

**ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**  
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**2020-2019 FAITH FORMATION HANDBOOK**

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND OBSERVE IT.**

LUKE 11:28

**PHILOSOPHY**

Faith is a constant gift from God. It is offered to us from before our birth over and over again in our lives. Faith is not something we acquire on our own initiative, but rather, it grows and deepens as we experience life. Growing in faith is a life-long journey of learning, devotion, spiritual nourishment and service. The children, youth and adult faith formation programs here at St. Luke proclaim Christ's message, facilitate the experience of community, encourage service in the name of the Lord, and lead in prayer and worship (the four dimensions of message, community, service, and worship).

We affirm that parents are the primary educators of their child; that is, they form their child's faith, by word and example, and draw the child into the parents' own faith as lived day-to-day. We supplement that formation by teaching the underlying doctrine which supports the Catholic Christian lifestyle.

From early childhood through the senior years of adulthood, St. Luke's faith formation programs aim to enrich the faith life of individuals by

- creating an environment in which the individual can experience God
- respecting the stage they are in their faith development
- challenging the individual to grow in his/her personal relationship with God
- seeking to reach out to others in need celebrating liturgically the faith life within the parish community

*While the catechesis offered within the family is ordinarily informal, unstructured, and spontaneous, it is no less crucial for the development of the child's faith... Parents are catechists precisely because they are parents.* -National Directory for Catechesis

*School-age children should receive formal and systematic catechesis in a parish-based catechetical program, a Catholic school, or a program of home-based catechesis in which the content of the faith and the experience of Christian life is presented authentically and completely.*

-National Directory for Catechesis

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Early Childhood**

**Who:** Three, four, and five year old children by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**When:** Sunday mornings, September-April from 9:45-11:00 am or whenever the 10:00 Mass ends

**Where:** Drop off is at the school gym. Dismissal is from the classrooms.

The Early Childhood program engages the children in the process of discovering God, as a loving parent and as the Creator. Weekly craft activities, games, songs and celebrations establish positive religious attitudes and readiness for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) program. Parent/guardians are encouraged to talk with your child about what they learned and to continue to reinforce the theme throughout the week with Bible stories and discussions. Occasionally, parent/guardians are invited to join special celebrations.

### **Parish School of Religion (PSR) Classroom**

**Who:** Children in grades 1 - 12

**When:** Wednesday nights, September-May from 6:00- 7:15 PM

**Where:** Drop off is the Parish Center. Dismissal to parents/guardians parked in carpool line

The PSR Classroom program provides children and youth an opportunity to become closer to God while learning and praying in their age appropriate faith community. Parents/guardians are encouraged to talk with their child about what the child/youth learned and to continue to reinforce the content throughout the week with family discussions. Parents/guardians and families are invited to join special celebrations.

Each class is led by a volunteer teacher also known as a catechist. Materials used are approved by the Cincinnati Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. All volunteers have met the Archdiocesan mandated Child Protection Requirements.

### **Parish School of Religion (PSR) Homeschool**

**Who:** Children in grades 1-8

**What:** A volunteer teacher provides each child with lessons and activities to complete at home each week. Homework is electronically returned to the teacher. Parents/guardians are responsible for assisting their child with the activities.

**When:** Assignments are sent weekly. All assignments are expected to be returned on schedule.

**How:** Children are enrolled following the outline procedures in order to obtain materials and catechist support. After completing the paperwork, a parent/guardian meets with the PSR coordinator to ensure that this option will best fit your family.

The PSR Homeschool program provides children and youth an opportunity to become closer to God while learning and praying within their family setting. Parents/guardians are encouraged to talk with their child about what the child/youth learned and to continue to reinforce the content throughout the week with family discussions. Parents/guardians and families are invited to join special celebrations.

Each class is led by a volunteer teacher also known as a catechist. Materials used are approved by the Cincinnati Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. All volunteers have met the Archdiocesan mandated Child Protection Requirements.

**What other ministries and activities are available for my child/youth?** See the section at the end of this Handbook for a list of other child/youth ministries and activities.

## **PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS**

A vital part of each student's development as a Catholic is regular participation in the sacraments of the Church. All students in the first grade and older are expected to attend weekly Sunday Mass, as well as Holy Days of Obligation.

### **First Reconciliation Preparation 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades**

Children receive their First Reconciliation before receiving their First Holy Communion.

- Formal Parish preparation for First Reconciliation begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The child must attend PSR or a Catholic School regularly and actively participate with no more than 2 absences per semester in the two-year preparation program.
- A child must be a Baptized Catholic before receiving First Reconciliation. If the child was not Baptized at St Luke parish, a copy of their Baptism certificate must be given to the Jansen Center staff when registering your child for PSR. If your child has not been Baptized, please talk with the PSR Coordinator.
- The parent/guardian and child must attend the First Reconciliation Preparation Meetings. See yearly calendar for details.
- First Reconciliation for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be celebrated at a Communal Reconciliation Service scheduled in January. Parents/guardians are encouraged to receive the Sacrament at this Service. See yearly calendar for details.

## First Communion Preparation 1st and 2nd grades

Children foremost learn about God and their faith through their family's lived commitment to God, as witnessed in Mass attendance, praying together, attending religious education programs and active involvement in the parish community. First Communion is celebrated with the family at a Mass in the Spring. See yearly calendar for details.

- Formal parish preparation for First Communion begins in 1st grade. The child must attend PSR or a Catholic School regularly and actively participate no more than 2 absences per semester in the two-year preparation program.
- A child must be a Baptized Catholic before receiving First Communion. If the child was not Baptized at St Luke parish, a copy of their Baptism certificate must be given to the Jansen Center staff when registering for PSR. If your child has not been Baptized, please talk with the PSR Coordinator.
- The parent/guardian and child must attend all First Communion Preparation Meetings. See yearly calendar for details.
- Each child must participate in the "Jesus Day" retreat. See yearly calendar for details.
- Each child must create a family banner to hang in the church on the day of their First Communion.

<p><b>WHAT DO THE CHILDREN WEAR?</b> There is no required First Communion attire. Children and families are expected to wear their "Sunday best". Shoulders are to be covered during mass, gym shoes, jeans, flip-flop sandals, should not be worn.</p>
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## Confirmation Preparation 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Confirmation is the last Sacrament of Initiation, after Baptism and Communion.

- Formal parish preparation for Confirmation begins in 7th grade. The child must attend PSR or a Catholic School regularly and actively participate no more than 2 absences per semester in a two-year preparation program.
- Youth must attend an overnight retreat held during 8<sup>th</sup> grade year in preparation for Confirmation. See yearly calendar for details.
- Parent(s)/Guardian/Sponsor as well as the youth being Confirmed must attend Confirmation Preparation Meetings. These meetings begin in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. See yearly calendar for details.
- All forms must be in the Jansen Center by the beginning of September of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These forms include:
  - Baptismal Certificate
  - Sponsor Form
  - Confirmation Name
  - Saint Reflection paper as discussed at Confirmation Prep Night in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

- Youth are expected to demonstrate their eagerness to receive Confirmation through Mass attendance, service, attendance at religious education, participation in the retreat.
- The youth will meet with a St Luke Pastoral Staff member so that they may request the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each youth will bring the “Record of Service Hours” form as well as “Sponsor Faith Discussion” to this interview to discuss these experiences with the Pastoral Staff member.

**WHAT DO THE CHILDREN WEAR?** There is no required First Communion attire. Children and families are expected to wear their “Sunday best”. Shoulders are to be covered during mass, gym shoes, jeans, flip-flop sandals, should not be worn.

**Who can be my sponsor?** The Archdiocese of Cincinnati sets the following requirements for Sponsors.

- Each Sponsor must be at least 16-year-old and a practicing Catholic who has been fully initiated (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)
- Any Sponsor who is not a registered and active member of St Luke Parish must obtain a written letter from the pastor of his/her Catholic parish verifying that he/she is a practicing member of that parish. This letter must accompany the Sponsor form due at the beginning of 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- If a proxy is needed, the above conditions must be met for the Sponsor and the Proxy.
- A parent may not be the youth’s Sponsor or proxy

**What does my family do if a child/youth has missed a Sacrament?** Meet with the PSR Coordinator to discuss alternate faith formation plans.

## **PSR CLASSROOM AND HOMESCHOOL LEARNING GOALS**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has outlined a “Graded Course of Study” which includes topics, prayers, lists and skills that each PSR grade level is expected to learn. Textbooks and program materials are approved by the Archdiocese as meeting the “Graded Course of Study” learning goals.

Each grade level has developmentally appropriate prayers and skills. Catechists need your help in completing these goals by practicing and praying at home with your child. Please refer to your child’s catechist’s welcome letter to see the list of grade specific prayers and skills.

At home assignments also known as homework may be given by your child’s catechist to assist your child in meeting these learning goals.

## PSR CLASSROOM AND HOMESCHOOL EVALUATION

Parents/guardians are encouraged to speak with their child's catechist at any time throughout the year. There are two structured methods of assessing and communicating your child's success in meeting the learning goals

### Progress Reports

A mid-term and final progress report will be sent to each student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Areas assessed will include:

1. Attendance
2. Behavior and attitude
3. Class participation
4. Memorization of Catholic prayer and doctrine
5. Class and home assignments
6. Understanding of lessons

### Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education -ACRE test

The National Catholic Education Association provides an Information for Growth: Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education (ACRE) test that is used by parishes and Catholic schools to evaluate a student's basic religious knowledge, as well as religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions.

The results from this test is used nationally to quantify the effectiveness of religious education programs, as well as locally to provide quantitative data on each parish's programs.

This assessment is given to students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8th grades in January/February each year, including PSR homeschool students. Individual student scores for the Religious Knowledge section will be mailed to parents/guardians.

## REGISTRATION AND RECORDS POLICY

### Registration Process for Returning Students

- Complete the following forms
  - Returning Family Registration Form
  - Enrollment Agreement
  - Family Time and Talent Survey
  - Student Time and talent Survey
  - Volunteer form
  - Read Handbook and sign "Formation Handbook" section of Enrollment Agreement
- Pay Fees or arrange to be billed throughout the year. *Financial consideration will be given to those in need. A financial assistance application form is available in the Jansen Center.*

## Registration Process for New Students

- Complete the Following Forms
  - New Student Registration Form
    - one form per student
    - includes Permission, Release and Authorization to Seek Medical treatment
    - Attach copies of Sacramental Records (i.e. Baptism) to registration form
  - Enrollment Agreement
  - Family Time and Talent Survey
  - Student Time and talent Survey
  - Volunteer form
  - Read Handbook and sign “Formation Handbook” section of Enrollment Agreement
- Pay Fees or arrange to be billed throughout the year. *Financial consideration will be given to those in need. A financial assistance application form is available in the Jansen Center.*
- Meet with PSR Coordinator

## Fees

- Fees for Early Childhood and Classroom PSR Students
  - Registration Fee (non-refundable) \$25 per child
  - Tuition for 1 child \$80
  - Tuition for 2 children \$135
  - Tuition for 3 or more children \$170
- Fees for PSR Homeschool (Varies by grades)
  - Registration Fee (non-refundable \$25)
  - Grades 1,3,4,5,8: \$30 per child
  - Grades 2, 6 and 7: \$45 per child
- Replacement Fee for Lost Textbook: \$25
- *Financial consideration will be given to those in need. A financial assistance application form is available in the Jansen Center.*

**Retention of Records:** Attendance, ACRE, and Sacramental records for all youth will be kept on file in Jansen Center. Parents/guardians have the legal right to review and inspect their child's records, to challenge the accuracy of the records, and to prohibit the disclosure of records in certain circumstances. Ohio Code authorizes officials who handle records to provide law enforcement officers access to student’s records when the officer indicates he/she is conducting an investigation and that the student is, or may be, a missing child. Parents/guardians who wish to review their child's records may do so by making an appointment with the PSR Coordinator. One custodial parent can sign for record transfers.

## **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

### **Early Childhood**

- Early Childhood children should be escorted into the St. Luke School gym by a parent/guardian through the school main entrance. They should arrive no earlier than 9:35 a.m. Classes begin at 9:45 a.m.
- Children should be picked up in their classroom at 11:00 a.m., or whenever 10 AM Mass ends. Please wait in the school lobby until dismissal. No child will be dismissed until the responsible person is present.

### **PSR**

- Children/youth are dropped off in the Parish Center, also known as, the School Cafeteria no earlier than 10 ten minutes before their scheduled class time. Students should enter St. Luke School's Parish Center and wait until directed to go to their classroom.
- If someone other than a parent/guardian or older sibling is sent to pick up your child, please advise the PSR Coordinator and Catechist ahead of time. To avoid disrupting the class, please wait quietly in the Parish Center until the dismissal bell rings if you choose to help with dismissal.
- Parents will park in the carpool line in the rear parking lot of St Luke Parish. All children will be dismissed and brought to their parent's/guardian's car. Once all the children are safely in their parent's/guardian's car, the Parking Monitor will release all cars. No cars may move in the parking lot during the dismissal process.
- Any child who cannot find their parent/guardian in the carpool line will be sent to the Parish Center. After all the cars have left the parking lot, the late parent/guardian can drive up to the doors of the Parish Center to load their child(ren).
- Drivers must observe extreme caution in the parking lots and respect all traffic signs/cones for the safety of the children especially when it has become dark. If you intend to escort your child(ren), please park, then enter the school through the Parish Center.

## **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

Every person is worthy of being treated with care and respect befitting one made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, classroom behavior should be characterized by genuine Christian care and respect. We welcome all children to be part of our parish programs at St. Luke's and strive to provide the best education for all children involved.

If a child has behavioral issues in the classroom or is on a behavioral plan at school, please let us know so that we can better serve the child's needs. Parents/guardians may also be asked to serve as a classroom aide if their child has persistent behavioral issues in the classroom.

**Class Attendance:** Regular class attendance is anticipated and necessary for continuity. If a student must miss a class, parents/guardians must phone the Jansen Center (937-426-1733 ext 301) before class. The office aide at PSR will attempt to call all parents/guardians who have not called in to report the absence of his/her child on that day. Attendance records will be kept in the Jansen Center.

**Tardiness:** Because of the short amount of class time and concentrated teaching involved, classes must begin promptly. Tardiness is extremely distracting to both the catechist and the other students. Students who are tardy must report to the office before going to class.

**Early Dismissal:** As with tardiness, the early dismissal of a student is distracting to the catechist and other students. In addition, the most important part of the lesson may be taking place toward the end of the class time and will be missed by the student. Parents/guardians are asked to demonstrate a commitment to their children's religious formation, even when it involves conflict with a child's interests in sports or other extracurricular activities. Should an early dismissal be unavoidable, the parent/guardian must SEND A NOTE to the PSR Coordinator prior to class and come to the school office at the designated time to sign the student out. The student will then be called to the office for dismissal.

**Student Conduct:** Students are expected to:

1. Arrive at class on time
2. Bring textbook and any homework
3. Show respect for self and others
4. Listen, follow directions and participate fully in class
5. Complete all in class and at-home assignments in a timely manner
6. Keep hands off other persons and their property
7. Keep hands off school property, including but not limited to the teacher's desk, student's classwork, materials and supplies.
8. Handle parish property with care, including but not limited to the ceilings, floor, chairs, desks, tables, doors, bathroom facilities

**Building Rules:**

1. Walk at all times
2. Speak quietly
3. Wait in the Parish Center until the catechist/assistant arrives
4. Use the property with respect
5. Bringing snacks or drinks into the building is prohibited, except for special situations approved by the PSR Coordinator in advance.
6. Permission from the office is needed to use the elevator.
7. Climbing or walking on the outside retaining wall is prohibited.

**Dress Code:** Students should dress appropriately. Attire that promotes anti-Christian values, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, discrimination, hate, or has sexual connotations shall not be worn. Clothing must cover the shoulders, torso, and undergarments. Students may not wear cleats or heellies. If inappropriate clothing or shoes are worn, a parent/guardian will be called.

## **BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE POLICY**

**Safety of all children** For the safety of all children, if a child is demonstrating behavior that is putting other children at risk, i.e. biting, hitting, kicking, or other physical acts of violence, the child will be sent to the office immediately and remain there until the parent/guardian can pick up the child. The child and parent/guardian will meet with the PSR Coordinator to determine the resolution of the child's behavior and ability to safely return to the class.

### **Consequences of Discipline Problems**

1. Verbal correction is given by catechist, aide or adult
2. Continued negative behavior will result in a student being escorted to the office. The negative behavior will be documented, and parent/guardian will be notified.
3. A second behavior report will result in a parent/guardian conference.
4. Continued negative behavior will result in suspension/removal from the program.
5. The following list of serious negative behavior is not all-inclusive and may result in immediate suspension:
  - A. destruction of parish/school property
  - B. physical or verbal abuse/harassment of others
  - C. stealing
  - D. fighting
  - E. crude or offensive language
  - F. \*tobacco/drug/alcohol/substance possession or use
  - G. \*possession, use of, or threat to use a weapon  
\*proper legal authorities will be called

## **COMMUNICATION**

If you wish to speak with a catechist, please do so after class, or during the week. Catechists are often spending the last few minutes before class preparing to teach.

The PSR Coordinator and catechists may communicate with parents/guardians via emails, parent/guardian letters, sacramental packets, bulletin and church announcements, parent/guardian meetings.

If there are questions, problems or concerns regarding the program and/or student, please follow these procedures:

1. Contact the catechist
2. Contact the PSR Coordinator
3. If needed, a conference with the PSR Coordinator, catechist, parent(s)/guardian(s) and student will be arranged.

If there are questions, problems or concerns regarding a catechist or staff member please follow these procedures:

1. Communicate with the person with whom there is a problem.
2. Communicate with the person's most immediate supervisor.
3. Seek the help of a third party to facilitate discussion (i.e. the pastor).
4. Pursue the matter through the local due process procedure.
5. Seek information concerning the Archdiocesan Mediation Office.

## VISITORS

All visitors must report to the school office.

## SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

### Weather and Emergency cancellations

- If inclement weather or other emergency should occur, the following radio/TV stations/websites will be notified. Please check them for details. WHIO TV7; WDTN CHANNEL 2; 95.7 FM; 9.1 FM; 1290 AMwhiotv.com; wdtv.com; k99online.com; 953theeagle.com; newstalkradiowhio.com
- If we have your email address, we will also notify you via email
- Whenever inclement weather, or other emergency, forces the Beavercreek City Schools to close or dismiss early, Wednesday PSR classes are cancelled.

**Fire/Weather Drills:** Students will be instructed by the catechists about the proper procedure to follow in an emergency. Emergency exit signs are posted in each classroom. In case of weather emergency, students will be directed to a downstairs shelter area.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Notice of Non- discrimination Policy:** St. Luke Parish does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national and ethnic origin or handicap condition. Persons with disabilities are provided opportunities to participate to the maximum extent possible.

**Child Protection Policy:** Program administrators are required by the Ohio Revised Code and by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Decree in Child Protection to report suspected or actual child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities. All adults working with children in our parish programs are required to attend an orientation on the Decree on Child Protection and have a criminal background check completed, as well as maintain compliance with the VIRTUS program.

**The “Archdiocese of Cincinnati Permission, Release and Medical Power of Attorney”** form is mandatory for a student to attend a class. Emergency forms will be kept on file in the office in case of emergency. This form is included in the registration materials.

**Meeting the needs of students with special needs:** We welcome children with special needs to our program and will work with the parents/guardians and catechist to design appropriate learning experiences. Parents/guardians should bring these needs to the attention of the Coordinator at the time of registration.

### **Student Placement:**

- If the student is retained or advanced in the same grade in the public schools, it is the parent(s)/guardian's decision whether the student is retained or moves on in the PSR class.
- Students who enroll after an extended period of time without formal religious education will be assessed by the PSR Coordinator to determine appropriate placement. Some special sessions, or the completion of the children's catechumenate process, may be required.

**Withdrawal From program in mid-year:** If withdrawing in the middle of the school year, refund will be pro-rated, per parental request. Any expenses already incurred will be deducted from the paid fees to determine the refund.

**Field Trips:** No student will be transported off the parish grounds without expressed written parental permission. The Archdiocesan Release and Medical Permission Form are to be used. Two responsible adults who meet the standards for Child Protection must accompany any fieldtrip. Drivers must be 21 years of age and show proof of a valid Ohio driver's license and insurance.

**Custodial Parents:** The Custodial Parent must inform the PSR Coordinator of the court ordered rights of the Non-Custodial Parent. The Custodial parent must complete the registration process for their children.

## **MAKING PARISH PROGRAMS HAPPEN**

**Catechist:** The catechists participating in our Faith Formation programs are volunteers. Archdiocesan catechetical courses prepare them to teach effectively. We are grateful for their dedication and ask parents/guardians to express their own appreciation as well.

**Volunteers:** Our volunteers create the success of the St. Luke Formation Programs. There are a wide variety of opportunities to help. We need catechists, teacher's aides, substitutes, office help, special projects and events, chaperones, etc. The ideal would be for all parents/guardians to do at least one activity each year so that the ministry may be shared by all.

**Child and Youth Protection:** All staff and volunteers working with children and youth meet the requirements of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Children Protection guidelines. For more information, talk with the PSR Coordinator.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Jansen Center Library
- [www.saintlukeparish.org](http://www.saintlukeparish.org)
- [EWTN.COM](http://EWTN.COM)
- [USCCB.COM](http://USCCB.COM)
- [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va)

## OTHER PARISH MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN

### Nursery

**Who:** Babies and toddlers

**When:** all Masses

**What:** All babies, toddlers and children are welcome at Mass. However, St Luke provides nursery care for all babies and toddlers during Mass. The nursery is located in Kramer Hall.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

**Who:** Children age 3 thru 9 years old

**When:** 5:30 PM Saturday Mass and 10 AM Sunday Mass

**What:** Children are gathered during Mass and sent to the St Dominic Chapel to hear the mass readings and prayers and receive the homily at an age appropriate level. The children return to the Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful. Adult volunteers are needed for this ministry. For more information, contact the PSR Coordinator.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**Who:** older 3 year old children thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade attend VBS program. Youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12 grades are teen volunteers with the VBS program. Adults are needed in many different capacities.

**When:** One week in June

**What:** Children, youth and volunteers gather to learn a Bible story thru games, crafts, snacks and music. For more information, contact the PSR Coordinator.

### Ministering at Mass

**Who:** Youth 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older

**When:** All Masses

**What:** Youth are permitted to serve in a variety of ways in Mass, including Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and aides to Children's Liturgy of the Word. Training and parent permission is required. Speak with the PSR Coordinator for more information.

## **Youth Ministry**

**Who:** Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older

**When:** Sunday afternoons, with other special events and retreat

**What:** Youth gather to grow in their faith together, build community and have fun. For more details, contact the Youth Minister.

## **Cross Training**

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth

**When:** one week during the summer

**What:** a day camp coordinated by Youth Ministry. Involves fun, service and growing closer to God. For more details, contact the Youth Minister.

## **Gospel Road**

**Who:** High School students

**When:** One week during the summer

**What:** St Luke Youth Ministry organizes a week-long mission trip. Youth and adults travel to locations needing assistance. Youth serve the location people, and have fun, while growing closer to God. For more details, contact the Youth Minister

## **Scouts**

**Who:** School age children and youth

**When:** varies

**What:** Scouting at St Luke is a faith formation program because the children and youth are encouraged to live their Catholic faith, as well as earn faith-based awards. For more information, contact the Youth Minister

## **Sports**

**Who:** all parish youth enrolled in faith formation (PSR or Parish School)

**When:** varies

**What:** St Luke Athletics organize a variety of sports. Announcement are included in the church bulletin.

## **Rosary Club**

**Who:** all parish youth 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up enrolled in the Parish School or PSR Program

**When:** Mondays at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center, September to May

**What:** This club is a fun way to bring kids together to share, learn, and deepen their faith by encouraging missionary spirit through prayer and the making of concrete, practical holy reminder and missionary tool, the Rosary. For more information contact the school principal.

## **Daily Prayer**

*Lord, Thank you for this day:*

*Its blessings, encounters, tasks and crosses.*

*Guide my response to each.*

*I ask that I might be grateful*

*in using the gifts and talents*

*you give me today.*

*Using my hands and heart and head,*

*I hope to share myself*

*and witness my faith in visible and generous ways.*

*May I see and feel your grace around me*

*and be grace around others.*

*In the small things, the surprises,*

*turbulence and yearnings of this day,*

*lead me to serve you and away from sin.*

*However busy the day,*

*give me the time and courage and energy I need*

*to recognize your will,*

*to live with love,*

*and to act as a disciple.*

*Amen.*

## FORMATION HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

The Coordinator has been advised by the Archdiocesan legal counsel that a contract must be signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s) and by students in Grades 4-12 stating that they have read, understand and accept the terms specified in the handbook. You may read and/or download the handbook in our website: [www.saintlukeparish.org](http://www.saintlukeparish.org)

***I/We have read the handbook and accepted the polices and procedures as stated.***

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature Grades 4-12:

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