



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School

February 24, 2016



***"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good."***

Romans 12:9

Dear Parents,

St. Luke Catholic School has just completed all scheduled registration sessions for the next school year. Once again, God has abundantly blessed us with many returning and new families! I realize it is a tremendous sacrifice for many, but you would do whatever it takes for the betterment of your child. That is the reason why I am appealing to you at this time.

While keeping a close eye on teacher and student performance, it is becoming apparent many of the students are not always willing to put in time to study. As you know, studying is just as vital for success as written homework. Many of the teachers are offering tutoring at recess or after school. Teachers inform me students do not attend.

Parents, please make sure you are checking your child's Ren Web each evening for homework. All teachers from grade 2 through Middle School, are required to post homework on Ren Web. When a test is noted, please reinforce the study effort. If a teacher is notifying the families of tutoring, and you feel your child needs this "extra" support, please see he or she attends.

It has been a great "gift" for me to return to St. Luke and become familiar with your fabulous children. Please work with me to get behind this effort for students to realize the value of good study habits.

Thank you all for your continued support and loyalty.

Peace and Prayers,  
Rita Graves, Principal

## Want to Make a Difference!

Do you want to have an active voice in the enhancement and opportunities in your child's school?

Currently, St. Luke is looking for many parents to help fill the vacancies on the PTC and School Council Boards. PTC is an extraordinary group who give of their time and talents to serve our children and community. PTC Board meetings are held once a month in the evening, activities will vary. School Council is another exceptional group of parents who concentrate on development and fulfilling the Strategic Plan of the school, while acting as an Advisory Council for the Principal. School Council usually meets one Friday per month from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Do one of these positions speak to you or is there a parent you would like to nominate (with their permission) for one of the positions? Take the next couple of weeks to pray about your decision, and be ready to answer the call!! More to come!

***Due to work that is being done on the sound/speaker system in the church, Mass and Virtue of the Month recognitions on Thurs., Feb. 25, will be held in the Parish Hall.***

*Virtue of the Month :  
February: Love  
March: Faith*



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*educate.inspire.*

			24 <i>Beginner Strings</i> Chess Club <i>Mad Science</i> Baseball & Softball vs. MSH	25 Mass led by 4th gr. followed by Virtue of the Month recognitions - Advanced Strings <i>Play-Well Lego Tech</i>	26 Stations of the Cross, led by 5th Gr., 2:15pm, Church	27
28  3rd Sunday of Lent	29 Intermediate Strings	1 March Art Class Choir Baseball vs. Holy Spirit <i>EXPO Middle School, 6:00-7:00pm, PH</i>	2 <i>Beginner Strings</i> Chess Club <i>Mad Science</i> Tennis vs. Sts. Peter & Paul <i>PTC Board Mtg., 6pm</i>	3 Mass led by Kinder Classes Advanced Strings <i>Play-Well Lego Tech</i> Baseball & Softball at St. Pius	4 PTC "Civvies" Day <i>Living Stations of the Cross, 10:45 am, led by 7th gr., Church</i> <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b> <i>Living Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, led by 7th gr., Church</i>	5 St. Luke Men's Club Wild Game Dinner. Please donate a dessert! See pg. 3 for more details.



Well done! Emily Gianotti, 7th grade student, placed as a finalist at the Express-News Regional Spelling Bee held on February 20. Emily finished 8th in a field of 142 other spellers.

### PTC Pizza Lunch Friday, March 11

**Deadline: 12:00 p.m., March 4**

Please click [here](#) for the order form. Order forms are no longer being sent home with students. Copies of the order form are available in the school office. If you already paid for all of the PTC Pizza Lunches remaining this school year either through *Yearly Pay* or *Semester Pay*, you do not need to submit another form.

### Thank you!

Many thanks to Mrs. Gabriella Rodriguez and all of the PTC Board members who helped with homeroom group photos. Thank you for giving so generously of your time.

### Lenten Drive

**Seton and Guadalupe Homes**  
**"Serve one another through love."**  
**Galatians 5:13**

Please refer to the [flyer](#) for more information on our Lenten Drive which will benefit Seton Home and Guadalupe Home. Seton Home and Guadalupe Home serve young mothers and their children and provide support and transitional living programs. Please consider donating some of the much needed items that are listed on the flyer by Friday, March 4. Thank you for your continued generosity.



*Congratulations to all 31 students who represented St. Luke at the Catholic Arts and Academic (Academia and Speech) Competition held this past Saturday at Atonement Academy.*

### ***Bible Storytelling Speech Contest:***

*Gr. 1, Ryen Juarez, 1st place*  
*Gr. 2, Henry Neff, 3rd place*  
*Gr. 4, Giselle Contreras, 4th place*  
*Gr. 4, Sophia Martinez, 5th place*

### ***Biblical Heroes and Saints Test:***

*Gr. 3, Octavio Martinez, 3rd place*  
*Gr. 4, Lily Lopez, 6th place*

### ***Impromptu Speech Contest***

*Gr. 4, Trinity Williams, 2nd place*  
*Gr. 4, Andres Gonzalez, 5th place*  
*Gr. 5, Sophia Ibarra, 3rd place*  
*Gr. 6, AJ Wylie, 1st place*

### ***Knowing My Faith Test***

*Gr. 8, Emmett Pena, 4th place*

### ***Spelling Test***

*Gr. 1, Therese Cunanan, 6th place*

### Lost and Found

Our "lost and found" is located right outside the Health Room. Stop by if you have lost any uniform items, backpacks, lunchboxes, etc. Many of the items that are in the lost and found do not have a name on them. Any items not picked up by this Friday, February 26, will be discarded.

### Standardized (IOWA) Testing 1st through 8th Gr.

**March 30 through April 12, 2016**



### Counselor's Corner...

### TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO HANDLE DISAPPOINTMENTS

As a parent, it can be so difficult to let your child experience disappointments that come around in life. In reality, though, disappointments, or negative experiences, are likely to happen . . . your child receives a low grade, earns a consequence in school, has a conflict with a friend, etc.

This issue is addressed in a recent Empowering Parents article by Darlene Beaulieu, counselor and parenting coach, titled *The Gift of Unhappiness*. The article advises that "instead of trying to prevent or 'fix' difficulties for your child, be with them in their disappointment. Allow them to feel sad, left out, or angry. Let the moment happen and then talk about how to move forward. Resiliency is a valuable skill that will serve them well in childhood and adulthood."

We all wish our children could be happy all the time and sometimes parents do everything they can to protect their children from sad and disappointing feelings. However, by fixing your child's problems, you are robbing him of valuable experiences that not only teach problem-solving skills but also enable him to develop the coping skills necessary to deal with unpredictable or unpleasant life situations.

Finally, Darlene Beaulieu has some tips for parents who may be "fixing" things for their child in order to avoid their own difficult feelings. Try to see the big picture and ask yourself what's in your child's best interests. Tell yourself "I can handle this. My child is his own person and not a direct reflection of me. I am strong and can make good choices for my child."



**Desserts Needed for the  
Men's Club Wild Game  
Dinner on March 5, 2016**

Please support the St. Luke Men's Club by baking a dessert for their Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 5. For many years, the Men's Club has supported St. Luke School students with scholarships for Catholic high school tuition. Donations of assorted cakes, pies, brownies and cookies would be greatly appreciated. Donations (disposable container, please) can be delivered to the school cafeteria on Saturday, March 5, between 8:00am and 3pm. Please contact Mr. Greg Shean with any questions at gmshean47@gmail.com or 210-647-8727.

**Callaghan Rd. Construction  
City of San Antonio Public Meeting**

The meeting will cover pre-construction information for the "Callaghan: Loop 410 to Bandera Rd." project (planned improvements, construction schedule, lane closures, etc.). Following the presentation, officials will be on hand to answer your questions.

Mon., March 7, 2016, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
St. Luke Catholic Church  
For more information contact:  
Peter Rodriguez, 207-8154  
Juan Contreras 207-4605  
City of San Antonio Transportation/  
Capital Improvements Department

**Keeping Busy During Spring Break  
STEAM (Adding Art & Design to  
STEM Subjects) Camp at OLLU**  
March 14-18, Grades 6-8, \$222  
For more information,  
call 210-528-7159 or email  
[mathcenter@lake.ollusa.edu](mailto:mathcenter@lake.ollusa.edu)

**Tardies Excused**

Due to heavy traffic conditions on Feb. 19 and Feb. 23, tardies were excused for all students arriving to school before 8:30 a.m.



**Mejia Family:  
2015 Grand Raffle Prize Winners**

"Winning the Grand Raffle Prize of "tuition for a year" at last year's Gala was the most amazing experience, almost unbelievable. As a family it can be difficult to try and manage a private education and other personal finances. This opportunity has allowed us to have both of our sons at St. Luke Catholic School to enjoy a faith-based education in a Catholic community. We are truly blessed and grateful from the bottom of our hearts." -- Deane and Gabriel Mejia, Gabriel (7th) and Abram (2nd).

Last year was our first tuition raffle. This year's winner for the 2016-2017 Grand Raffle Prize will be drawn April 2. Tickets are available for \$100 in the School Office. You do not need to be present to win. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Contact Gala Chairs Lisa Eddy, 210-365-4091, or Lisa Holguin, 210-286-2489, for more information.

**St. Luke Fiesta Medal**

Calling all Fiesta medal collectors! The 2016 commemorative St. Luke Fiesta medals will be on sale for \$10 in March and April. Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit St. Luke Catholic School. Supplies are limited. Reserve your medal today. Please make checks payable to St. Luke Catholic School. Medals will be available for delivery following Spring Break. Click on the image of the medal for a link to the order form.

**A Reminder**

A reminder that the contribution to the parish due by Nov. 1, 2016 is \$400.00. The parish contribution will enable a family to receive the in-parish tuition rate for the 2017-2018 school year.

You now have the option to set up automatic contributions from your bank card or credit card account to St. Luke Church. For more information about online giving, visit the [parish website](#) or call Andrea Thompson in the church office at 210-433-2777.

**St. Luke Casino Night Fundraiser  
T-shirt Sale**

Please refer to the [flyer](#) that can be found on the News page of the school website. Order forms and T-shirt samples are available in the school office. The deadline to order is **Tues., March 1.**

**RSVP for Gala by March 11**

Please RSVP to Debbie Rodriguez in the School Office, 210-434-2011, ext. 135, or email:  
[debbie.rodriguez@stlukecatholic.org](mailto:debbie.rodriguez@stlukecatholic.org)

Can't make it this year?

- Donate the numbered wristbands back to the school and sponsor a teacher or staff member to attend.
- Donate the numbered wristbands back to the school.
- Sell or give away your wristbands, but please notify the school office of who will be attending in your place.

