

# A Message from St. Luke Athletics

**Dear Rams Fans,** We'd like to thank all of our coaches, parents, student workers, and SLAC members for their hard work to make St. Luke Athletics the wonderful and spirit-filled ministry it is today. Sports serve our students in life changing and character building ways as they teach leadership and sportsmanship while creating lifelong friendships and memories.

The Athletics Ministry continued to serve close to 400 parish youth throughout our 13 sport offerings. Throughout the past couple years we have seen an overall dip in participation, with the biggest dip in boys football, as has been the trend nationwide. Several sports have continued to grow and thrive this year including wrestling, kickball, and volleyball.

Please be sure to read throughout all material to give you a quick glimpse into the Athletic Ministry and behind the scenes factors that we as a parish and department are facing for the 2016-2017. As a ministry we strive to be transparent and remain open to input from the parish. We had several successes this year in sports and we would like to take this time to share news and updates for St. Luke Athletics. Included is a financial transparency snapshot to give you an idea of how funds are allocated and how far your registration fees go.

If you would like to learn more about CYO Sports, get your child involved in athletics, volunteer as a coach, or serve through fundraising/staffing tournaments please contact Cory at [chernandez@stluke.org](mailto:chernandez@stluke.org)

Thank you for all your support and participation,

**Cory Hernandez**

Co-Athletic Director, St. Luke Athletics

## New for 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 school year will sadly see the departure of Mike Van Marter as the Co-Athletic Director at St. Luke. He has served in this role for 6 years and we thank him for his service and making Rams sports what it is today. He will continue to coach basketball for the Rams so you will still see him around the gym next year!

Thanks to everyone's hard work with our raffle the past two years and through other fundraising and generous donations, we are happy to announce that we are able to purchase much needed brand new jerseys for our all of our girls basketball teams grades 4-8 as well as our Boys Football teams in grades 3,4, and 5



Girls Basketball Jerseys-All teams, Grades 4-8

Boys Football Jerseys for Grades 3, 4 and 5



CYO has announced that they will be adding two new leagues to the 2016-2017 school year. We are happy to field teams for these new age divisions and introduce these sports to our students at an earlier age

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girls Fall Kickball League

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Volleyball League

## SLAC Fundraising Update

As you will soon see, majority of St. Luke Athletic budget goes to CYO and team fees as well as our occupancy fee to use the St. Luke facilities each year. This leaves little room in our budget to address the many needs of St. Luke athletics. We rely on fundraising to allow us to purchase new uniforms, upkeep facilities, purchase new equipment, replace missing uniforms and handle any facility emergencies.

SLAC has decided to forgo our annual fundraiser and will not host the Reverse Raffle this year. To compensate for the lack of fundraiser for 2016-2017 **we are adding an equipment fee for the 2016-2017 school year to each CYO sport that will allow us room to continue to repurchase jerseys, upkeep facilities and provide new and safe equipment for every sport!** This Equipment Fee will be tagged **STRICTLY** for those equipment, uniform, and facility needs.

We believe even with this added fee we still provide our families with affordable sport opportunities that continue to be a cost efficient option over most rec leagues throughout the area. We continue to offer financial assistance to those who demonstrate need and never want the cost of our programs to hinder anyone's participation.

**New this year, we look to introduce the St. Luke Dads Club to assist SLAC in fundraising.** With their efforts and support we expect to get new football goal posts/soccer goals, purchase new basketballs and volleyballs, and address other facility needs. More information on this possible club will come as it progresses.

# 2016-17 Rams CYO Sports

The 2016-2017 school year will have every sport back from 2015-2016. To the right you can see all the CYO sanctioned sports we have at St. Luke and the grade levels for each. Registration for St. Luke is done online and only takes minutes to sign up each athlete.

We are always looking for coaches. You do not have to be a parent to coach and no experience necessary! We have had parents, family friends, high school students, grandparents, fans of the sport, parents of alumni and many others coach throughout the years and we would love to have you join our coaching family. **Anyone interested in coaching for 2016-2017 should contact Cory Hernandez at [chernandez@stluke.org](mailto:chernandez@stluke.org)**

## CURRENT COACHING NEEDS

Kickball Grades 3-8

Football- Assistant Coaches grades 3-8

Cross Country- Assistant Coaches

Girls Basketball- Grades 4-8

St. Luke CYO Sport	Grades	Season
Girls Fall Kickball	3-8	Fall
Co-Ed Cross Country	3-8	Fall
Boys Football	3-8	Fall
Girls Basketball	4-8	Fall
Boys Basketball	4-8	Winter
Girls Volleyball	4-8	Winter
Boys Volleyball	4-8	Winter
Wrestling	5-8	Winter
Spring Girls Kickball	3-8	Spring
Co-Ed Track and Field	4-8	Spring
Co-Ed Soccer	5-8	Spring
Baseball	7-8	Spring

## 3 Year Participation Trends

St. Luke CYO Sport	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Fall Girls Kickball	107	103	90
Co-Ed Cross Country	47	44	50*
Boys Football	70	98	103
Girls Basketball	57	68	59
Boys Basketball	118	117	131
Girls Volleyball	117	110	100
Boys Volleyball	40	46	49
Wrestling	25	13	13
Girls Springs Kickball	58	57	50*
Co-Ed Track and Field	40	58	60*
Co-Ed Soccer	73	79	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	752	787	>700 approx

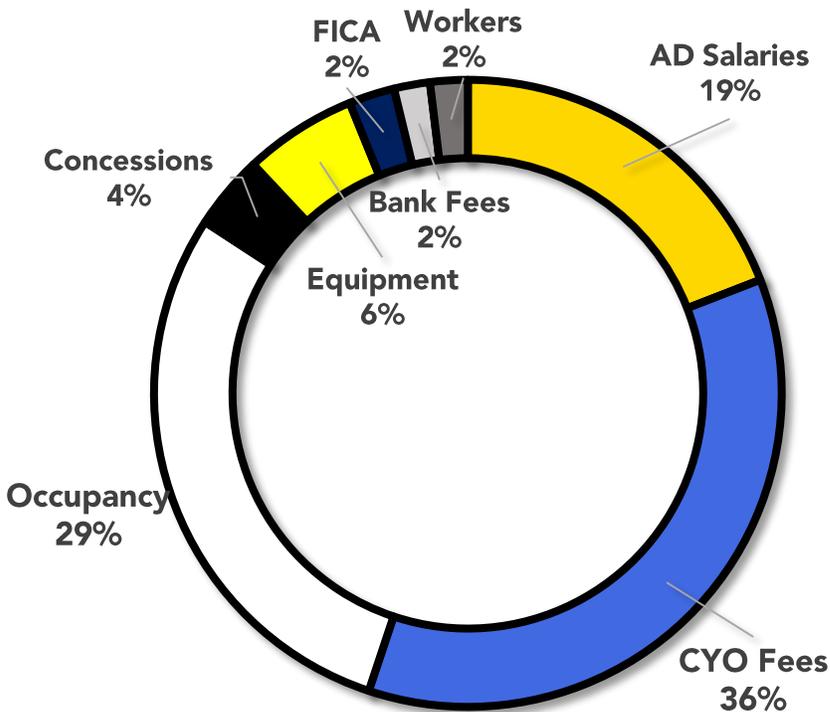
In the past 3 years St. Luke has seen a general decline in CYO participation. Even though club sports and other activities can take precedent we are starting to see a slight reversal of this trend.

The national trend in youth football is a decline in participation and St. Luke has not been immune. Be assured that all of our equipment is serviced each year to promise maximum safety.

Athlete safety is one of our main concerns. One of the ways this is implemented is for all coaches to go through concussion training.

Trophies, prizes, and awards can be great, but the life lessons and values taught through sports, as well as the friendships and the memories made are the things on which we as a ministry pride ourselves.

# ATHLETIC EXPENSES 2015-2016



St. Luke athletic expenses for 2015-2016 fiscal year were \$146,802. As you can see in the graph more than one third of our yearly expenses goes to CYO and the fees required to field teams each year. CYO Fees tend to increase every year and in order to accommodate that our registration fees have to follow the trend. Another third of expenses go towards our occupancy fee to the parish. St. Luke Athletics rents the facilities and pays a yearly fee.

As you can tell, a very small percentage of our yearly expenditures go directly to equipment or uniforms. This is why getting our uniforms back each season is vital. Having to purchase new jerseys just to replace those in drawers, bags, or closets at home prevents us from using the available 6% on more urgent needs.

This is one of the driving forces behind the new Equipment Fee that will strictly go to covering uniform and equipment costs for 2016-2017

The final third consists of aspects that ensure each athletic event runs smoothly.

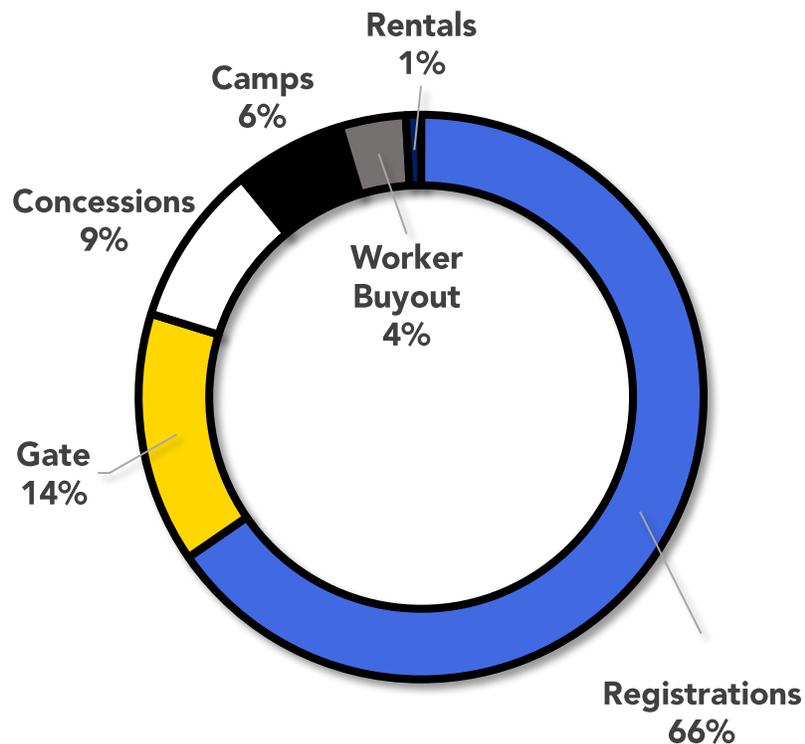
# ATHLETIC REVENUE 2015-2016

2015-2016 sees our revenue fall short of our projected budget by more than \$4,000. As of June 30th 2016 our revenue was at \$142,269. In the graph you can see where our revenue comes from throughout the year.

The camp percentage is a projected estimate.

Most of our revenue comes from registration which as you saw in our yearly expenses goes right back towards CYO and the Parish. While Gate and Concessions play a large role in covering our occupancy fee. As you can see, fundraising has become critical to St. Luke Athletics and the more participation from not only parents but students will help benefit Rams athletics on and off the field.

Football has been a large source of revenue in terms of gate and concessions for several years. Along with our participant numbers being lower, all CYO schools have seen football numbers decline which result in less people attending the games we host. This ultimately leads to a large hit in our concession and gate revenue.



# Team Service Requirements

St. Luke Athletics believes that service is vital to our community and parish. We want to encourage our athletes that serving our church and athletic department are beneficial not only to us, but to them as well as they continue to grow into faith filled, community, and service oriented high school students. We want our teams to be involved with the department and really see how service for our parish and community can shape them as they enter into the next chapter of their lives.

St. Luke is fortunate enough to have the facilities to host Football, Basketball, and Volleyball tournaments throughout the school year. These tournaments bring in a lot of revenue for the department as we welcome schools, families and athletes from all over the city. It is important that we have enough help throughout the tournaments in order to run smoothly and truly represent St. Luke.

**For 2016-17 school year we are asking that each team fulfill just one day of service during one of these tournaments. We will be putting together a schedule to help provide you with a solid timeframe for your team's scheduled day.**

For parents of athletes grades 3-6 we will have you serve one day of one tournament. For parents of athletes grades 7 and 8, you or your athlete can work the shift. Position opportunities include: selling concessions, keeping the game clock, or attending the gate. While representing the parish, you meet a diverse group of people and watch great games as a bonus! Your commitment will consist of a couple hours and directly helps the Athletic Department.

Students 14 and older looking for service hours or paid positions can contact Cory to work. Concession and Gate Attendants earn \$7.50/ hour and Clock Runners earn \$8.00. A work permit is required and must be approved by Mr. Weber or the students' school business office.

## 2016-2017 City Champions

Congratulations go out to all of our athletes and coaches for terrific, well played, and hard fought seasons. We are proud of all of our teams and athletes but want to especially congratulate the following teams for bringing home the hardware to St. Luke in tournament and post season play!

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| Cadet B Fall Kickball                 | High School Boys Basketball Juniors                     |
| Cadet Football (Merged with St. Pius) | Gretchen Farley: 100 M and 200 M (5th/6 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| Little Rams Wrestling Team            | Mia Wagner: 100 M Hurdle (Cadet)                        |

