

## **2019 Seder Meal Welcome**

**A warm welcome-**(given by Father Dennis Mullen who is seated/standing at the head table) 7:00 PM

**Father/Leader:** (Stand) Welcome to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Seder Meal.....etc.

**Father/Leader:** OLOL's first Seder Meal was in 1976. This was held in conjunction with the Centennial Year Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Martha Mullen and Marguerite Howarth did much research to perfect the ceremony, the prayers and well as the food to be eaten, diligently striving for authenticity.

Father James Kraker was the Pastor at the time and Janet Mullen was the general chairperson and this tradition has been continuing ever since with more and more people getting involved each year. Our Confirmation Class students first started serving the meal in 1981, tonight we only have a few students helping, as many are on spring break. The First Communion Students became a part of the Seder Meal in 1988. Since then we try to honor a student and their parents at the head table.

Since the clustering of the Dobie, Haugen and Birchwood Parishes, and more recently with St. Joes in Rice Lake, we rotate yearly, honoring a certain parish and their members with representatives at the head table and in a few other jobs each year. We hope that all parishes and their members feel welcome and apart of this beautiful celebration.

Six Definitions of what a Seder is:

Seder is: The traditional Passover week dinner.

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Seder is: A bible Study in a family setting using all five senses to make the study an unforgettable event.

Seder is: That famous dinner called the Last Supper hosted by Jesus for his disciples

Seder is: The feast of Unleavened Bread  
Seder is: The basis for the early Church's Lord's Day Worship service.

It is referred to as the Agape Feast and the Eucharist.  
Agape is the Greek word for love.  
Eucharist is the Greek Translation which means Give Thanks to God.  
The Agape Feast and the Eucharist were separated after 300 AD.

Let's all relax and enjoy this Seder Meal.

I would like to introduce our commentator for this evening, Mark Tomesh, a member and fantastic reader from the OLOL Parish.

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**Commentator:** (Stand/ if able) Welcome, I'm Mark ...

Tonight marks the year where The Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of Dobie is the honored parish at the Seder- seated at the head table,... **if you could stand as I introduce you...**Marty and Adrienne Helgeson and their son, Abraham -who are from OLOL and Abraham is a student at St. Joe's School and will be making his First Holy Communion soon, Father Dennis Mullen- Our home grown priest, Vern Pottinger and taking the place of recovering Judy Pottinger- who we wish speedy healing upon, is their daughter, Lynn who is the cluster's Religious Ed Director. Vern and Judy are very active members at OLOL doing all sorts of repairs, grounds keeping, running the store, taking care of many behind the scene jobs and basically making sure we are ready for anything that happens here, their work is very much appreciated. And representing the OLOL Parish Council we have Michael Klatt and his wife Jane and then we have the traditional empty 9<sup>th</sup> seat is for Elijah.

We also have with us Father Ed Anderson, Father Samuel Schneider and Father Dave Oberts.

Our musician tonight is the talented Renee Rademaker, meeting you at the door and seating you were Cindy and Steve Doyen. The Dobie crew

ritually prepared the Matza balls, lamb, chicken and fruit, the Haugen crew rolled, cut and baked hundreds of pieces of unleavened bread, Birchwood helped in making the soup, all the other work was done by the combination of all the parishes, days of shopping, setting, and decorating the dining room, carefully preparing our meal and of course the dish washers and clean up crew---*which by the way anyone is still welcome to assist with! Just stick around afterwards!*

**Many, Many people play a big part in making tonight possible. It is impossible to list everyone. We thank all of you so much for your helping hands; it would not be possible without you. May you be very blessed.**

**And thank you, to all of you, for coming tonight to share in this celebration,** by a show of hands- how many of you are attending your first ever, Seder Meal? ....Great! You will be able to follow along in your booklets.

Let's begin by standing for our opening song.....

**(Song is announced by musician or commentator)**

After the song is sung, all remain standing- the lights are dimmed (Janice/ Bill or someone) and the commentator starts with the Lighting of the Festival Lights)- in the booklet program...

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At the end **Commentator** or **Father** thanks everyone for being a part and coming...etc.....