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WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 14, 2024

We are a Eucharistic Community called together to celebrate our Catholic faith. As a welcoming community of God, our mission is to provide an environment that enriches our spiritual, personal and social growth through prayer, education, outreach and fellowship.

- Joint Parish Mission Statement

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday we will open up voting for our parish name. A new name is a big decision, but I trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in

our process. More than a few of you have said it's difficult to pick one of these names! With the assistance of the *Into the Deep* Transition Team, I have given you six names to consider. In correspondence with me, there was no other name which received significant attention to merit being placed on the ballot. You may, however, still write in a different parish name on the ballot.

The vote will be tallied and presented as a consultative piece of information for the Transition Team. You may cast two votes for one name or split your votes between two names. The ballot will be clear. There will be no online ballot, only in person voting between January 13-28.

Our Transition Team will discuss the results at our 6 pm meeting on January 30th at St Luke's. Thank you for praying and putting some time into our naming process!

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

This past week, I made a pilgrimage to the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal. I prayed very much for my own conversion and the conversion of all of you. St. John Paul said we should be in a constant state of conversion. We must continually turn a way from sin, repent and turn back to God. This is our daily bread, our constant struggle! It's a joyful struggle which, yes, can also be difficult and feel like spiritual warfare. Our God never loses any battles...and we are victorious so long as we keep trying and never give up. Here are a couple of powerful catechism paragraphs about conversion and spiritual battle to consider:

1989 ~ The first work of the grace of the Holy Spirit is conversion, effecting justification in accordance with Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Moved by grace, man turns toward God and away from sin, thus accepting forgiveness and righteousness from on high. "Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior man.

2015 ~ The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes:

He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows.

- St. Gregory of Nyssa.

WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

Tues: Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM

Wed: Men's Group Meet at St. John, 5:30 AM

Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM

Prink the Word at St. John, 9:15 AM

MS/HS Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM

Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM

Education Commission Meeting at St. John, 5:30

Finance Meeting at St. John, 6:30 PM

Sat-Sun: St. John Bake Sale after Masses

✠ National Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 4

✠ Catholic Schools Week Mass & Fellowship:

At St. John, Saturday January 27th, 5:30 PM Mass with a Soup Supper after

At St. Luke, Sunday January 28th, 10:00 AM Mass with a Chili lunch after

✠ St. Luke Fish Fry, February 2

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

St. John's Sanctuary
Lamp

In Memory of
Joanne Bohnsack



St. Luke's Sanctuary
Lamp

In Memory of
Arthur Denman

Sanctuary Memorial Lights ~ Both parishes have openings in 2024! For those who would like to remember a birthday, an anniversary, a special intention, or a loved one's passing, you may have a Sanctuary candle lit for 7 days at a cost of \$20. Please call the parish offices to schedule these intentions.

Welcome to Pastorate 6 new members
~ Daniel & Michelle Amend ~

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass

St. Luke ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday

St. John ~ 5:00 PM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday

St. Patrick ~ 7:00 AM Sunday

St. Boniface ~ 8:30 AM First Saturday of the Month

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane Kraemer †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for John E. Schmitz †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 ~ St. Anthony, Abbot
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Janice Schoenmann †
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for the Poor Souls †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 ~ St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for George Brey, Jr. †
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Howard Murphy †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Richard E. Carver †
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Pastorate 6
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Ralph Frank †

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JAN 20	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Robert Baird
Lector	Rita Brey	Jeanine Radel
Ushers	Gary Mueller Zach Thomas OPEN OPEN	Pat Slaney Gary Nachreiner
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., JAN 21	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	Marty Gates
Lector	Sheley Scallon	Howard Marklein	Lauri Meixelsperger
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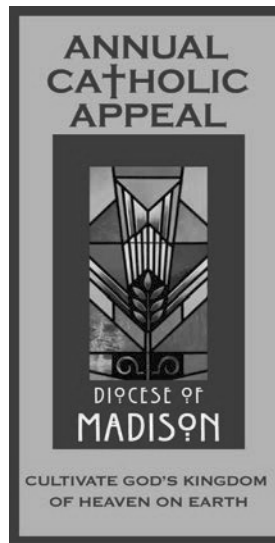
Be sure to wish Fr. Kumud a safe trip as he will be traveling to India to visit with his family. While he is gone, he will celebrate Mass every day. If you have any Mass intentions that you would like him to pray for, please let him know or call the parish office. We will miss you Father, but wish you all the best while you are away, and will keep you in our prayers.



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Dave Dischler, Shelly Alt, Tom Rieder, Michael Whitcomb, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Dave Schoenmann, Lexi Norton, Kelly Feiner, Roger & Mary Pascavis, John Johnson, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi Anliker.

For those who have died: Eleanor "Penny" (Stoltz) Zajicek



2024 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins Please Make a Generous Pledge

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over 6-months to the appeal. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

JOIN US
Wednesday mornings
from 5:30 - 6:30am
MEN OF MARY
All men are welcome!

JOIN US
Wednesday mornings
from 9:15 - 10:15am
PRINK THE WORD
All are welcome!

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

ST. LUKE FISH FRY NEWS
Circles 1, 2, 8 & 12 are scheduled to work for the February 2, 2024 fish fry. Please visit www.pastorate6.org and click on the "Fish Fry Sign Up to Volunteer" tab under "News."

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 15: No School (Teacher Inservice)
JANUARY 27: Children's Mass @ 5:30 PM
JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3: Catholic Schools Week

YES ~ YOU CAN REGISTER! We are currently accepting registrations in all grade levels. If you would like a tour of St. John's School or would like to visit a classroom, please call 588-2021.



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ Sunday, January 28th through Saturday, February 3rd is Catholic Schools Week. This is always a very exciting week filled with fun activities, different educational experiences, and service opportunities. More information will be coming soon.

SCRIP REMINDER ~ In addition to purchasing SCRIP gift cards, we recommend using the SCRIP app on your phone. Download the RaiseRight App and use the following enrollment code: 2C6D489B5374. You can directly link your bank account information and use e-cards when checking out at a wide variety of stores. It is quick and simple and really makes a difference for our school if you can remember to use this on a regular basis. If you have any questions, call the school or stop by the office and we are happy to help.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

See for yourself all the great things happening at St. John's School by visiting our website at www.stjohns-springgreen.org or by liking our Facebook page - St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.



The next St. John's bake sale will be January 20 & 21 with those with last names beginning with A-K asked to donate. Thank you!

Mass Schedule Changes

January 15th—Jan 26th after Father Kumud leaves for India:
Daily Mass Schedule will be:
Monday: 8:30 AM at St. Luke
Tuesday: 5:15 PM at St. Luke
Wednesday: 8:30 AM at St. John
10:45 AM at St. Luke (School Mass)
Thursday: 8:30 AM at St. Luke
Friday: 8:30 AM at St. John (School Mass)

While the pews and floor of St. Luke are being renewed this will be our new Mass Schedule:

On the weekend from Feb 4th—April 21st
Saturday: 4:00 PM at St. John
Sunday: 7:30 AM at St. Pat
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM at St. John

Tentative Daily Mass Schedule (January 29th—April 19th)

Monday: 8:30 AM at St. John
Tuesday: 5:15 PM at St. Luke's Church Hall
Wednesday: 10:45 AM at St. Luke's Church Hall
Thursday: 8:30 AM at St. John
Friday: 8:30 AM at St. John

Nursing Home Masses:

2nd & 4th Wednesday at Greenway, 3rd Friday at Meadows (10:00 AM)
Easter Triduum all at St. John
Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM on March 28th
Good Friday: 3:00 PM
Holy Saturday (Vigil): 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday: 7:30 AM at St. Pat, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM at St. John

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 17: School Mass; Home & Gala Meeting
JANUARY 24: School Mass
JANUARY 31: School Mass & Pizza with Bishop Hying

Thank you!

Thank you Jason Faber and family and Seth Oliver for helping take down the outdoor nativity set and Christmas lights and decorations. Many hands make light work!

HELP WANTED ~ St. Luke School is looking for a cook. This position is a part-time position, about 25 hours per week. If interested, please contact the school office at 608-546-2963 or email the principal at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com for more information or to apply.

Help Wanted



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! St. Luke School is hosting a Preschool Open House on Thursday, February 15, from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Come and see what we have to offer children 3-5 years old. Call the school office at 608-546-2963 or email diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to RSVP.

"LOVE GROWS HERE" ~ St. Luke's Seventh Annual Gala is Saturday, March 16 at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort in Spring Green. This year's Gala will feature good food, music, emcee Meg Aspinwall, exciting live auction package deals, and silent auction including items made by students. Mark it on your calendars!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

This year we will celebrate Mass and a pizza lunch with Bishop Hying during the week. We look forward to a special week of activities celebrating Catholic Schools!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ will be celebrated January 28 through February 3. The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community". We have many things to celebrate including students, families, parishioners and community members.

DO YOUR SHOPPING THROUGH THE SCHOOL STORE ~ You can support St. Luke School while shopping. Simply go to Schoolstore.com, enter our school name, *St. Lukes Catholic School*, and click the tab under the blue SchoolStore banner that says "Merchants". Choose the merchants that you would like to shop with either by category or alphabetically with the drop down bar on the left. Once you click the merchant, you will be redirected to that merchant's actual website. A portion of the money you spend will automatically be sent to St. Luke School. You need to go through the Schoolstore.com portal for St. Luke's to get credit. Happy Shopping!

KEEP UP ON THE LATEST SCHOOL HAPPENINGS AND "LIKE US" ON FACEBOOK! Visit our Facebook page at St. Luke's Catholic School, Plain, WI. Check out our website at www.stlukes-plain.org.



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald*
Issue for January 18, 2024

Each week the *Catholic Herald* includes coverage of local, regional, national, and international news related to Catholic people, places, and things. This week's issue also includes a special Senior-Retirement section filled with content geared specifically toward older adults.

Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the *Catholic Herald*. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or e-edition in your home, contact your parish office.

SVDP RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE



Dear Parishioners of Pastorate 6:

Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need throughout 2023. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the food drive for the Spring Green Community Food Pantry.

Thank you also for your prayers, monetary support, donations of clothing, furniture, and housewares throughout the year. Your kindness is much appreciated. Special thanks to those who participated in the Christmas Giving Tree and to those who baked cookies to give to our neighbors in need along with their Christmas gifts. Your kindness and generosity not only spread joy and happiness to many but enables us to continue helping our neighbors in need in the coming year.

Please read the letter below which was received from the people of Kentucky.

May God Bless You!!

~ St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference

Dear Parishioners of St. John and St. Luke,

Thank you for your donations made to St. Luke Catholic Church in Salyersville, KY. Folks in the hills and hollows of eastern Kentucky are blessed because of folks like you. Your kindness and generosity will be long remembered. Thank you so very much for giving of yourselves to help others.

Love in Christ,

*Connie Hansen ~ The Open Door Program (serving people in need)
St. Luke Catholic Church, Salyersville, KY*



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"

We should be looking for the graces of God in our marriage. Discover those graces by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 26-28 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Geneva IL; March 9-10 in Wisconsin or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



Prayer Shawls - A reminder that prayer shawls are available for anyone you may feel is going through a serious illness or emotional time and could use the extra prayers and comfort. You can contact St. John's Parish Office 588-2028 or St. Luke's Parish Office 546-2482.



"Parish Rosary Program"
(All parishes of Pastorate 6)

Combined Weekly Total: 177
Running Grand Total: 9,293

We would like to ask parishioners of ALL five churches to put your rosary counts into the collection baskets at the weekend Masses!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

Chili Luncheon and Sale on Sunday, March 3, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. John Lutheran Church Leland, E7519 Cty. Rd. C, in North Freedom. There will also be baked goods, quilts and other crafts for sale.

Join Dominican Sisters for online Drop-in-Discernment on the **second Sunday of the month**, 6:00pm – 7:00pm (ct). Stop in to learn about the Dominican charism and how it can help anyone seeking to hear God's voice more clearly. Come learn, share, and pray with the sisters. This conversation is open to single women ages 18-45. You do not have to be discerning religious life to attend. Register to receive the zoom link at <https://forms.gle/HmLH1rUqfvYeoxuT8> Or for more information contact Michelle Horton at mhorton@sinsinawa.org or 608.695.6060

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED



ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES: Our group will sponsor the bake sale at the February 2nd fish fry at St. Luke's. We are asking for families and anyone else who wishes to bring their items to the church basement at St. Luke by noon on

Friday, February 2nd. THANK YOU!

~ Next Religious Ed Class ~
**MS/HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke, 6:45 pm on
Wednesday, January 17th**

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Sunday, March 24, 2024
Solemn Choral Vespers for Palm Sunday
featuring "Ad Manus" from Buxtehude's "Membra Jesu Nostri"
(*Diocesan Schola and Consort*)

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Solemn Choral Vespers and Concert
(*Diocesan Choir*)

All events are at 4:00 PM in Holy Name Oratory, Madison.

PLANNING YOUR WILL

Remember St. John's, St. Luke's, and St. Patrick's

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 28)	Church	Maint.	<i>Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!</i>	St. Luke's (Week 28)
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00	To Parish5-8%	Total Weekly Goal \$ 7,405.00
Jan 6/7 Actual	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 295.00	To Diocese.....1%	Jan 6/7 Actual \$ 7,335.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 45.00	To Charities.....1-4%	ACH Weekly Average \$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 2,499.00	-\$ 230.00	<i>Would you prayerfully consider treating St. Luke/St. John Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?</i>	Difference: +\$ 2,430.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 211,900.00	\$ 16,156.00	<i>Call Parish Office for details.</i>	Total Goal YTD \$ 207,340.00
YTD Total to Jan 7	\$ 178,790.00	\$ 7,070.00		YTD Actual to Jan 7 \$ 190,659.00
Difference	-\$ 43,110.00	-\$ 9,086.00		Difference - \$ 16,681.00

*This now includes weekly envelopes and weekly offertory basket collection!!

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Spring Green, WI 53588

ST. JOHN MASS: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am

ST. JOHN OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office..... 588-2028
Parish Fax 588-2648
Parish Email..... barb.ferguson@pastorate6.org
Website.....www.pastorate6.org
Parish Center/Kitchen..... 588-2229
Pastoral Council President: Dave Mack 459-0680
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL

School Office 588-2021
School Website..... <http://stjohns-springgreen.org>
School Principal: Allison Stroud..... 588-2021

ST. JOHN CEMETERY

Cemetery Sexton: Roger Kolan..... 588-2103

Saint Luke Parish

1240 Nachreiner Avenue
Plain, WI 53577

ST. LUKE MASS: Saturday 4:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

ST. LUKE OFFICES

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Parish Fax 546-2616
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ST. LUKE SCHOOL

School 546-2963
School Website..... <http://stlukes-plain.org>
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105 Church Street
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MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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SCHEDULING EVENTS

All parish activities or meetings need to be scheduled on the parish calendar. Please call the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday - Noon

MINISTERIO HISPANO / HISPANIC MINISTRY

Padre Luke Syse se habla espanol
Puedes llamarlo a 608-636-4337

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our parish family. Please stop by or call the parish office for information about registering as parish members.

SACRAMENTS

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is offered 30 minutes before every scheduled mass.

MARRIAGE

To schedule a wedding date, call the parish office. The common policy of the Diocese of Madison requires a 6-month minimum notice. We strongly recommend at least one year in advance.

BAPTISM

Baptism dates are arranged through the parish offices. First time parents are required to attend a baptism preparation program before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office for more information.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Individual celebrations can be arranged by calling the parish office.

OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. Please contact Marie Lins at 608-469-3982 or marie.lins@madisondiocese.org.