



St. Luke Light

May 6, 2020

"I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness."

JN 12:46



Intent to Enroll 2020-2021

Dear Parents, while many of you have already re-enrolled and paid your registration fee in FACTS SIS (RenWeb), we understand that your circumstances may have changed due to the current impact of COVID19 on our community. We ask ALL parents to [please complete our survey](#) so that we may offer support and resources to your family. If you do not require any resources at this time, completing the form helps us in strategic planning for next school year. Please complete a form for each St. Luke student in your family. The survey will close on Sunday, May 10. Thank you!

Please email laura.garza@stukecatholic.org or debbie.rodriquez@stukecatholic.org if you have questions regarding tuition payment plans or processing your children's registration in FACTS SIS (RenWeb). Please let us know if your child will not be returning for the 2020-2021 school year.

Tuition Assistance-Hope for the Future

Families can apply for tuition assistance during the second round of applications which is now open. Applications must be processed through FACTS. [Click to learn more on how to apply](#). Contact the FACTS Parent Hotline with questions at 1-866-412-4637.

Families who applied during the first round of applications will be notified of their status on Monday, May 11.



We honor and pray for all front-line nurses, those who are members of our families and community as well as our own Nurse Alana!

We Thank you for all that you do to keep us healthy and safe!

Teacher Appreciation Week

To all of our St Luke Teachers and Instructional Assistants, Thank You -we are so very Blessed to have you here at St Luke!

God took one pair of angel wings,
And patience without measure,
Two eyes that see potential
Great wisdom from His Treasure,

A smile to give encouragement-
a truly heavenly feature...
He wrapped it up with tender care
And called this gift a
TEACHER

St Luke Spotlight this week on:

***Laura Elizondo & Loraine Driskill
Curbside visits to Kinder families' homes***

Amy Talley – an outstanding Newsletter

Let us be reminded of the uniqueness of our Catholic identity in the education provided by St Luke. As Catholics, we believe parents have been appointed by God as the primary educators of their children, so we give thanks to our parents for partnering with us in this sacred responsibility. Because we are a community of faith, we will rock distance learning in partnership with one another these last few weeks!

***Catholic School Improvement Survey Results
138 individuals responded***

93% responded: Value of education and Catholic development.

Optimal performance: Religious Formation and Catholic Identity (Instructional Quality)

Area of Growth Opportunity: The school has high quality extracurricular activities for the performing arts, fine arts, and similar activities.

Counselor's Corner...Six Ways to Stay Positive

Shared by Our Friends at Learning Resources

We're living through an unprecedented moment in history right now. People are sick, our lives are upended, and our communities are being tested like never before. It's easy to feel overwhelmed at a time like this, but it's also easy to take a minute to find your own personal bright side. Below, you'll find a few tips that we're employing to stay positive while dealing with the challenges we face.

Stick to a Schedule

Even when you're working and learning from home, it's important to maintain a predictable schedule, preferably one that looks as much like your normal routine as possible. That means getting up and going to bed at the usual hours, starting and stopping work at the same times each day, and honoring things like breaks and mealtimes the same way you would if you were out of the house. This predictability helps this unfamiliar situation feel a little less chaotic, and will help you and your kids maintain the good behaviors you've developed at work and school without backsliding.

Celebrate the Good Stuff

When you're dealing with excess stress and change, it can be really easy to overlook the things that are going well. Our team at Learning Resources has been meeting each day via video conference, and the first thing we do on every call is share one positive or exciting thing that happened during the previous day. Whether it's a movie we watched or a project we finished, it's an excellent way to focus ourselves on the positive things that remain despite the craziness. Try it with your family, and you'll be surprised at how much goodness you'll uncover.

Plan Special Occasions

Just because there aren't any major holidays on the calendar for a while doesn't mean you can't find an excuse to celebrate. If you're stuck inside for a while, we recommend planning special occasions of your own that give you a little something extra to look forward to throughout the day. It may be something as simple as a favorite home-cooked meal or game night, or as elaborate as a made-up holiday of your own; whatever shape it takes, these little treats help your family buy in and come together during a difficult time (Need inspiration? Check out [National Today](#) for fun ideas!)

Start a Family Project

With everyone home for an extended period of time, families have a unique opportunity to turn this downtime into something memorable. Maybe it's a scrapbook, photo album, journal, or art project that everyone contributes to. Maybe it's a new vegetable garden for the backyard. Maybe it's something as simple as quick daily vlogs that capture your lives in the moment. Whatever the case, these family-level projects give you the chance to build new skills, engage with your kids, and create something that you can look back on in the years to come.

Make Time for Me Time

Look, we get it: togetherness can be stressful, even under normal circumstances. With everyone under the same roof for an extended period of time, it's even more important to carve out some alone time for every member of the family. That can take many different shapes: maybe you can designate a room in your house that family members can reserve for solo activities, or maybe you can designate a quiet hour every day where everyone works on their own independent projects. Whatever shape your time takes, it'll help you stay refreshed and maintain your sense of self while everyone's together.

Get Outside

It's finally spring, which means that nature is getting ready to put on a green, flower-filled show. That's why it's so vital to remember your outdoor options as you pass your time at home. As the weeks go by, your backyard will likely become a wonderland of bugs, critters, and new plant life that's worth explore (or just viewing with a cup of coffee from the porch). Don't have a backyard? Take a walk through your neighborhood. As long as you maintain proper social distancing, these little trips outside your home will reconnect you with the world at large and help you take in some bright springtime life all at the same time.



Happy Mother's Day!

Virtual Career Day

Many thanks to all who volunteered for our virtual Career Day. Videos will be posted on Google Classroom (4th-8th grade) and teachers will be showing them during Zoom class meetings in the coming days.

ALTAR SERVERS WORKSHOP

An Altar Servers workshop will be held, on Saturday, May, 23rd, from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for all new servers at the Church. Those interested must have completed the sacrament of First Holy Communion, be attending Catholic School or Faith Formation Classes, the family must be registered parishioners, and the child must be between 9 to 18 years of age. A parents' meeting will be held in the St. Joseph's Room at 11:30 am. For more information, please see [this week's parish bulletin](#) or call Altar Server Coordinator Maggie Quintero at (210) 535-8484.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all scheduled dates and times are subject to change as the situation develops. Watch for any updates through our Church website and Facebook page."



PTC Executive Board Openings

St. Luke Catholic School is the extraordinary place that it is because of the many who give of their time, talent and treasure to benefit the school. We are blessed with an active and enthusiastic Parent-Teacher Club (PTC). PTC is the volunteer organization through which families can commit their time and energy to coordinate the events that make our school so special. If you are interested in serving in one of the following positions on the board, please [follow this link for the application](#).

Historian: Keeps a record of all of the accomplishments and activities for the school year. Organizes data, pictures, and event data for future PTC boards.

School Support: TAG (Teachers Are Great) Lunches, Catholic Schools Week, Room Parent Support, Picture Day, Event Volunteers, Support during student health screenings, First Holy Communion, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Retreats, Kinder End-of-Year Ceremony, 8th grade graduation and scholarships.

Daily Mass

(School Mass on Wednesdays)

Monday – Friday

English Livestream at 12:00 pm

Spanish Livestream at 1:00 pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday

English Livestream at 5:00 pm

Spanish Livestream at 6:00 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/STLUKESANANTOINO/live/>

You do not need a Facebook account to watch the livestream; just click on the video.

