# St. Luke Religious Education 2023-2024 Calendar

Below lists the dates of classes for each class session.

Sunday	Monday	Notes
10:30-11:50 AM	4:30-5:50 PM	
September 10	September 11	Orientation
September 17	September 18	First Classes
October 1	October 2	Fire Drill and Lock Down Drill
October 15	October 16	Safe Environment Training
October 22	October 23	Safe Environment Make Up
October 29	October 30	
November 12	November 13	
November 19	November 27	
December 3	December 4	
December 10	December 11	Advent Penance Service
January 7	January 8	
January 21	January 22	
February 4	February 5	
February 11	February 12	
February 25	February 26	
March 3	March 4	
March 10	March 11	Lent Penance Service
March 17	March 18	
April 7	April 8	
April 14	April 15	
April 21	April 22	
April 28	April 29	
May 5	May 6	Last Day of Classes

Important Dates:	
Parish Picnic: September 30, 2023: 11-3 PM	
Feast Day of St. Luke: October 18, 2023	
Trunk Or Treat: October 30, 2023 after the 11 AM Mass	
All Saint's Day: November 1, 2023 (Holy Day of Obligation)	
Advent begins: December 3, 2023	
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: December 8, 2023 (Holy Day of Obligation)	

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): December 25, 2023 (Holy Day of Obligation) Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: January 1, 2024 Ash Wednesday: February 22, 2023 Palm Sunday: Feburary 14, 2024 Holy Week: March 24- March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024 Divine Mercy Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: April 7, 2024 after 11 AM Mass.

# **Safe Environment Training/Formation in Christian Chastity Lesson (Grades 1, 5,6,7,8):** October 15/October 16 Make up training: October 22/October 23.

Emergency Drills: Fire Drill and Lockdown Drill: 10/1 and 10/2

We follow Fairfax County Public Schools for all inclement weather decisions. If FCPS closes or dismisses early due to inclement weather, classes are canceled. When FCPS has a delayed opening, classes are held as scheduled. All weather related closings/delays will be listed on the website and local news stations, along with a Flocknote announcement being sent out. To be added to our Flocknote list, please text OKAY to 84576.

Please contact the Religious Education Office with any questions you have: 703-356-8419 Emily Teter, Director of Religious Education <u>eteter@saintlukemclean.org</u> Page Slusser, Administrative Assistant <u>pslusser@saintlukemclean.org</u>

#### Car Chat:



Car Chat! is a resource meant for parents to be able to discuss the Sunday Gospel with their family in the car. It can be used as a way to prepare for the upcoming Sunday Gospel or to review the Sunday Gospel mid week. Each Car Chat! session includes the Sunday Gospel, background information about the Gospel, questions to discuss with your family and a prayer to pray upon arrival home. If you're interested in receiving Car Chat! sessions, you can scan the QR code above or text STLUKERE to 84576. We hope this provides fruitful conversations with your family!

### First Penance/First Communion Important Dates

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First Penance during classes the week of Feb 4, 2024

Homebased students can come during the Monday evening session or set up an appointment with a priest.

Parent Meeting: February 7, 2024 at 7 pm in Flaherty Hall

First Communion Retreat: April 27, 2024 10:30-12:30 PM

First Communion Rehearsal: May 1, 2024 6 PM (School and RE students combined)

First Communion Mass: May 4, 2024 11 AM (School and RE students combined)

Please turn in Blessed First Reconciliation book to teacher/catechist the week of January 21, 2024

Please turn in the Blessed First Communion book to teacher/catechist the week of April 14, 2024

### Confirmation Important Dates:

Confirmation is a 2 year prep process, beginning in 7th grade. This year, we will be working with the 7th graders to begin the process and then the 8th graders to continue the process:

# For 7th Graders:

7th Grade Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting: April 10, 2024 7 pm in Flaherty Hall.

BASH (Junior High Diocesan Event): May 4, 2024 (Students should attend BASH in 7th or 8th grade).

# For 8th Graders:

Confirmation Meeting (for parents and students): November 8, 2023 at 7 PM in Flaherty Hall

8th Grade Confirmation Small Groups: October 15, Nov 12, Jan 21, Feb 11, March 10, April 14 at 12:30 in the school gym

BASH (Junior High Diocesan Event): May 4, 2024 3:30-8:30 PM

Confirmation Retreat: May 18, 2024 11:00 AM-6:30 PM

Optional Overnight retreat April 13-14, 2024. Students MUST attend one of the two retreats listed.

Confirmation Rehearsal: May 20, 2024 6:30 PM-7:30 PM.

Sacrament of Confirmation: May 22, 2024 7:00 PM with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. Arrival at 6 pm.