



Thank you!

These beautiful children gave up a Christmas gift each and donated \$50 to St. Luke's during this year's Christmas Food Packing Day! So many others reached out to make Christmas special for so many. To all who gave in small and big ways, we extend our heart-felt thanks. You are all in our prayers for a blessed and happy New Year!

It's the Sneezin' Season!



The cold and flu season is upon us, and we need your help! Next time you are at the pharmacy or supermarket consider picking up an over-the-counter cold remedy or pain medication and donating it to the Mission! Here is a list of items we are in need of, whether adult or pediatric strength. Thanks!

- Ibuprofen**
- Acetaminophen**
- Benadryl**
- Robitussin DM or CF**
- Cold / cough medicines**
- Cough drops**
- Vick's Vapor Rub**

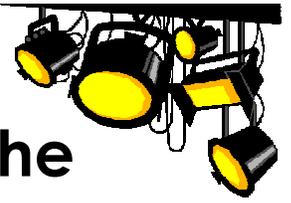
Our noses thank you for your attention! Call the office at 894-4476 to arrange a time to bring your donation in. Please make sure all cough and cold medicines are alcohol-free.

All our newsletters, our current calendar, and so much more are available day or night on our website:

www.stlukesmissionofmercy.org



Curtain up! Light the Lights! St. Luke's Hits the Big Screen!



On November 20th, 2008 St. Luke's Mission of Mercy hit the silver screen with the debut of the wonderful production, "The St. Luke's Story – Mercy Over Judgement", shown at Hilbert College on a wonderful night of tears, smiles, and friendship. Fred Calendrelli of Quality Media Services produced and directed this wonderful 35-minute film with the help of Lori Jacobs, telling the St. Luke's story – our mission, our people, and the love that guides us. John E. Sisson, owner of Quality Inspection Services and Quality Media Services, generously gave the resources available to produce this wonderful DVD.

Taking hundreds of hours of video and interviews, Frank Calendrelli and Lori Jacobs edited the final product down to a concise and moving film that touched the hearts of all present. Copies of the DVD were made available and those in attendance were encouraged to show them in their homes and to pass them on to those they know and love, spreading the word of the work being done at St. Luke's.

This DVD was an undertaking of unbelievable time and attention, and the love and devotion that went into its production was clearly evident. It is now a wonderful tool to bring others to share of their time and talents at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy! Our sincere thanks to Fred, John, and all those involved in this wonderful project.



Host a Mercy Party in 2009!

Last year we celebrated our very first Mercy Parties, and this year promises to include many, many more! Just what is a Mercy Party? We're glad you asked!

A Mercy Party is a gathering of friends, family members, co-workers, or anyone you would like to share the message of St. Luke's with! At your invitation, representatives of St. Luke's could come to your party to give a short talk about the Mission, show the new St. Luke's DVD, play a song or two, or just share the joy of God's work among the poor of our community. Whether a pizza and wings party or a formal affair, we are ready to help!

Over the years many volunteers and benefactors have expressed the desire to bring the St. Luke's story to the people important to them. That is exactly what a Mercy Party is all about! Missionaries, the Voices of Mercy, Associates, and others are available to speak. Whether a small gathering in the family home or a larger group in the church hall or a restaurant, Mercy Parties are all about bringing Mercy beyond the walls of the Mission and into the community.

If you are interested in hosting a Mercy Party, we are ready to help! Need some ideas? No problem – we can help. Call the office today at 894-4476 to plan your party!



The church was full of bags, from front to back, but Sunday Mass was a joy in the dining room! Transformed into a worship space, the community gathered after the Thanksgiving and Christmas food packing days for Mass. We were joined by volunteers and friends who had come out to work, making the celebration even sweeter! Join us for Mass every Sunday at 1PM...We would love to worship with you!