



St. Luke Catholic School
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May Newsletter



May Crowning

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in many cultures. May is considered

the season of the beginning of new life. For example, in ancient Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. Also, in ancient Roman culture, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of bloom, of blossoms.

The Romans celebrated *ludi florales* (literally: floral games) at the end of April, asking

the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. This is also related to the medieval practice of expelling winter.

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begin to see new blooms and spring flowers all around us. For this reason, the Church has

picked the month of May as a time to recall the role of Mary in salvation.

As we have discussed through out this year, Mary is the Virgin Mother of God, whose

“yes” allowed Jesus to take human form.

Because of her completely trust in God, she lived her life without sin.

She was crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

And, after her life, because of her unconditional “yes,” she was assumed into Heaven by the power of God.

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As we have discussed this year, Mary is not divine, therefore, we do not worship her. We

only honor her because she is the mother of Our Lord.

Moreover, we honor God by remembering the role of Mary in our salvation. And as in the

Wedding at Cana, she plays a very important mediator role.

NCEA Parent Newsletter, 2008

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School Council Meeting

May 17, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Rm. 13

Registration for the 2010-2011 Underway!

Spaces Limited

Packets available at

www.stlukecatholicsschool.com

Mrs. Ana E. Gomez,
Principal

Casino and Auction Night a Success!

We thank everyone for their continued support. The month of April did keep us busy but gave us plenty of opportunity to celebrate our school community.

Our Casino and Auction Night was a great success. We were able to pro-

fit over \$52,000.00 which helps our school with operations expenses and our gym project which is scheduled to begin this month. Once again we thank our sponsors, parents, faculty and staff who made this night a great success!

We thank Ms. Lupita Cano, Event Chairperson and Mrs. Kathy Deibel, Auction Chairperson for all of their hard work!

We look forward to next year!

Counselor's Corner



As we approach the end to another wonderful school year, the children will be busy with many activities this month. There will be a review of all of the pillars of character that were introduced to children throughout the year.

This month we will be recognizing Student Leadership Week with the focus being on "Safety Awareness." Members of the National Elementary Honor Society will help spearhead this new endeavor. Students from all ages will be listening to themes regarding safety: Safety in the Classroom,

Safety during Play, Safety at Home, Safety in the Community and Internet Safety. The presentations will be held during the school day and EVERY classroom will have at least one special guest.

This is a great opportunity to address safety concerns with your child. Topics of importance include the following: electrical safety, stranger danger, playing in the streets, using helmets for bikes and skateboarding, wearing seat belts, being careful in large crowds, etc.

Summer is just around the corner, and we want all our children to be safe.

Also, this week will also be used to recognize student leaders within our school community. Students throughout campus who demonstrate leadership in various roles will be identified by teachers and staff: leadership in the classroom, among peers, in sportsmanship, with service activities, and in character. Students will be identified campus-wide, so we look forward to this time.

If you have any concerns with your children's behavior aside from the efforts in place, please come by to visit with me Monday-Friday 8 am-12 noon. Thank you, Ms. Caballero

May Upcoming Events and Reminders

5/7/10 : Reading Styles Institute—San Antonio / Book Fair Closed Reopen 5/10/10
4th Grade Retreat (9-11:30)

5/11/10 : K5 Prayer Mother's Day Prayer Service

5/11-5/12: BANSAs Track Meet SJA 4 p.m. Go Roadrunners!

5/14/10 : Talent Show 7 p.m., Camille Playhouse / Limited Tickets available

5/15/10 : First Communion Retreat 9:30—12:00, Cafeteria: Students are to be accompanied by at least one adult. It may be Mom, Dad (both), grandparent, aunt/uncle or God parent. This is mandatory for all children wishing to receive the sacrament.

5/18/10: 1st Grade Retreat for students. Retreat will take place at school and is a morning of activities, prayer and reflection. Students will continue with their regular schedule immediately following the retreat.

5/20/10: Kinder Certificate Presentation during Mass, 8:30 a.m.

5/21/10: Pep Rally : Sports Award Presentation at 2 p.m.

5/22/10 : First Communion Mass, 10 a.m.

5/24/10 : 6th Grade Retreat

5/26/10 : Honor Roll Breakfast / 1st—3rd Award Ceremony 2 p.m.

5/27/10 : 4th—6th Award Ceremony

5/28/10 : 6th Grade Mass at 6 p.m. St. Luke Church

Spirit Fridays for the May

Blue Jean Day Every Friday!

Good will donation accepted for Children of Salamanca / Mission



Memorial Day Holiday

No classes

Monday, May 31st



Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 2nd
Noon Dismissal
Report Card Distribution



The St. Luke Community congratulates all of our students who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this month. May the Lord continue to bless you now and forever!

We celebrate a year of achievements with our 6th grade class on Friday, May 28th with a Mass of Thanksgiving.



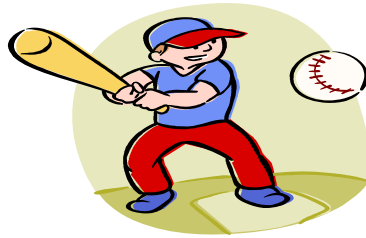
Angels and Roadrunners hit the Field

We encourage everyone to head out to Morningside Park for a night of baseball. This year St. Luke is represented by two teams in the 5-6 (Angels) & 7-8 (Roadrunners) year olds. They are coached by a team of parents headed by Mr. Alvarado and his son.

The boys shine out on the field. So far the boys have a winning season and have demonstrated skill but most importantly the love for the game. I had the pleasure of attending a game recently and the boys were awesome making outstanding plays in the in field, sliding at home plate and first base, loading the bases and hitting a in field homerun bringing all runners in to mark a grand slam! Amazing!

The boys are cheered on by a group of young cheerleaders who promote spirit and great pride.

We thank their sponsors Altre Insurance and Mr. Taco. We wish them continued success throughout this year's season!



Track Stars

Lead by Coach Perez, Mrs. Slovák and Mrs. Nicol, the 2010 Track team is gearing up for this year's BANSAs track meet to be held at St. Joseph Academy on May 11th & 12th. Students from grades 3rd-6th grade will participate in both field and running events on both days. They will compete against other private schools in the surrounding area.

We thank the Oquin family who are sponsoring this year's track t-shirt which will sport our new mascot the roadrunner. We wish all of our track stars the very best!

Stars on Stage : Talent Show Scheduled for May 14, 2010

This year's Talent Show will be held at the Camille Playhouse and is sponsored by our Student Council. They will lead the show which is filled with musical acts, dancers, karate and a little air guitar! Our students from Montessori—6th grade are ready to parade the stage and share their talent!

This year's show will be held on Friday, May 14th at 7p.m. Our show will be divided into two acts. Tickets will

be limited and priority given to the families of students who are participating. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person. Extra tickets will be made available on Wednesday, May 12th at 8:30 a.m.

We thank Mrs. Rendon for coordinating Camille for our event and for Mrs. Espinosa for all her help in organizing the show.

Our students are very excited and we all look forward to a wonderful night. I hope that you can join us!



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Catholic Daughter's Contest Winners

We congratulate the following students who participate in a Poster Contest this past January and received the following awards :

Leonardo Villarreal—1st Place Division I

Luis Fernando Guerra- 2nd Place

Division I

Jose Raul Guerra—4th Place Division I

We acknowledge their teachers who work with them, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Tamayo and Mrs. Soto.

Students will be acknowledged at an award ceremony this coming week. Great job!

Recycling Fact

The students of St. Luke collected over 300 lbs. of aluminum cans over four week period.

Together we make a difference !

Summer Fun 2010

We have had a great 09-10 school year. The weather clearly tells us that summer is just around the corner. We encourage all of you to take the opportunity to enjoy the change of pace and schedule. We are constantly in the hustle and bustle of the day to day.

Summer days bring a more relaxed season where we can take time to spend with family members whether it be on a planned vacation, day at the beach, or a trip to the park.

Enjoy the moments of summer such as the sun on your face, the sounds of seagulls, smell of Coppertone, and most importantly the laughter of your children.

Also, take advantage of all teachable moments and encourage summer reading (Required Summer Reading List forthcoming for our 5th-7th graders). Plan a summer journal where children can log their summer experiences and maybe develop a creative story. Head to the market with a shopping list and budget and have your child calculate expenses and stay within budget. Take a trip outdoors and have your child make observations and note similarities or differences. Stimulate your child to problems solve, be creative and to express themselves as often as possible.

Our school will offer a variety of summer programs and camps. Your family may want to take advantage of this

opportunity. Some programs are all day and some are half day programs. There is a variety of opportunities for all students. Flyers were distributed this past week and are available in the office. Deadline for registration is May 31st. Please feel free to call the office if you would like more information.



Beat the Heat by Keeping Hydrated!

With the summer heat upon us it is very important to keep our kids hydrated. Drinking water is so important for good health. When you were a kid in school, you learned that each molecule of water is made up of two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom. What you may not have learned, however, was how much water you needed in order to be a healthy human being.

Your body is estimated to be about 60 to 70 percent water. Blood is mostly water, and your muscles, lungs, and brain all contain a lot of water. Your body needs water to regulate body temperature and to provide the means for nutrients to travel to all your organs. Water also trans-

ports nutrients to travel to all your organs. Water also transports oxygen to your cells, removes waste, and protects your joints and organs.

How much water do we need to drink? A good estimate is to take your body weight in pounds and divide that number in half. That gives you the number of ounces of water per day that you need to drink.

Twenty percent of your water need will come from the foods you eat. The rest of your water need should come from the beverages you drink. Water is the best choice. Sodas have a lot of sugar in them, so if you drink sodas, you may take in more calories than you need.

Herbal teas that aren't diuretic are fine. Sports drinks contain electrolytes and may be beneficial, just look out for added sugar and calories that you don't need. Juices are good because they have vitamins and nutrients.

It may be difficult to drink enough water on a busy day. Be sure you have water handy at all times by keeping a bottle for water with you when you are working, traveling, or exercising.



Jegtvig, S. Drinking Water to Maintain Good Health, 2007

May the Month of Mary: Prayer to our Lady of Perpetual Help

Holy God,

We praise you for your love for us, for sending us Jesus your Son, and for giving us Mary as our Mother of perpetual help. We thank you for these signs of your love, and we ask you to lead us by your

Spirit, so that we may continue to live as your holy people. We praise you for your unending strength and support.

With the help of Mary's prayers may we always be open to recognize your hand in the events of our life and to accept your constant gift of grace.

Loving God, we ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Lord, in the love of your Holy Spirit, now and always and forever!

Amen

Finance Office News and Reminders

We appreciate everyone's timely manner in making all necessary payments. This ensure that we as well make our monthly payments to keep the operation of our school running smoothly. We know that it is a continued sacrifice to give your child a Catholic education but definitely one well worth it!

We are proud to announce that our finance office has begun to accept credit card payments. All major credit cards are accepted with the exception

of American Express. Credit Card payments may be made for any purchase here at the school from tuition to P.E. uniforms.

With the closing of the school year, we will no longer be able to accept payments by check beginning Monday, May 24th. This is done for accounting purposes to close out the school year. Report Cards will not be distributed to anyone with a balance for the 09-10 school year. Thank you for cooperation.

Thank You for a Great Year.

Have a Wonderful Summer !

Summer Office Schedule & Hours

June 7th -July 2nd — 9:00a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

July 5th —Office Closed Holiday

July 6th—30th—9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

August 2nd—6th —9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

August 9th—11th—8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

August 12th & 13th —First Days of

School (1/2 day)

August 11th—Meet Your Teacher

TTBA

Don't Miss out : Mercedes Raffle

Tickets available! Many parents have been waiting to be given tickets but they will not be distributed to families. Interested parties may come to the office to purchase or pick up tickets for your family members or friends. This raffle is an endeavor by the entire St. Luke community to fund-raise for the renovation project. This grand raffle will be drawn on Sunday, July 4, 2010 after the 11 a.m. Mass

here at St. Luke Church . Only 1200 tickets will be sold. A \$100.00 dollar donation will get you a chance to win .

1st Prize : 2010 Mercedes-Benz C300W

(Includes TTL fees)

2nd Prize : South Padre Island Getaway

3rd Prize: \$ 500 dollar Gift Card to

Apple Store



Thank You for Your Support !



Walkathon : Celebrating Catholic Schools

Our annual Walkathon and Field Day was a great success. It was also a day of fun for all! Parent attendance and participation was fabulous and we have the pictures to prove it! We thank all of parents who took time from their busy schedule and not only walk but join us in some Field Day fun.

Everyone enjoyed the tug of war, sack race, three-legged race and we cannot forget the water games. As a

pair of first graders shared with me ,“they were the best!”. Montessori also enjoyed a day of activities with hula hoops, scooters and all.

We congratulate Ms. Ruiz class who collected the largest amount of pledges totaling \$ 982.00 dollars. (Pretty good being that the school collected a little over \$2,000.00) A percentage of the monies goes to the Catholic School Office which sponsors a scholarship pro-

gram and the remainder helps us fund P.E. equipment and extra library sources.

In celebration of this, Ms. Ruiz class will receive a pizza party as a thank you and two students, Abraham Gonzalez and Charles Thirlwall will serve as “Principal for the Day ” on Thursday, May 20th . Both boys collected over three hundred dollars and are students in Ms. Ruiz class. They clearly exemplify the spirit of St. Luke.