

[Notre Dame du Laus Parish in Powerview-Pine Falls](#) awaits its summer Vacation Bible Camp: Living in God's Kingdom.



"Hear ye! Hear ye!

*Dost thou hear the trumpets
blaze the song of our
Sovereign King? Listen as the
sounds of the kingdom ring out
in joyous praise!*

*Once again, in this year of
2014, all children are invited to
the King's Court to join in the
festivities. We shall feast
within the glorious halls and
play within the castle
courtyard. This shall be the
sixth recurrence of our parish's
weeklong summer camp.*

Come join in the merry-making as the storytellers recount the tales of Bible, listen to the promises made by our Lord God, our King, and sing praises to his glorious reign. We have travelled the globe and searched the castle grounds to see the marvels of God's mighty kingdom. Let not only the townsfolk within the castle ramparts come, for those of the countryside and those residing near the lake are equally welcome to participate. Our king is a king for all peoples, welcoming all everywhere who wish to come."

Through the theme of *life in a medieval castle* we will explore God's Kingdom on earth. The parish hall will be transformed into a castle village. It is well worth the effort of decorating to see the reaction of the kids, full of amazement.

Every year there's a great crowd of children joining the festivities. It is surprising how many new children come to camp. Friends bring friends, grandparents bring visiting grandchildren, and new friends are made each year. There is eagerness and excitement as they learn about God. But the week flies by fast. The children are always sad when the camp ends. Some have even made the suggestion that there should be two camps each summer just so the fun can continue! One girl even exclaimed, "Why can't there be camp all summer!"

Yet camp doesn't seem to end at the end of the week. We have found that camp helps to make the community stronger. It acts as an agent to help families return to church and feel they are welcome at Sunday Mass. The kids ask their parents to bring them to catechism in the fall. It's nice to see the familiar faces of the kids returning to church with their parents on account of the fun time they had at camp. It's a great experience that the kids in our town and the surrounding communities love to come to year in and year out.