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St. Luke Catholic School Newsletter

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Fruit of the Holy Spirit for February: LOVE

“...His command is that you walk in love...” 2 John: 6

Mr. Weber Says: Lent begins today. The Church gives us these forty days to prepare for Easter. This models the forty days Jesus spent in the desert. The desert is a traditional place for prayer and contemplation. Can we make a “desert” for our families and ourselves in the midst of



our busy, hectic, demanding world? If Jesus, who is God, needed this time to meet the very human need for prayer and focus, how much more do we need it?

Lent is a time for prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. Instead of just giving up, can we give away? Can we give away time in service of others? Can we sacrifice the newest gadget for more face-to-face time with our spouse or children? Can we pray that we can meet the needs of others and just not our own needs? Can we make Lent count?

Great People Needed:

School Commission and Pastoral Council elections will be held during Masses the weekend of May 15-16, 2010. Both groups will be electing 3 new representatives to serve three-year terms.

School Commission is an advisory body to the pastor and principal that primarily deals with policy development and budgeting for the school. The Commission is made up of Fr. Noah, 8 elected school-family representatives and 3

non-school-family representatives, and non-voting members including Mr. Weber, Mrs. Tillery, and the PTO president and a representative from Pastoral Council. **Pastoral Council** is an elected consultative body to the Pastor in the areas of planning, policy-making and coordination of parish activities. Development and implementation of a comprehensive Parish Pastoral Plan will be the focus of the council in the upcoming years. The Council is made up of 9 elected representatives, and representatives from Finance Council and six Commissions.

Nominations for candidates will be taken after Masses March 13-24, March 20-21 and 27-28. Candidate information will be on display in the Narthex from April 24 to May 16. All registered, active parishioners are encouraged to participate in this important process. Please see upcoming bulletins for additional information.

Reminders:

Spirit Day and early dismissal at 2PM for a faculty meeting is tomorrow, February 18.

There are no kindergarten classes this Friday, February 19 due to screening for new kindergarten students.

The Theology of Eucharist for parents preparing their children for First Communion is Thursday, February 18 at 7PM.

Stations of the Cross: Join us at the end of the day for the Stations of the Cross.



Park in carpool lines and come in and pray with us. We will pray the stations on Monday, 2/22 at 2:30PM, Thursday, March 4 at 2:30, Thursday, March 11 at 1:30 due to early dismissal and Thursday, March 18 at 2:30.

Student Lenten Confessions:

Students will have the opportunity for Lenten Confessions on February 23 starting at 9AM for grades 5-8 and March 9 for grades 2-4 starting at 9AM.

Lenten Fish Fry:

Join friends and family for the Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, February 26. Tickets will be sold after Masses.



Lenten Service:

You will find "rice bowls" in your family packet. This is part of our parish Lenten almsgiving. The funds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services for their work in Haiti and elsewhere in the world. They will be collected at school during Holy Week.

Music Concert:

Students in fifth and sixth grade Exploring Music will present their concert on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 PM in the south gym. Join us for great music and fun.

Corrections: The time for the start of "Play Like a Champion" on Sunday, February 21 is 1:00 to 3:30 PM. The earlier quick note indicated that it started at 3:30. The start time for the **H1N1 Clinic** has been changed to 1PM on February 17.

Child Find:

The Metropolitan School District of Washington Township is coordinating activities for the purpose of identifying individuals, birth through twenty-one years of age, in need of special education services. Information will be collected for statistical reporting and for the purpose of determining program placement needs. If you are aware of a child with a disability or suspected disability that may be in need of educational services, please contact Dr. Karol S. Farrell, Director of Special Services at (317) 205-3332, ext. 77230.



Let's Get Focused:

You are invited to join our ADHD parent support group on Thursday, February 18 at 8:15AM. A doctor from Riley Children's Hospital will discuss dealing with ADHD. Contact Mrs. Fisher or Mrs. Daniels for more information.

Congratulations:

Our Serra Club essay contest finalists are Laura Bonham, Abby Hart, Olivia Urbanski, Stuart Dillon, Casey Kennedy and Kelsey Stoltz. Their "Come and See" essays addressed priestly and religious vocations.