



The Light

St. Luke Catholic School



*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.*

Ps 147: 3-4

Update on our Church Expansion

Beginning as early as next week, construction may begin on the expansion of our church. The north side of the building (side where the St. Joseph room is, facing the school parking lot) will be partitioned off with orange netting. Please be mindful of this; please be cautious. At this point, it appears that we can work around this without any major interruption to our drop off or dismissal procedure. You will continue to be updated on the progress of this project .

We caution all our parents and carpool drivers to be patient; to move VERY slowly and ALWAYS watch for children. This is just the beginning of our capital improvements, so let's be patient. Thank you.

After-School Care Program 2009-2010 Rates

As all of us attempt to meet the rising costs of everything around us, we find that we need to increase our After-School Care rates for **next school year**. The increase will be an additional \$10.00 a month per child. Please know that there has not been an increase in these fees for several years as we have made every attempt to keep the cost of after-school care down. Our after-school care rates are still the lowest of other local area Catholic schools. Thank you for your support and understanding.


St. Luke School Choir

Information about the choir's practice schedule and other announcements are now available on EDLINE under "Choir". If there is a change or cancellation of practice, it will be announced through EDLINE on Mondays at the latest or Tuesday mornings in case of an unexpected change.

QUICK NOTES

- Saturday, February 14**, Casino Royale - Scholarship Dance, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Monday, February 16**, **NO SCHOOL**, Presidents' Day.
- Friday, February 20**, School Council nominations due to school office. The nomination form is available on the school website; check under *current news*.
- February 25, Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread Meal**, grades 2-8, students' regular lunch time in the cafeteria, PK, K and 1st grades should bring a sack lunch to be eaten in their classroom.
- Friday, February 27**, Noon Dismissal, after school care will be available, no cafeteria lunch served.
- Saturday, March 7**, Men's Club Wild Game Dinner—please donate a dessert!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

			11	8th grade Graduation Photos, PH & Church PTC Board Mtg., TL, 6:30 p.m. Baseball, softball try-outs	12	AS Mass led by Kinder Baseball, softball try-outs	13	<i>7th and 8th Grade Dance, 7-10 p.m.</i>	14	Casino Royale Scholarship Dance 7 p.m., PH
			15	16	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	17	2009-2010 Parish (less than 1 yr.) & Non-parish Registration, 8 a.m., school office School Council mtg., 6:30 p.m., TL	18	19	AS Mass, led by 8B <i>First Reconciliation, 3rd grade, 6:00 p.m.</i>



Basketball News

Congratulations to the Basketball A teams. The girls' and boys' teams both finished 3rd out of 13 teams in the AIAL City Championship. All-tournament players for the playoff games were Bethanie Hernandez, and Arthur Flores. Arthur Flores, Matthew Longoria, Isabella Garcia, Bethanie Hernandez and Regan O'Brien were named to the boys' and girls' all district team. The boys' and girls' B teams both finished in first place for the season. The boys' C team finished their season in 3rd place.

Congratulations to all players and coaches for a great season!

Golf News

Practice Saturday, 8 a.m. at Alamo Country Club.

Tennis News

The team will practice every Wednesday and Friday. Good luck to the tennis team as they play St. Anthony on Fri., Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. at Oak Hills Country Club.

Track News

All athletes are required to participate in track practice. Track season will last 4 weeks, and there will be two track meets. A calendar will be issued with dates and times.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to all who participate in the Box Tops for Education program. Our next turn-in date will be **Friday, February 20th**. For a complete list of participating products and for ways to earn bonus Box Tops, please visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Don't forget to ask family and friends to clip Box Tops too! Remember, St. Luke does not participate in the Campbell's Soup label program. Mary Knisley, Box Tops Coordinator (520-9870).



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Casino Royale Classroom Baskets

Please turn in all Casino Royale Raffle tickets by Friday, Feb. 13 to the school office. The Grand Prize is a \$1000 Visa Gift Card, 2nd prize is a \$250 Gas Card and the 3rd prize is a \$100 Gas Card. The prizes will be drawn at the Casino Royale, you do not need to be present to win. If you choose not to purchase the raffle tickets, please return them to the school office.

Tickets are still available for Casino Royale 2009 this Saturday, February 14th! Take this opportunity to support our school and have a great Valentine's evening as well. We'll have casino games, dancing, silent auction (gift baskets from our homerooms), Italian buffet, delicious desserts, door prizes, open bar, and Texas Hold 'Em tournament. Please contact Magda Nava for tickets @ 788.2432. Proceeds from this event benefit St. Luke Catholic School and the 8th Grade Scholarship Fund.

Class Basket

- PKA BBQ Basket
- PKB Bed & Breakfast/Wine
- KA Movie Theme
- KB New Baby Basket
- KC Ultimate Spurs Fan
- 1A Build a Bear
- 1B Scrapbook Basket
- 2A Starbucks Basket
- 2B Sports Basket
- 3A Quilt
- 3B SA Missions Baseball
- 4A Family Night @ the Movies
- 4B Pack up and Gas up
- 5A Pet Basket
- 5B Reading(Barnes & Noble)
- 6A Parents' Night Out/Babysitter Basket
- 6B Relaxation Basket
- 7A Fiesta Basket
- 7B Spa Basket
- 8A Cooking Basket
- 8B Dinner and Movies

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



STEPS TO MORE EFFECTIVE PARENTING

STEP 4 – MAKE TIME FOR YOUR KIDS

It's often difficult for parents and kids to get together for a family meal, let alone spend quality time together. But there is probably nothing kids would like more. Get up 10 minutes earlier in the morning so you can eat breakfast with your child, or leave the dishes in the sink and take a walk after dinner. Kids who aren't getting the attention they want from their parents often act out or misbehave because they're sure to be noticed that way.

Many parents find it rewarding to schedule together time with their kids. Create a "special night" each week to be together and let your kids help decide how to spend your time. Look for other ways to connect – put a note or something special in your kid's lunchbox.

Adolescents seem to need less undivided attention from their parents than younger children. Because there are fewer windows of opportunity for parents and teens to get together, parents should do their best to be available when their teen does express a desire to talk or participate in family activities. Attending concerts, games, and other events with your teen communicates caring and lets you get to know more about your child and his or her friends in important ways.

Don't feel guilty if you're a working parent. It is the many little things you do – making popcorn, playing cards, window shopping – that kids will remember.

(www.kidshealth.org)

Summer Programs at St. Luke

Information on Summer Programs at St. Luke will be posted in the St. Luke Light in the coming weeks. Plans are in the works for the Summer Extended Day Program, Sports Camps, and a "Science Camp". Look for notices in the St. Luke Light and flyers in your children's Wednesday envelopes.