



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT:

*Let me fast from judging others and feast on Christ indwelling them.*

## Standardized Testing

Standardized testing for grades 1-8 will begin when our students return from spring break. Our students will prepare for the tests with a *practice test* on Monday, March 16 (first day back). Beginning on Tuesday, tests will be administered every morning through Wednesday, March 25.

Grades 1-8 will be administered the Stanford Achievement Test; grades 2 and 6 will also be administered the Otis-Lennon School Abilities Test.

In order for our students to perform their best on these tests, we ask that all parents follow these guidelines:

- Students should get plenty of sleep the night before.
- Children should have a good breakfast.
- Testing will begin each morning first thing as this is when the children are fresh and alert.
- Students must arrive to school on time. If a student is late, he/she will **not** be permitted in the classroom until the testing has concluded.
- If at all possible, absences should be avoided.
- Make up tests will be given only as schedules of proctors and students permit.
- Stress the importance of these tests with your children but do not overstate it as too much stress is counterproductive.

Thank you for your continued support of all our efforts. We are confident that our children will perform well.

## Girl Scout Troop 973 Towel Drive for the Humane Society/SPCA

St. Luke Cadet Girl Scout Troop 973 will be sponsoring a service project to help the Humane Society/SPCA with one of their many needs. The Humane Society is in dire need of paper towels (preferably Bounty brand) to help them keep the kennels clean. Many more animals have been received into the Humane Society in the past year than in preceding years because of the poor economy. Please consider helping our animal friends by donating one or more rolls. The girls from Troop 973 will be taking donations the week of March 16 to the 20 in the mornings and afternoons. They will be by the circle drive and on the side by the church.

THANK YOU.

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		Cheer clinic	AS Mass led by 3rd Grade Baseball/softball @ St. Mary's Fredericksburg Cheerleader try-outs	Stations of the Cross, led by 6th grade, 9:00 a.m., Church <b>END of 3rd Quarter</b>	St. Luke Men's Club Wild Game Dinner, 7 p.m., St. Paul's Community Center-make and send a dessert!	
8 2nd Sunday of Lent  Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Spring Break—No School              March 9—March 13; classes resume Mon., March 16 at 8:00 a.m.           </div>						
15 3rd Sunday of Lent	16	17 School Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., TL Softball/baseball vs. St. Matthew	18 PTC Meeting, 6:30 p.m., TL	19 AS Mass, led by 6th grade	20 Stations of the Cross, led by 6th grade, 9:00 a.m., Church <b>Report cards go home</b>	<b>Registration fee balance due March 20</b>  <i>Fri., March 20: Extracurricular re-/in-eligibility begins</i>



**Safety at Dismissal**

The congestion at dismissal time, particularly along the circular drive (multiple-child pick-up), has become an increasing concern of the administration due to safety reasons. There are many children waiting to be picked up and many parents standing around waiting for them. It appears that once the children are with their parents, many are permitted to run and play. This is contrary to what we tell the children during this dismissal time when safety is of utmost importance. We do not want ANY child to be distracted or not mindful of the possible hazards during this time. Parents, we need your cooperation. If this continues, we will need to adopt a new dismissal plan. For now, we ask for your cooperation to see if complying with the following will help alleviate the concern:

- Please, stay in your car and come through the carpool line to pick up your child, however, do not block Callaghan Road.
- If you do park your car and walk to pick up your children, please take them to your car as quickly as possible. The socializing at this time is one of the reasons why the children play and are distracted.
- **Safety is of utmost importance. The sooner the crowd is diminished, the better.**

One of the wonderful qualities of our community is the fellowship that abounds. Please understand, parents, that we truly love to see parents sharing with parents, however, we are most concerned that in this small area of the circular drive, the chance of an incident during this dismissal time is of great concern to us. Please, I reiterate, pick up your children and move on so the crowd diminishes quickly. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**8th Grade Parent Meeting**

It's time for us to finalize plans for 8th grade graduation. We will be meeting on Thurs., March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please plan to attend. Contact Maggie Quintero @ 535-8484 or Nora Gonzalez @ 219.1414 for more information.



**After-School Care Change  
Welcome Mrs. Linda Flores**

Mrs. Cynthia Martinez is no longer our After-School Care Director. We are grateful to her for the six years of service to St. Luke School. Mrs. Linda Flores, former pre-k 4 instructional aide, has graciously accepted the position of Director. Mrs. Flores has a proven record in managing programs and working with children and parents. We look forward to working with her in this new role. Thank you, Mrs. Flores. God bless all of us as we strive to provide the best Catholic environment for our students.

**Talent Show Time Is Here!**

The time to begin preparing for St Luke Talent Show is here!! Bring us your fully completed and best talent show acts for the auditions. Audition days and applications will be available upon return from Spring Break attached to the St. Luke Light as well as in the School Office. Our official Talent Show day is May 12!!

**Men's Club Wild Game  
Dinner Desserts**

Please support the Men's Club by baking a dessert for their Wild Game Dinner on Sat., March 7. Over the years, the Men's Club has supported St. Luke School through funds for 8th Grade scholarships and improvements to our facilities. Please plan on providing a dessert (cakes, pies or cookies) for this very worthy fundraiser. There will be a contest to select the two most "Devilishly Decadent Desserts". Entries must be homemade and include a description on a 3X5 card as to what makes them "Devilishly Decadent". Desserts can be dropped off at the St. Luke Cafeteria or the St. Paul Community Center on Sat., March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please send your dessert in a disposable container. For more information, please call Greg Shean at 647-8727.

**STEPS TO MORE  
EFFECTIVE PARENTING**

**STEP 7 – BE AWARE OF YOUR  
NEEDS AND LIMITATIONS AS A  
PARENT**

Face it – you are an imperfect parent. You have strengths and weaknesses as a family leader. Recognize your abilities – "I am loving and dedicated." Vow to work on your weaknesses – "I need to be more consistent with discipline." Try to have realistic expectations for yourself, your spouse, and your kids. You don't have to have all the answers – be forgiving of yourself.

Try to make parenting a manageable job. Focus on the areas that need the most attention rather than trying to address everything all at once. Admit it when you're burned out. Take time out from parenting to do things that will make you happy as a person (or as a couple).

Focusing on your needs does not make you selfish. It simply means you care about your own well-being, which is another important value to model for your children. (www.kidshealth.org)

**Help Us To Secure Our School**

Parents, one of the best safety and security steps taken in the last couple of years here at St. Luke School has been the perimeter fence and gates. After 8:00 each morning, following the late arrivals, Ms. Lagle makes sure that the gates are closed. However, parents who are in the building or on campus often leave through one of the gates and do not close the gate behind them. **Please, if you open a gate ALWAYS close it behind you.** Your diligence in this matter will make our efforts so much more effective. We all need to work together for the safety of our children. Having stated this, please know that the gates are periodically checked during the day to be sure that they are closed. Thank you.

**The remaining balance of the  
registration fee is due by  
Friday, March 20.**