee. Space is limited to 20 children per Mass and operates on a first come, first served basis.

Mother and Child Book Study

On Tuesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 AM for two sessions in the Nursery and Bride's Room, moms will read and discuss a book. The children will sing songs, make a craft, have a sensory activity and have a snack. Our first session meets Tuesdays October 3 through November 14. Our second session meets January 30 through April 10. Registration is required and the fee is the cost of the book.