

# Letter to Parents of Children Attending St. Luke School and SMRE (Sunday Morning Religious Education)

July 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

St. Luke Parish will begin a new year of religious education for your children starting on Sunday, **August 12, from 10:45 to 11:50 a.m.** Orientation for parents and children will be in the cafeteria. The children should go to the table with their grade level. After the catechists are introduced, the children will go to their classrooms for the first session. *Parents should remain for a brief orientation. Dismissal will be from the school at 11:50 a.m.*

As the primary faith educators of your children, what you teach and reinforce at home is invaluable. Your example as practicing Catholics will be the best way to motivate, inspire and teach your children about the beauty of our faith.

Sunday worship should be a priority for every SMRE household. In reality, it should be a priority for everyone who professes the Catholic faith. Since SMRE classes are scheduled from 10:45 to 11:50 a.m., **the only Sunday Mass that will not work for your children is at 11:30 a.m.** At that time, the children will still be receiving instructions in the classrooms.

Since no one should stop growing in the faith, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to a few initiatives that may help you in your practice of the Catholic faith. First, consider registering for an adult faith formation program at some point this year. To learn more or to register, click on <http://www.stluke.org/adult-faith-formation>.

Another excellent way to grow in faith is to register online for FORMED. FORMED is a revolutionary online platform and digital library for the entire parish, providing access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from the most trusted Catholic catechetical apostolates and publishers. And, it so much more! Our parish has invested in FORMED so that parishioners may register for free! Parishioners use our parish code 298816 to register and access FORMED. Click on <http://www.stluke.org/explore-your-faith-at-home>.

By registering for FORMED, you will be able to do the following:

- Prepare for Mass with insightful five-minute videos on the Sunday Readings with Opening the Word;
- Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining;
- Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video program BELOVED;
- Help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials.

I encourage all SMRE families to get *FORMED on-the-go*? Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org) to download the FORMED app for all your smart devices. Then, beautiful Catholic content is only 1 click away, anytime and anyplace, even while you wait for your children to be released from SMRE.

Parishioner Lourdes Jea is our main contact person on FORMED. If you have questions, please email her at [lourdes.ecojea@gmail.com](mailto:lourdes.ecojea@gmail.com).

During the Easter Vigil of 2018, **Jennie Brady**, one of our mothers from the SMRE program, became Catholic. The previous year, **Brandy Govert**, our current first grade catechist, also became Catholic. Both these women, and many others from SMRE in the past, were registered for **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**. If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or know someone else who might be, please review our website on RCIA at <http://www.stluke.org/becoming-catholic>. The calendar is published and shows the topics that will be covered during the year.

Did you know that children who attend **St. Luke School** have religion classes every day of the week? In addition to Sundays, they participate at Mass twice a week. They are blessed! However, we want **all Catholic children**, to be blest with opportunities to learn about our faith and embrace it wholeheartedly. **Certainly, by embracing the Catholic faith we are promoting a solid relationship with Jesus Christ.** In a world that is increasing secular and pagan, children more than ever need to be formed as Catholics whose relationship with Christ will ultimately lead them to Heaven.

Parents of children in kindergarten, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and/or 7 grades should use the registration form found at <http://www.stluke.org/sunday-morning-religious-education>. **Online registration is pending.**

**If your child is in grade 2 or 8**, don't forget to register your child for First Penance/Communion (grade 2) and/or Confirmation (grade 8). Registration forms can found on the parish website at <http://www.stluke.org/sacraments>.

***Parents may also register by filling out the registration forms and enclosing them in an envelope with a check and dropping them off at the parish office.***

May the Lord continue to bless you and all your loved with 'grace upon grace' in 2018-2019!

Sincerely in the Lord of Life,  
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