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# MARCH



ST. LUKE CATHOLIC  
PRESCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

### DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS...

One of my favorite songs the children learn while participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teaches them why priests wear certain colors throughout the liturgical year...

*"Purple and Green and Red and White, are the colors of the year.  
Purple and Green and Red and White remind us of the light.  
Purple is for preparation,  
White is for celebration.  
Green is for the growing time,  
Red is for the Pentecost."*

"Purple is for preparation..", the color we will see in our Church as we begin our season of Lent. Lent is a time we make sacrifices, participate in almsgiving and prayer to replicate the sacrifices Jesus Christ made during His 40 days in the desert.

One teacher at our school prays the Rosary with her children every night during Lent. I asked if her young children were able to sit still the entire time and she responded, "I don't expect them to completely participate. It's more for them to hear us pray to God and guide them to do the same when they are able." Children are always watching and imitating and I can't think of a better activity to imitate other than prayer. We pray you have a prayerful Lenten Season.

I also would like to thank the many parents who sent in testimonials about our preschool. It truly is a blessing to read how you love our staff as much as we love your children. Below are a few statements. We will also have many

more testimonials on our school's website.

*"You know you're in the right place when your child runs from your side to give one of his teachers a hug or to play with a friend. That, invariably, is how drop-off at St. Luke Catholic Preschool works."*

*"Upon going back to work just 3 months after having my first baby, I was so sad/nervous to leave him. All my worries were gone after day one at St. Luke Catholic Preschool! All the teachers there are loving, caring and generous...they treat our baby like their very own! He is always happy when I pick him up and just as happy when I drop him off in the morning. We love St. Luke!"*

As always, please communicate with the St. Luke Preschool staff if you have questions or suggestions.

God's Blessings,

Laurie Breen, Director



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

sponsored by



March 7 6:00pm-9:00pm  
St. Luke Gymnasium



**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS FOR FOOD AND DRINK, SILLY SAFARI, GORDON PIPERS, BOUNCE HOUSES, IRISH DANCERS, BALLOON ART & TATTOOS!**

-VISIT [WWW.STLUKE.ORG](http://WWW.STLUKE.ORG) TO PURCHASE TICKETS-  
ADULTS \$15, KIDS \$5, 3 AND UNDER FREE.

**\*\$3 DISCOUNT ON ADULT TICKETS IF PURCHASED BEFORE MARCH 2 \***

### Irish Blessing

*Wee Little One...*

*May you always walk in sunshine,  
May you never wait for more.  
May Irish angels rest their wings,  
beside your nursery door.*



## LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

- \*Read Bible stories together as a family
- \*Fill a bag with 40 toys to donate to St. Vincent De Paul or another organization
- \*Pray as a family every night
- \*Write a "Thank you" note/draw a picture for the parish priests
- \*Stations of the Cross Eggs (pinterest)
- \*Give up something as a family (ex. dessert, TV, fast-food)
- \*Draw pictures and deliver them to a nursing home
- \*Light a candle in the chapel weekly
- \*Craft a Cross together as a family
- \*Use manners

## ALMSGIVING

- Please send in cans to donate to the Knights of Columbus' 40 Cans for Lent. Canned goods may be brought to the preschool.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day! (Wear green)
- 3/20 - BCHS Service Day at Preschool
- 3/26 - Last day of school- Spring Break begins!
- 3/27- 4/5 - Spring Break (Closed)
- 4/10 - Good Friday 2:00pm Dismissal
- 4/13 - Easter Monday (Closed)

## Friendly Important Reminders

Please...

- \*Water bottles must be **labeled, dated** and **covered**
- \*Provide a March snack to share
- \*Submit updated immunization form with each doctor visit
- \*Be sure to label all coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc.
- \*Dress for the weather. The teachers will be taking them outside to play, take a walk, or venture over to the gym/church daily
- \*Check your child's school bag every evening and return any found items



## Birthdays

- Norah Schrage March 2
- Evan Engelman March 3
- Caroline Fisher March 4
- Birdie Faley March 8
- Sofia Poe March 13
- Savannah Dunwoody March 15
- Hadley Hall March 16
- Makenna Dunwoody March 16
- Henry Spilbeler March 28