

SACRAMENT
PREPARATION
AND
ACTIVITIES

- **Classes Resume April 8th and 12th!**
- **Ignite 7th and 8th Grade Retreat April 17-19 at Bergamo**
- **Jesus Day April 18 8-Noon Church & Parish Center**
- **Confirmation Practice April 19 3 pm in Church**
- **1st Eucharist Parent/Child Class April 22 during PSR Class time in Kramer Hall**
- **Confirmation Mass April 23 7pm**
- **First Communion May 2/3 all Masses**
- **Vacation Bible School June 15-19**
- **Gospel Road 9-12 grade June 22-27th to Harlan Kentucky**

St. Luke the Evangelist

Parish School of Religion and Early Childhood

APRIL 7, 2015

Jesus Day

On Saturday, the 18th of April, the second graders will prepare for the reception of their First Communion, by participating in various activities that help them to reflect on the fact that Jesus gave himself to us as food under the appearance of bread. The day **begins at 8:00am in the church** for the class picture and will **conclude with a Prayer Service at 11:45 in the Parish Center**. Parents and family members are invited to attend the Prayer Service.

This retreat is an important part of the chil-

dren's First Communion Formation. Not only will they have their picture taken but they will be able to practice receiving the sacrament. The children are very nervous and don't often want to tell us they are so having the time to practice helps to alleviate their nerves.

The other and more important part of the retreat is the opportunity for the children to deepen their connections to their faith community. They have been preparing with their peers for the last 2 years. This event is a faith filled

and FUN opportunity to share with EVERYONE!

Please ensure that your child is able to participate in this beautiful retreat experience.



Confirmation Practice

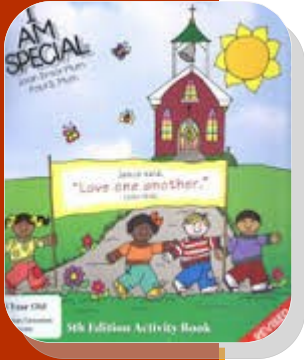
All Confirmation Candidates will gather on Sunday April 19th at 3:00 pm in church for practice. We welcome and encourage sponsors to attend so that both the candidate and sponsor are familiar with the service on Thursday

April 23rd. If a sponsor is not able to attend due to barriers such as travel, we ask that a parent stand in so that communication and demonstration can be given to the absent sponsor. Just as with our 2nd graders our 8th graders are

just as nervous and far less likely to tell us their feelings. Therefore, having the opportunity to have a "trial run" will help ease their nerves too!

Please be sure your child attends!

Early Childhood Parents



You are Invited to Attend the....

End of the Year Celebration

Sunday April 19th

Following 10 mass

In the Parish Center

Come Enjoy a Sweet Concert presented

by the Angels and Saints!

Light Refreshments will be Provided

*“Do not loose courage
in considering your own
imperfections.”
~ Saint Francis de Sales*

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Are you looking for a different way to volunteer at St. Luke? We are looking for YOU! All children in the parish age 3-9 are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during 5:30 pm or 10:00 am mass. CLOW is intended to help children better pray and reflect on God’s Word. The children are invited to come forward for a special blessing toward the beginning of Mass and then they walk up to St. Dominic Chapel with 2

CLOW leaders.

Parents who would like to observe are very welcome to accompany their child/ren to St. Dominic Chapel. You will not be missing Mass. The same readings are read and prayers are said, only at a more child-friendly level. This is a wonderful way to help children grow in their ability to participate more fully in the Mass. The children then rejoin their families for the second part of Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, during the offertory.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with

CLOW, contact Caroline Barhorst at cbarhorst@saintlukeparish.org

We are in REAL need of volunteers!! If you like to sing, we could use some music leaders as well. Teenagers are welcome to volunteer, however two adults who are compliant with the Archdiocesan child protection program must be present at each CLOW session.

Consider participating. It is both meaningful for the children as well as rewarding for the adults!



Gospel for All Ages

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 12

Sunday Readings: Acts 4.32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31

Question from Life:

- When have you found new life in forgiving or being forgiven?
- What is an unforgettable word someone has spoken in your life?
- What symbols of Easter do you recognize in your Church?
- What is initiation? What are the sacraments of initiation?

- What's the most amazing event you remember seeing?

Question from the Gospel:

- What Gospel story or saying makes Jesus present and available to you?
- When have you questioned as Thomas does?
- What is valuable about Thomas' questioning and wanting firsthand experience of touching Jesus' wounds?



- Why does Thomas refuse to believe Jesus is risen?

Divine Mercy

Sunday

St. Luke Parish

April 12, 2015

2:30 -4:00 pm

"Jesus I Trust

In You"

First Eucharist Formation

Parents please do not forget to continue your work with your child on their First Eucharist Formation Books.

Lessons Two and Three are to be completed at home.

Lesson Four will be com-

pleted with the children and their catechist **in class** on **April 16th**. Please be sure to bring your child's book with them to class on April 16th. If you have any questions about the material that

is presented or are having a hard time finding the "right" words to help explain it to your child, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to help you in your child's formation!



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Discipleship Retreat for Catholic Youth in Grades 7 & 8

April 17 - 19, 2015

Bergamo Retreat Center, Dayton

IGNITE is a short term apprenticeship in Catholic discipleship of Jesus Christ for youth with demonstrated leadership skills in Grade 7 and 8. Youth will experience Catholicism as a comprehensive way of life—igniting in them the desire to live as disciples and lead their peers for living the faith in their families, schools and activities.

The cost is \$65 for St. Luke Parish Youth . Please see the following links for registration forms and what to bring. Josh Englefield, Youth Minister will be attending with all of our parish youth!

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/3_IGNITE-15_FmB_Brochure1.pdf

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/4_IGNITE-15_FmC_Perm.pdf

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/5_IGNITE-15_FmD_Code1.pdf

http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/8_WhatToBring_NotBring_2015.pdf

Don't Miss Church Word Search

John 20:19-31

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DOORS	SHOWED	THOMAS	TOGETHER
MIRACLES	SIGNS	JESUS	RECORDED
BELIEVED	LIFE	DOUBTING	LOCKED
SIDE	DISCIPLES	TOUCHED	HANDS

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Food Drive

The collection for the Beavercreek Fish Pantry will be the week of

April 20-24

Non-Perishable Items ESPECIALLY:

boxed mac & cheese, packaged sides, canned meats, cereal

Thank you for your generosity!