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WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 21, 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.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Dear Friends in Christ,
Throughout this liturgical year we are marching through the Gospel of Mark during the Sunday gospel readings. Today we hear the very first sermon of Our Lord in three terse sentences:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

The first sermon of Christ is a description of the new reality he has brought and a call to his listeners, you and I, to make a response. We are called to repent and believe. I like to think of the Gospel of Mark as an action movie--it is fast paced and it calls us to make an immediate response. "Immediately" is a favorite word of Mark.

As we read through Mark let us ask the Lord to quicken our spirits that we may respond with more vigor and energy to his voice. The winter blues can creep into our spiritual lives causing spiritual torpor or sluggishness. How do we shake free? Repent and believe. Make a good examination, a good confession and ask the Lord for more faith. If we repent and believe in the Gospel the Lord will fan into flame once more the faith we received at Holy Baptism.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Hying on Thursday at St. Luke's for school mass (10:45 a.m.) and pizza lunch to follow. Bishop will also visit St. John's classrooms in the afternoon.

I encourage you to read Bishop's column titled "Six months Into the Deep," in your next *Catholic Herald*.

Here is a short excerpt:

"Since it is good to review the vision and purpose of projects this big, to renew our understanding of why we are doing all of this, let me return to the original data which told us in 2022 that the number of Baptisms, marriages, First Communion, Mass attendance, and children enrolled in religious instruction in our diocese had all experienced a precipitous decline in the last 10 years.

We launched Go Make Disciples in 2020 to renew our understanding of the Gospel and the urgency of evangelization, while we created opportunities to equip our people to deepen their own faith and to share it with others.

We want to reverse these downward statistics. Understanding that we can only realize the vision of Go Make Disciples if we adapt the structures of our diocese and parishes to move from maintenance to mission, we have undertaken this ambitious effort, Into the Deep, to realign our priests, lay leaders, parishes, and resources to be more

resourceful and strategic, seeking to renew the foundations of our diocese for the decades to come.

We are ultimately moving from 102 to 30 parishes, and from 62 to 30 pastors, not initially closing any church buildings, but seeking to streamline and unify the many aspects of the Church's mission, ministry, and function."

Please remind your friends about the upcoming closure of St. Luke's Church. During February, March and April our weekend mass schedule will be as follows:

Saturday: 4:00 PM at St. John

Sunday: 7:30 AM at St. Patrick

8:30 AM at St. John

10:30 AM at St. John

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

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

School Mass & Pizza Lunch with **Bishop Hying**, at 10:45 AM, all are welcome!

Finance Meeting at St. Luke, 5:30 PM

✠ 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 Kelly Jo Nelson



St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Dixie Schweiss

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.

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



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: David Meixelsperger, Francis Meixelsperger

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024 ~ *Day of Prayer for the Unborn*

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 ~ *St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for John F. Dischler †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024 ~ *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder and Doctor*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John in Thanksgiving

10:45 AM **NO** Mass at St. Luke

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 ~ *The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Alumni of St. Luke School (Celebrated with Bishop Hying)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024 ~ *St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Dolores Liegel †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024 ~ *St. Angela Merici, Virgin BVM*

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for The People of Pastorate 6

5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Art Baryenbruch †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Deceased Members of the George A. Weitzel Family †

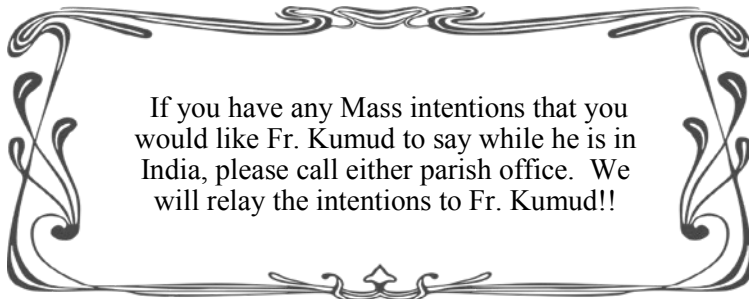
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for The Wilbert Mueller Family †

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Gerri Bergman †

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JAN 27	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney
Lector	Melissa Thomas	Barb Louis
Ushers	Bill Bergman Gary Mueller Carly Kraemer OPEN	Pat Slaney Robert Baird
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SUN., JAN 28	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	Marty Gates
Lector	Lenny Schaub	Nancy Maxwell	Ann Nelson
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2024 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins Please Make a Generous Pledge



This past week, you should have received a mailing from the Diocese asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries in 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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 27: Children's Mass and Soup Supper @ 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 email Mrs. Stroud at astroud@stjohnspringgreen.com or call the school at 588-2021.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF - SOUP SUPPER

On Saturday, January 27th please join us for Children's Mass followed by a soup supper in the Parish Center. We'll enjoy fellowship, good food, and the opportunity to see work from our fabulous St. John's students. We hope to see you there! The rest of Catholic Schools Week will be filled with fun activities, different educational experiences, and service opportunities.

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.

Mass Schedule Changes

January 15th—Jan 26th:
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 weekends 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 25: School Mass & pizza lunch with Bishop Hying
JANUARY 31: School Mass



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

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."*

Sunday ~ We will kick the week off with a chili lunch in the church basement following Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Monday ~ Team Apparel/Hat Day. School families will work on an art activity and Carl "Energizer" Olson will be here for a presentation.

Tuesday ~ Mismatch/Inside Out Day and Bingo with Parishioners.

Wednesday ~ School Mass; Eat with school families.

Thursday ~ St. Luke Apparel day and all-school movie in the afternoon.

Friday ~ Tubing at Tyrol Basin

We have many things to celebrate including students, families, parishioners and community members. We look forward to a special week of activities celebrating Catholic Schools!!

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.



ATTENTION ST. LUKE

PARISHIONERS: During the pew and floor refurbishing project, if you are not comfortable with driving to St. John's for the weekend Masses, please know that we have parishioners who

have volunteered to drive you! Please call St. Luke's Parish Office at 608-546-2482 to get on a list!!

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???



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!**

Catholic Women's Spiritual Day, Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Boscobel, WI, beginning at 7:45 AM and ending with Lunch at 1:00 PM. Keynote speakers are Kate Gallimore and Kathleen Lindemann. Please find the registration forms on the Scrip table at St. John and on the back tables at St. Luke. Registration deadline is January 26. Please contact Julie Biba at 608-375-2589 with questions.

All women are invited to attend the Schoenstatt Women's Lenten Magnificat Morning - **Mary, Ark of the New Covenant—Development a Marian Eucharistic Heart.** This event will take place on February 17 at Schoenstatt Heights (5901 Cottage Grove Road, Madison). Optional Confessions heard from 7:30 to 8:00 AM followed by Mass, breakfast, three speakers, time for prayer in the Shrine and shopping in the religious articles store. Cost is \$30 at the door. Please register by calling Michelle Amend at 608-333-2782.

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.



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald* Issue for January 25, 2024

As Catholic Schools Week approaches, this week's *Catholic Herald* features people and special events from Catholic Schools across the diocese.

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.



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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.

DIOCESE OF MADISON *Sacred Music at the Oratory 2023-2024 Season*

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Solemn Choral Vespers for Palm Sunday featuring "Ad Manus" from Buxtehude's "Membra Jesu Nostris" (*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.

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: 145
Running Grand Total: 9,338

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

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

<u>St. John's (Week 29)</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Maint.</u>	<i>Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!</i>	<u>St. Luke's (Week 29)</u>
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00	To Parish5-8%	Total Weekly Goal \$ 7,405.00
Jan 13/14 Actual	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 295.00	To Diocese.....1%	Jan 13/14 Actual \$ 2,178.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 45.00	To Charities.....1-4%	ACH Weekly Average \$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 2,954.00	-\$ 230.00		Difference: -\$ 2,727.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 229,825.00	\$ 16,733.00	<i>Would you prayerfully consider treating St. Luke/St. John Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?</i>	Total Goal YTD \$ 214,745.00
YTD Total to Jan 14	\$ 183,761.00	\$ 7,417.00	<i>Call Parish Office for details.</i>	YTD Actual to Jan 14 \$ 195,337.00
Difference	-\$ 46,064.00	-\$ 9,316.00		Difference -\$ 19,408.00

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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
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Website.....www.pastorate6.org
Parish Center/Kitchen..... 588-2229
Pastoral Council President: Dave Mack 459-0680
St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference.... 546-2482

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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School 546-2963
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105 Church Street
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MASS: Sunday 7:30am

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

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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.