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**"Little Saint's Herald"**  
 CELEBRATING OVER 30 YEARS!!



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**From the Director's Desk...**

*We hope you had a wonderful Christmas! The staff and I would like to thank all of our preschool families for entrusting us with your little ones and for all of the goodies you showered us with throughout the holiday. We are truly blessed to work with such amazing families and the littlest members of our faith.*

*We are so thrilled to be back in the classrooms with your little angels to begin the second half of the school year! Wow, time flies when you are having fun! We are already back into our daily routines with the children and building on the concepts we already explored this year. Please know that if you ever have a concern regarding your child's development, your child's teachers and I are always available to meet with you. It is so important that we work together to scaffold your child's learning, it is a partnership that will not only assure that your child is ready when it is time for kindergarten, but it also creates in your child a life-long love of learning and an awareness of the importance of education.*

*Please mark your calendars for our upcoming PALS Meeting on January 15th. Your little ones will be singing! We have a wonderful speaker, Jen Galligan, coming in to talk about nutrition for young children. Many of our eating habits that we have throughout our lives began in childhood so it's important that children learn the value of eating healthy. We will provide information regarding School Choice for the students who will be going to kindergarten next year, and registration information for our 2020-2021 school year. We will also have Usborne's beautiful greeting cards for you to look at and purchase or order if you choose.*

*We look forward to our celebration of Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. We will be having lots of fun activities for the children and we will again support the Kimberly Home throughout the week. Recent studies show that children who learn empathy early in life become more successful, well adjusted adults and it is our goal to make this a fun and uplifting experience for the children. Please see the included schedule of events.*

*In Religion this month the children will be talking about families: the Holy Family, their families, our school family, and how they are a special part of God's family. The older students will also talk about Baptism. We will continue our daily prayers and encourage the children to engage in spontaneous prayer.*

*Registration for next year is just around the corner. Please watch for information to come home soon. If you know of a family looking for a quality program for their children please invite them to come for a tour of our school, we would love to have them join our ECC family. If they join our school family, next January you will receive a \$100 tuition credit. See the office for more information.*

*As always we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the education of your "little angels"! Wishing you a year filled with blessings,  
 Kathie Mitchell*

**Dates to Remember**

- ☺ January 15th - PALS Meeting after drop-off
- ☺ January 22nd- Registration Begins for 2020-2021 School Year
- ☺ Jan. 26th -31st Catholic Schools Week



**Happy Birthday!!**

- Ava K. (01/08)
- Olivia G. (01/11)
- Andrew F. (01/17)
- Kaya F. (1/18)
- Hernan E. (1/22)
- Emma R. (01/23)
- Aqil V. (01/25)
- Zac S. (01/30)

**What's Inside**

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*The mission of St. Luke Early Childhood Center is to provide the foundation for a lifelong love of learning by nurturing the whole child through exploration and creativity in a Catholic spirit.*

**ST. LUKE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
REGISTRATION for 2020-2021**

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be as follows. Registration begins at 8:30am:

- January 22nd** - Currently enrolled students and siblings
- January 23rd** - Parishioners and KMO
- January 24th** - Open registration begins

**Reminder for Sick Students**

Parents are reminded that if a child has a Fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, they are to stay home from school until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Sending a child to school before they are symptom free often sends the child into a relapse causing them to miss more school and it also can spread to other children.



Please remember our policy of not sending your child to school with signs of illness. If your child is sent home sick, they will not be able to return to school the next day.

Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children and staff healthy, happy and in school!

**TAX NUMBER**

For those of you needing our income tax identification information for care providers, it is: United Catholic Conference- St. Luke Early Childhood Center #51-0561749.



Catholic Schools Week 2020  
"Children Helping Children"  
January 26<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>

We will begin our "Children Helping Children" Catholic Schools Week Celebration with a prayer and a story in the church. We are supporting the Kimberly Home; which is a non-profit, pregnancy resource center that offers assistance to women and families in unplanned or troubling pregnancies. We will have special activities for the children each day and will be collecting items to assist these young families.

It is your support that helps us shine!

**Schedule of Events**

- Monday-Friday** Collect baby items for the Kimberly Home  
*"Whenever you are able, do good to people who need help." Proverbs 3:27*
- Monday- 9:30am** Opening prayer in the church-  
**Silly Sock Day- Donations of Baby Booties and Bibs**  
**Wear silly or mismatched socks to school.**  
*"Live together in peace. Be understanding, Love one another like members of the same family" 1 Peter 3:8*
- Tuesday-** **Special Milk Shake or Hot Chocolate Day- (depending on weather)**  
**Donations of Baby Formula**  
*"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well-" Psalm 139:14*
- Wednesday-** **Pajama Day- Wear your pajamas to school, with shoes please.**  
**Donate Onesies and Pajamas**  
*"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*
- Thursday-** **Celebrate Crazy Hat Day-Wear a silly hat to school**  
**Donate Baby Bonnets and Hats**  
*"If two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them." Matthew 18:20*
- Friday-** **Diaper Derby Relay Races- Donate Diapers and Wipes**  
**Children will participate in a bike race during playground time**  
*"God has given us the ability to do certain things well" Romans 12:6*



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