



THE LIGHT for St. Luke

October is the Month of the Rosary



October is the month the Church sets aside for praying the Rosary. There is much to pray for these days in our world and in our lives. We encourage our families to pray a decade together, each day or each week, remembering someone or something in that prayer. In the school our children will be praying the Rosary in part each week, leading up to our celebration of a Living Rosary, on Thursday, 18 October. HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Blanket Drive for the Catholic Worker House

We are pleased to announce our St. Luke service project for October!! We will be collecting blankets for the Catholic Worker House in anticipation of their need this winter. Starting next week, our Beta Club students will be meeting with homerooms throughout the school to organize. We ask parents and families to start looking through their homes to see if there are any extra blankets. We will start on Monday of next week and run through October 18, so we can show the spirit of loving service here at St. Luke, sharing with those in need who look to the Catholic Worker House.

QUICK NOTES

- 1. END OF FIRST QUARTER, THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER.** We have a progress report update on Friday, 5 October. We encourage our students to work hard to finish out this first grading period.
- 2. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES, PK-5TH GRADES.** The schedules for conferences in grades PK-5 will go out next week. Conferences in grades 6-8 are scheduled as needed. Letters go home from their homeroom teacher.
- 3. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER, TEACHER IN-SERVICE.** On that day, our teachers will be attending an Archdiocesan-wide conference on Catholic school leadership.
- 4. The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi is tomorrow, Thursday, 4 October.** We remember the words attributed to St. Francis: "Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary."

UPCOMING CALENDAR

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| | | 3 Soccer vs. St. James @ St. Matt | 4 Room Parents Mtg., Halloween Carnival, 6:30, GCL Vball @ St. James | 5 AS Mass led by 8A PTC Lunch, Pizza Ent. Book Sales Pizza & Ice Cream Parties Fl. Fball @ home vs. St. Phillip of Jesus | 6 Golf practice, Alamo, 8-10 a.m. Cheer Clinic (PK-5th), 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | |
| | | 7 | 8 Soccer vs. St. Peter @ St. Matt | 9 Vball vs. St. John Bosco @ home | 10 Middle School Service Hours due Soccer vs. St. Greg @ Holy Spirit Vball vs. St. John Berch @ home PTC Board Meeting, TL, 6:30 p.m. | 11 Flag football @ St. John Berch vs. St. John Bosco |

Soccer News

The soccer team continues to have a winning season. They defeated St. Monica on Sept. 26. The Rebels game against Holy Spirit on Oct. 1 ended in a tie. The next soccer game is this afternoon against St. James at St. Matthew.

Volleyball News

The A team won their match against St. Gregory on Sept. 26, while the B team suffered a loss.

The St. Luke volleyball tournament was a success this past weekend. Our A team Rebels took first place. Sarah Taylor, Hannah Fields and Bethanie Hernandez were named all-tournament. The B team Rebels finished in 2nd place. Erica Ramos, Ariel Reyes, Nichole Cisneros and Alexandria Torres were named all-tournament from the B team.

Congratulations to all the girls. Their spirits were high and the spikes were great. What an incredible team of girls. Way to go!

Thanks!

Coach Loza and Coach Fuentes want to thank Mr. Mark Resendez for donating three fans to the gym and they would also like to thank all of the volleyball team and booster club parents for their help.

Go Rebels!

End of First Quarter Nears

As the end of the first quarter approaches, be sure you are checking with your child and teachers how grades and classes are going. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held for all students grades PK-5th on Thursday, 25 Oct. The conference schedules will be sent home next Wednesday. Middle school conferences are held on that day on an as needed basis.

PTC Pizza Lunch

St. Luke PTC will be sponsoring a Papa John's Pizza Lunch on Friday, October 5, 2007. If your child wants to order lunch, please complete an order form for each child and return with cash or check ASAP! Payment for multiple orders may be combined in one check. Order forms were sent last week. Extra order forms are available in the School Office. Any questions—call Terre Figueroa @ 256.1473.

An Important Note from the Nurse...

Just a reminder: The medication policy for the Archdiocese states that a Medication Permission Request Form must be completed by the parent/guardian and your child's health care provider in order for *any* medication including over the counter medications (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, cough drops, cold tablets, ointments, etc.) to be given while a student is in school. In addition to the Medication Permission Request Form, **all** medications, including over-the-counter meds must also be accompanied by a specific prescription from a physician (pg. 31 & 32, 2007-2008 Parent & Student Handbook).

Monitoring School Work

After reviewing thousands of studies on learning, researchers have discovered that the most outstanding students have parents who monitor their schoolwork. Monitoring schoolwork has a greater impact than parents' education or socioeconomic status. To monitor effectively, parents should give their full attention to their child's schoolwork for a few minutes each day. During this time, parents are advised to :

- Examine homework to see that it has been done neatly.
- Question what you don't understand, and have your child explain it to you until you are sure he/she understands it.
- Listen as your child recites spelling words and other memory work.
- Check your child's assignment book to ensure all work is done.
- Check work returned from teachers and ask your child to redo any work having errors.

Throughout all steps, it is important to remain objective, calm, and patient. Offer help and praise effort. Encourage your child to do his best, and finally, stress that you know that he can overcome any temporary setbacks.

From the Parish Office

As of October 1, Mass times have changed to the following schedule:

Sunday Masses will be at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Morning Mass will also be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday mornings will remain communion services at 8:15 a.m.