



# The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



*“Amen I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”*

MT 18:3-4

Dear Parents,

Our children are precious. There is no doubt that they are loved and supported at home and here at school. I wish to share with you a concern. No one wishes to see their child hurt. We all know the impact that excessive teasing or bullying can have on a child. It is a real challenge to teach children, whether 4 or 14, how hurtful negative comments can be. It is the more mature individual who has a well developed sense of empathy and sensitivity for others that can make the right choice even when confronted by peers to do otherwise. Being a true Christian is a process; it can take a lifetime to achieve.

No child in a gospel-based school should receive messages of being friendless, useless, or ugly by anyone. No child should be the recipient of deliberate cruelty and/or isolation. Although experiencing this is often considered a part of growing up, it does not have to be. Let us nurture in our children the Goodness that is our heritage; the Goodness that comes from our Father, our Creator. If we agree that every child, including our own, is capable of insensitivity at some point in time, we can more effectively address this issue with our children when it appears that they have caused emotional harm to another.

Let us together help our children to **live** their faith for if they only have knowledge of their faith and do not **practice** it, we have failed them. We wish and work for ALL our children to enjoy a safe and positive environment here at St. Luke Catholic School. Let’s all work together toward this end. I, personally and as a professional, do not want any child to feel unloved or not worthy of being a part of this St. Luke community. Do not let our children reflect our prejudices. We are all called to love others. **We**, parents and teachers, should be models of our faith for our children.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marcella Salazar  
Principal

## A look ahead...

1. **Friday, April 23** , No school, Battle of Flowers
2. **Sunday, April 25** , **Fiesta Finale**, 11a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
3. **Monday, April 26** , No school, Teacher In-service.
4. **Thursday, May 6**, May Crowning, 8:15 a.m. Mass
5. **Friday, May 7**, Field Day, noon dismissal
6. **Friday, May 7**, Sports Banquet.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

		21	22 Mass, led by Beta Club	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Battle of Flowers</b>	24	
		25  <b>Fiesta Finale</b> <b>11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.</b>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Teacher Prof. Dev. Day	27 Softball/baseball vs. St. Paul  <i>School Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., TL</i>	28 <i>ACRE Test-Gr. 5 and 8 only</i>  <b>Midpoint 4th Q.</b>	29 Mass, led by 2nd Grade Scrabble Tournament <i>Softball/baseball vs. Holy Cross</i>

### First Eucharist

We congratulate the members of our Third Grade for making their First Holy Communion last Saturday morning. We are so proud that you have chosen to join us at the Lord's Table. We wish you many blessings as you continue your walk with Christ.

Homeroom 3A, Ms. Turk

Hannah Albor	Juan Jaén
Christopher Badillo	Roxanne Lochte
Audrey Cura-Faz	Vanessa Luna
Deirdre Duffy	Aidan Maldonado
Paul Elbayeh	Peter Mendez
Heather Figueroa	Dallas Montez
Samuel Gallardo	Landry Overton
Giselle Garcia	Kelsey Seidel
Marc Gonzalez	Natalie Sweeden
Dominic Hatzenbuehler	Ethan Villarreal
Sterling Henarie	Nathaniel Zapata

Homeroom 3B, Mrs. Thompson

Zachary Arndt	Solei Luna
Bailey Bernal	Joshua Madrid
Lauren Casas	Avery Martinez
Joaquin Cuellar	Frankie Martinez
Zachary Davidsmeyer	Nicholas Montez
Rebekah Davis	Garrett Overton
Michelle Enciso	Victoria Reyes
Pepito Gonzalez	Charles Rodriguez
Giselle Gutierrez	Brandon Romero
Taylor Hudgins	Karina Salinas
Luis Jaén	Jeffrey Toscano
Alexandria Leija	Jonnette Vidola
Gabriel Lopez	Ariana Zepeda



### Field Day Update Mark your calendars for Friday, May 7

- Parent volunteers are needed to help run Field Day events. Please call 434-2011, ext. 120 if you are able to help. Volunteers must have a current background check on file in the school office.
- Donations of bottled water are needed; please bring your donations to the gym.
- If any family has an old used stir-fry wok—three are needed.
- The “Juice Station” will be selling Gatorade, bottled water, candy, chips, snow cones, fruit cups and pickles. All items will cost \$1.00. Both concession stands will be open.
- Check with your child's teacher on the color of t-shirt that students are to wear on Field Day.\*
- There will be a First Aid Station set up in the middle of the field.

\*Please remember: Only closed athletic shoes on Field Day—no open sandals or flip-flops; T-shirts must have a sleeve—no tank-tops or sleeveless shirts; shorts must be of an appropriate length. Please refer to pgs. 16 and 17 in the Parent and Student Handbook.

### Summer Sports Clinics

Information on Summer Sports Clinics for students entering first through eighth grades next year is being sent home today. The flyer/registration form will also be posted on the homepage of the school website: [www.stlukecatholic.org](http://www.stlukecatholic.org).

### St. Luke Fiesta Finale Sunday, April 25 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Rides, music, food, drink, fun, family, friends! All proceeds benefit St. Luke Catholic School and Parish. Don't miss out!

Please contact Amber Trevino at [atrevino48@satx.rr.com](mailto:atrevino48@satx.rr.com) or at 289.0374 if you are able to volunteer at any of the PTC Fiesta Finale booths (chaulupa, funnel cake and fried mushrooms).



### ACRE Testing 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.

All fifth and eighth graders in the Archdiocese will be administered the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE). St. Luke's will administer this assessment on Wednesday, April 28. It serves as a tool for assessing the effectiveness of our religion and moral formation program, its strengths and areas that need greater focus. Our students do not need to study for this assessment.