

# PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (2011-2012) REGISTRATION PACKET (Grades K-12)

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Dear St. Luke's Parish Family,

When I arrived at St. Luke's I mentioned that religious education was a real passion of mine. One of the things I enjoy most about the priesthood is being able to teach the faith and hand on the beautiful truths that we have been given by Christ and the Church. Educating the children of our parish is a particularly important responsibility that I have been given as your pastor, and it is one that I take very seriously. The Church has consistently taught, however, that parents are really the primary educators of their children in the faith.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that "Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years...Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents" (2226).

The Catechism indicates, as I stated, that parents have the primary role in educating their children. The parish exists, however, to support parents in fulfilling this duty. In an effort to do this effectively, our parish school of religion offers a number of different programs for our children. On Sunday mornings we hold our religious education classes for children in grades K-8 as well as our Life Teen program for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We also offer a weekly bible study for our teens on Wednesday evenings. The teen program also holds retreats, service projects, and various social outings.

Finally, St. Luke's also offers a number of excellent educational programs for the adults of our parish including a Sunday morning bible study for adults led by Dr. Paul Thigpen and our Wednesday evening Dinner & Doctrine series lead by Dr. Thigpen and me. We have a variety of other group bible studies and book studies, as well, led by parishioners. These adult education offerings are an especially helpful way for parents to be able to reinforce the material that their children are being taught in their classes.

In the following packet you will find schedules and other information related to many of the children's and adult education programs I have mentioned. You will also find registration materials for enrolling your children in our parish school of religion. If your child is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or older and is in need of the sacrament of confirmation, you can obtain an additional confirmation packet from our website to find out more about the confirmation preparation program.

On behalf of Kelley Pepper, our DRE, and Isaac Hathaway, our youth minister, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of you who attend or support these programs in any way. I would also like to ask you to consider the possibility of volunteering as one of our PSR catechists, Life Teen core members, or to assist in some other way with one of our children's or adult education programs. If there is anything we can do to make these programs more effective, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Neil



# PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (2011-2012) REGISTRATION FORM (Grades K-12)

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<i>OFFICE USE ONLY:</i>	
I.D. #:	_____
Total: \$	_____
K-8: \$	_____
HS: \$	_____
Check #:	_____
Date:	_____

**To be registered for a Parish School of Religion (PSR) class, you must:**

- Be a registered parishioner of St. Luke's (submit a completed parish reg. form with this form if you are not.)
- Complete this registration **as fully as possible**.
- Complete the **"Investment in Our Program"** page with at least one area of participation designated.
- Complete the **"Medical & Media Release"** form
- Submit the appropriate registration fee:
  - **Early Registration Discount Deadline (Aug. 23, 2011): \$30 / student, \$100 max / family)**
  - **Regular Registration Deadline (September 6, 2011): \$35 / student, \$120 max / family)**
  - **Add \$10 for each student receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year**
- If** your child is to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year, a copy of his/her **Baptismal certificate** is required to be turned in ASAP.
- If** your child attended classes in a different parish and will be receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, then you will need a **"Transfer Letter"** from that parish to be turned in ASAP.

**1 FAMILY INFORMATION:**

FAMILY (LAST) NAME:	Mailing Address:	City:	State: <b>GA</b>	ZIP:
Family Email Address:	Home Phone:	Child / children reside with (please circle one)		
		Both parents	Father	Mother
Street Address (if different from mailing address):				

**2 PARENT(S) or GUARDIAN(S)—INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION:**

Relationship to Child(ren) (circle one) Father Step-father Other _____
NAME (first & middle, last only if different from above—pls. underline if so):
Cell Phone Number
Religion:
Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Divorced Widowed
Sacraments (circle all that apply) Bapt. Penance Holy Communion Confirmation Matrimony RCIA
If currently married, Catholic marriage? YES _____ NO _____
If no, would you like your marriage blessed by the Church? YES _____ NO _____

Relationship to Child(ren) (circle one) Mother Step-mother Other _____
NAME (first & middle, last only if different from above—pls. underline if so):
Cell Phone Number:
Religion:
Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Divorced Widowed
Sacraments (circle all that apply) Bapt. Penance Holy Communion Confirmation Matrimony RCIA
If currently married, Catholic Marriage? YES _____ NO _____
If no, would you like your marriage blessed by the Church? YES _____ NO _____

**3 EMERGENCY INFORMATION:**

In case of emergency and we cannot reach the parent(s) or guardian(s), whom do we contact?

Name:	Relationship:
Address::	Phone(s):

**Complete a separate box for each K - 12th grade child**

<b>STUDENT NAME (First &amp; Last):</b> _____	Goes by: _____	Male / Female _____	Date of Birth: _____
Previous Religious Education attended (Church or School, Location, & Grades):			School grade this year: _____
State any special needs or health problems for this child: _____			
<b>SACRAMENTS RECEIVED:</b> (If you have previously given us all your sacramental information, there is no need to repeat it)			Were you enrolled in our religious education program last year?  YES NO
Baptism received?	YES NO	Date: _____ Church, City, State? _____	
First Penance received	YES NO	Date: _____ Church, City, State? _____	
First Communion received?	YES NO	Date: _____ Church, City, State? _____	
Confirmation received?	YES NO	Date: _____ Church, City, State? _____	
Will be receiving a sacrament this year? First Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) YES NO Confirmation (10 <sup>th</sup> grade) YES NO			

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By registering my child(ren) in the PSR program at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, I understand:

1. That my child(ren) share the obligation of all Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
2. I have a sacred responsibility of participating in my child's / children's faith formation as primary educator.
3. That if my child is to receive any sacraments this year, I must attend the parent meetings as indicated on the school calendar.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## INVESTMENT IN OUR PROGRAM

Here at St. Luke's we LOVE our families!  
We recognize that our PSR program can only be successful in reaching all with the love of Christ with the help and support of our parents.

**We ask that at least one adult from every family whose children are enrolled in our PSR program serve and assist our programs in some capacity.**

Please choose at least one area below and check as your commitment to share in building up our program and passing on our Catholic faith to the next generation:

\_\_\_ **CATECHIST ASSISTANT**  
Assist in a classroom during class time

\_\_\_ **FIRST PENANCE RECEPTION COMMITTEE**  
Assist with food preparation, set-up, service, and clean up for our first penance reception

\_\_\_ **FIRST COMMUNION RECEPTION COMMITTEE**  
Assist with food preparation, set-up, service, and clean up for our First Communion Reception

\_\_\_ **LIFE TEEN SUPPORT**  
Assist with various needs related to the teen program.

\_\_\_ **SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST**  
Your name will be given to all current catechists so they can call if they need someone to fill-in for them.

\_\_\_ **RE OFFICE HELP**  
Assist with various tasks in RE office during class or on Wednesdays

\_\_\_ **CATECHIST BREAKFAST**  
Assist with food preparation, set-up, service, and clean up on Saturday, January 14 for a thank you breakfast for our catechists

\_\_\_ **CONFIRMATION RECEPTION COMMITTEE**  
Assist with food preparation, set-up, service, and clean up for our Confirmation reception

We also encourage you to attend our **adult education** offerings on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:30am and our Dinner & Doctrine Series on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:45-8:15pm as a way of equipping you to reinforce topics that the children are learning in their classes.

# PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION MEDICAL AND MEDIA RELEASE FORM

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**MEDICAL RELEASE:** I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the well being of the students enrolled the St. Luke Parish School of Religion and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the administration, or other associated adult volunteers to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my child(ren) in the event that I or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and discharge this Diocese and Parish from all manners of actions, claims which I or the child(ren) named above shall or may have for any reason, arising during attendance at the Parish School of Religion.

Medical / Hospital Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to participant \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MEDIA RELEASE:** I also consent to allowing my child(ren)'s image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the school year or for future print or digital advertisement of Parish events (please indicate below in writing if there are particular children you do not wish to be included in this media release).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ST. LUKE 2011-2012 SUNDAY ADULT\*/PSR/LIFETEEN CLASS SCHEDULE (9:15-10:30am)**

	August 21, 2011	PSR / LifeTeen All-Parent Informational Meeting after 8 & 10:45 Mass
1	September 11, 2011	First Day of Classes (PSR & Life Teen)
2	September 18, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
3	September 25, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
4	October 2, 2010	Worldwide Holy Hour during class (PSR & Life Teen)
5	October 9, 2010	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
	<b>October 16, 2011</b>	<b>NO CLASS – GOLD RUSH</b>
6	October 23, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) #1 First Penance Parent Mtg.
	October 26 & 27, 2011	“Preparing for the Spirit” Teen Confirmation Classes
7	October 30, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
8	November 6, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) #2 First Penance Parent Mtg. (English)
9	November 13, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) #2 First Penance Parent Mtg. (Spanish)
	Wed., November 16, 2011	Safe Environment Training (PSR & Life Teen) @ 7 pm
10	November 20, 2011	CLASS
	<b>November 27, 2011</b>	<b>NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK (1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Advent)</b>
	Saturday, December 3, 2011	Breakfast with Santa
11	December 4, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)
	<b>December 10, 2011</b>	<b>First Penance at 10 AM in Sanctuary</b>
12	December 11, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)
13	December 18, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)
	<b>December 25, 2011</b>	<b>NO CLASS – Christmas / New Year’s Break</b>
	<b>January 1, 2012</b>	<b>NO CLASS – Christmas / New Year’s Break</b>
14	January 8, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
15	January 15, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
16	January 22, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
17	January 29, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
18	February 5, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) #3 First Communion Parent Mtg.
19	February 12, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
20	February 19, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
21	February 26, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
	February 29 and March 1, 2012	“Preparing for the Spirit” Teen Confirmation Classes
22	March 4, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) #4 First Communion Parent Mtg. (English)
23	March 11, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) #4 First Communion Parent Mtg. (Spanish)
24	March 18, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
25	March 25, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen)
	<b>April 1, 2012</b>	<b>NO CLASS – PALM SUNDAY</b>
	<b>April 8, 2012</b>	<b>NO CLASS – EASTER SUNDAY</b>
26	April 15, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) First Communion class practice in church
	April 21, 2012	Teen Confirmation Day Retreat
27	April 22, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) First Communion class practice in church
	<b>April 28, 2012</b>	<b>Teen Confirmation at 5pm Vigil Mass</b>
28	April 29, 2012	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) First Communion class practice in church during class
	May 4, 2012	First Communion Rehearsal at 6 PM in Church
	<b>May 5, 2012</b>	<b>First Communion at 10 AM in Church</b>
29	May 6, 2011	CLASS (PSR & Life Teen) May Procession-LAST DAY OF CLASS

\*Dr. Thigpen’s Sunday morning bible study will vary depending on his availability.

**ST. LUKE 2011-2012 WEDNESDAY RCIA\*/DINNER & DOCTRINE AND TEEN BIBLE STUDY  
SCHEDULE (RCIA/DINNER & DOCTRINE 6:45 – 8:15pm; TEEN BIBLE STUDY 7:15-8:15pm\*\*)**

August 31, 2011		RCIA - Introduction to RCIA
September 7, 2011		RCIA - God's Love/Conversion
September 14, 2011		RCIA – God, The Trinity, Grace
September 21, 2011		RCIA – Jesus, Salvation
September 28, 2011		RCIA – The Church
October 5, 2011	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Intro to the Sacraments
October 12, 2011	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Baptism and Confirmation
October 19, 2011	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Eucharist DVD #1
October 26, 2011	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - 4 Last Things
November 2, 2011	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Eucharist DVD #2
November 9, 2011	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Holy Orders / Sanctuary Tour
November 16, 2011	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - The new translation
November 23, 2011	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Break	THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 30, 2011	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Advent / Liturgical Calendar
December 7, 2011	NO CLASS – Parish Mission	Advent Mission
December 14, 2011	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Scripture / Salvation History
December 21, 2011	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Church History
December 28, 2011	NO CLASS – Christmas Break	CHRISTMAS BREAK
January 4, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine – Top 10 Misconceptions
January 11, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Papacy / Tradition / Magisterium
January 18, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Morality/10 Commandments
January 25, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Marriage/The 6th Commandment
February 1, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - 5th Commandment
February 8, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Justice / Works of Mercy
February 15, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine – Blessed Virgin Mary
February 22, 2012	Teen Bible Study	ASH WEDNESDAY - Lent / Suffering
February 29, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Prayer & Devotions
March 7, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Confession & Anointing
March 14, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - The Communion of Saints
March 21, 2012	NO CLASS – Parish Mission	Parish Mission
March 28, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Vigil Walkthru/Receiving the Sacraments
April 4, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine – OT Roots of the Mass
April 11, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Resurrection / Meaning of the Rites
April 18, 2012	Teen Bible Study	Dinner & Doctrine - Private Revelation, Apparitions
April 25, 2012	Teen Bible Study	RCIA - Gifts / Stewardship / Evangelization
May 2, 2012	Teens invited to Dinner & Doctrine	Dinner & Doctrine – Promoting Vocations in the Family

\* RCIA classes are for those interested in becoming Catholic or those in need of reception of the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult. All parishioners, however, are invited to attend RCIA classes even if you are already a confirmed Catholic. There will be no meal provided the evenings of RCIA.

\*\* On the evenings of Dinner & Doctrine, teens are welcome to come to the parish hall at 6:45 for dinner before going to the teen Bible study.