

# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

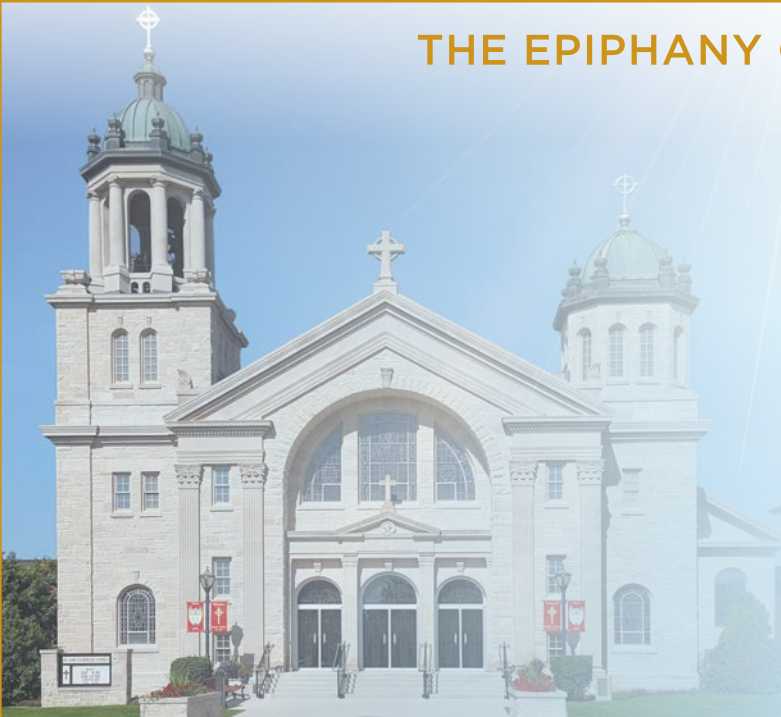
WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 7, 2024

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# Saint Luke Parish

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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 7, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the new year, I have some important and exciting news which affects our worship schedule beginning in February.

A project which has been in the works for some time is coming to fruition: the complete refinishing of the **original** St. Luke pews (including choir and cry room), the installation of new kneelers on these pews and the polishing and resealing of the original terrazzo floor. The pews will be removed on January 29th and taken to a workshop in St. Paul, MN for stripping and refinishing. While the pews are gone, the terrazzo company will work in the Church on the stripping and polishing of the floor. Because St. Luke Church has over 1,000 linear feet of pews, the project is quite lengthy (literally) ~ the pews won't be back until late April. The funds for this project will come from previous generous bequests made specifically to the "pew refurbishing fund," memorials left to St. Luke's which are restricted for church maintenance and any new donations that people may wish to make!

I will certainly miss St. Luke's during this 12-week closure! I see this moment, however, as an opportunity for those who usually worship at St. Luke to attend Mass at St. John's or St. Pat's and continue to build our parish unity. In the near future, I anticipate St. John's to be closed for a flooring project--if so, parishioners who usually worship at St. John's would be asked to attend St. Luke's or St. Pat's. Taking care of our buildings, especially our churches, reflects our love for God and our desire to give him a beautiful home. I consider myself very blessed to have beautiful churches to work in and serve our good God.

During the months of February, March, and April, we will reduce our Sunday Mass schedule to four masses. Regarding the collection, there will be a system in place so that St. Luke's still receives some cash offertory. I will discuss this with the finance councils later this month. St. Luke's parishioners will be encouraged to use St. Luke's envelopes at St. Pat's and St. John's. Ushers, lectors and sacristans from St. Luke will also be encouraged to help out at St. John's Masses.

Here is our February to April Weekend Mass Schedule:

- \*\* 4:00 p.m. (SATURDAY) at St. John
- 7:30 a.m. at St. Patrick
- 8:30 a.m. at St. John
- \*\*10:30 a.m. at St. John

During the closure at St. Luke, we will set up a temporary altar in the Church hall for Tuesday evening (5:15 p.m.) and Wednesday mid-morning (10:45 a.m.) daily Masses. All other daily Masses will be moved to St. John's.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

- ✠ Please note the date of Easter is quite early this year: March 31st. Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. The Sacred Paschal Triduum will be celebrated at St. John (March 28-March 30).

- ✠ Our new website is up and running with more pages being filled out each week! One nice feature is that payments or donations are securely accepted on the site. Just look for the "giving" tab.
- ✠ Our day of prayer/adoration at St. John's went very well on December 28th. We look forward to offering more times for Adoration and extended times for confession during Lent.
- ✠ Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare for their first confession on Wednesday Jan. 10th, 6:00 p.m. at St. John.
- ✠ Sunday, January 7, 2024, is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, one of the oldest of all Christian feasts. It is also known as Three Kings' Day. It commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.
- ✠ If you would like to mark your doors with the traditional Epiphany inscription (see below) there is blessed chalk in the back of the church you may take. You may save the chalk or break it up into small pieces and scatter it on the ground to dispose of it after completing the inscription:

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

**"In this year of Our Lord, 2024, may all who enter this house from the North ( draw +), South (+), East (+) and West (+)**

**walk in the footsteps of the wise men**

**Caspar (C), Melchior (M) and Balthazar (B). "**

- ✠ "20" and "24" stand for the new year (2024), of course. The plus signs represent the Cross. CMB are the first initials of the traditional names given to the Magi ~ Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or "May Christ bless the house."
- ✠ I encourage you to pray the Rosary in your homes. I find that there is a sense of peace in homes where the Rosary is prayed. The evil spirits flee from places where Our Lady and her Son are honored and loved!

### WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE 6

- Sun: Hospitality after Mass at St. Pat, 8:30 AM  
Family of Faith Sunday for Families of 5K-5th grade children at St. John ~ Mass at 8:30 AM  
~ Class at 9:30AM
- Tues: **No Mass** at St. John, 8:30 AM  
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  
Zoom Education Commission Meeting, 5:30 PM  
KC Meeting at St. John, 7:00 PM

### THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

**St. John's Sanctuary  
Lamp**

**In Memory of  
Lorraine Runyan**



**St. Luke's Sanctuary  
Lamp**

**In Memory of  
George Brey, Jr.**

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6**

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 ~ *The Baptism of the Lord*  
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024  
8:30 AM **NO Mass** at St. John  
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Diane Ederer †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for a Special Intention  
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for George Liegel †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024  
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Marie Kraemer †


SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 ~ *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Mark May †  
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024  
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for the People of Pastorate 6  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Art Baryenbruch †  
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Arthur Denman †

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

SAT., JAN 13	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney
Lector	Lynae Schott	Linda Thering
Ushers	Bill Bergman Rita Brey Donna Ochsner OPEN	Pat Slaney Robert Baird
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., JAN 14	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Mary Lynn Johnson	Doreen Laack
Lector	Marty McCluskey	Dave Mack	Jim Moody
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
EM		Diane Emerson	
Ushers	Jeff Scallon Jed Scallon	Jeff Johnson Steve Emerson	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl Bev Eberle OPEN
Servers	Jadyn Boland Sammy Clary	Isaac Limmex Charles McCall	Isaac Faber Jacob Faber




**Alexa, take down the Christmas decorations.**

**CHRISTMAS TAKE DOWN** will take place at all parishes **THIS Sunday, January 7**, after the morning Masses.

Please plan to stick around if you can help out! **THANK YOU!**

**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

**READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**  
**1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**  
**John 1:35-42**



**NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.



**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.

**LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:**



December 25-31: Marty Gates, Jack & Cheri Carpenter, Gary & Cathy Bindl, Ryan Wittmann, Rhonda Frey, John & Marie Johnson **who are all \$50 Winners. CONGRATULATIONS** to Scott Eberle who won \$800.00 on December 31!!

Thank you to everyone who sold or bought tickets for this fundraiser. With your participation, we were able to make over \$10,000 for our budget!



Join us on Wednesday mornings from 5:30 - 6:30 AM for Pray and Share with Fr. Kumud.

All men are welcome!

## ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** All of us at St. John's School would like to wish you and your family a Blessed New Year!

**WITH GREAT GRATITUDE** ~ The faculty and staff would like to thank the Home & School and everyone for their gifts of appreciation during the holiday season.

**TREMENDOUS BAKE SALE!!** A HUGE thank you goes out to Home & School for organizing such a beautiful and profitable bake sale! A big thank you also goes out to all of you who made these tasty treats and/or purchased them. Your help made this a very profitable event.

**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.



### **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](http://www.stjohns-springgreen.org) or by liking our Facebook page - St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.



*Both schools have openings in all grade levels...  
Come check us out by scheduling a tour!!*



### **Diocese of Madison Safe Haven Sunday**

Every year our Diocese observes "Safe Haven Sunday," when we focus on the dangers of unrestricted internet use and the abundance of problematic content.



#### **Keep Your Kids Safe**

Parents bear the primary responsibility for educating and safeguarding their children. Scan this QR code for more information and tips on how to protect your kids:



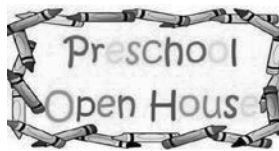
**Safe Haven Sunday ~ January 14**

## ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

**JANUARY 10:** School Mass

**JANUARY 11:** Education Commission

**JANUARY 17:** 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](mailto: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!



**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.

**Catholic Schools** 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!

### **DO YOUR SHOPPING THROUGH THE SCHOOL STORE** ~

You can support St. Luke School while shopping. Simply go to [Schoolstore.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.stlukes-plain.org).



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a 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](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



**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.

### **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](http://www.pastorate6.org) and click on the "Fish Fry Sign Up to Volunteer" tab under "News."



## SVDP RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE



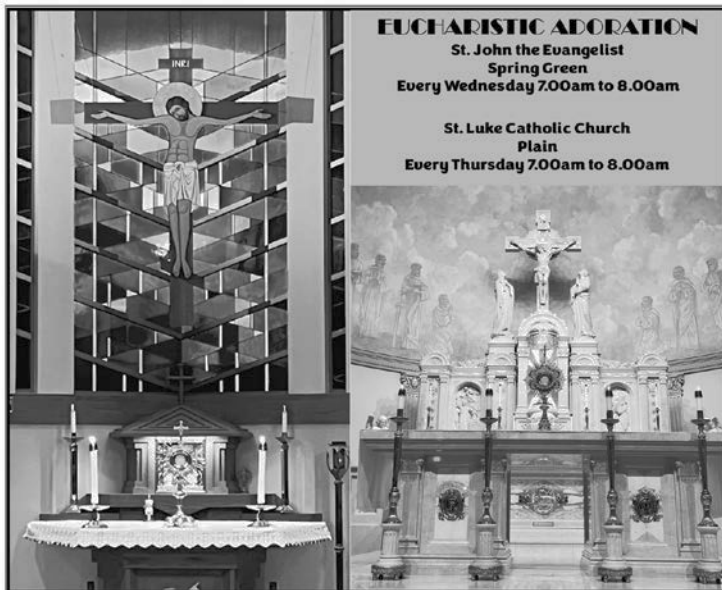
Dear Parishioners of Pastorate 6:

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.

May God Bless You!!

~ St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John the Evangelist  
Spring Green  
Every Wednesday 7.00am to 8.00am

St. Luke Catholic Church  
Plain  
Every Thursday 7.00am to 8.00am

**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.

### 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.



**Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue for January 11, 2024**

**The Catholic Herald is the place to read Bishop Donald J. Hying's latest reflections in his weekly "From the Bishop's Desk" column.**

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.



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!



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

**Combined Weekly Total: 166**  
**Running Grand Total: 9,016**

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

<b>St. John's (Week 27)</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Maint.</b>
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00
Dec 30/31 Actual	\$ 9,126.00	\$ 676.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 45.00
Difference:	+\$ 3,697.00	+\$ 144.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 213,975.00	\$ 15,579.00
YTD Total to Dec 31	\$ 173,364.00	\$ 6,723.00
Difference	-\$ 40,611.00	-\$ 8,856.00

**Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!**

To Parish .....5-8%  
To Diocese.....1%  
To Charities.....1-4%

*Would you prayerfully consider treating St. Luke/St. John Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?*

**Call Parish Office for details.**

<b>St. Luke's (Week 27)</b>	
Total Weekly Goal	\$ 7,405.00
Dec 30/31 Actual	\$ 17,757.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	+\$ 12,852.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 199,935.00
YTD Actual to Dec 31	\$ 180,824.00
Difference	-\$ 19,111.00

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

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# Saint John the Evangelist Parish

253 N. Washington Street  
P.O. Box 628  
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  
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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Parish Fax ..... 546-2616  
Parish Email..... heather.faber@pastorate6.org  
Website.....www.pastorate6.org  
Church Kitchen ..... 546-2800  
Pastoral Council President: Bruce Culver..... 544-5813  
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### ST. LUKE SCHOOL

School ..... 546-2963  
School Website..... <http://stlukes-plain.org>  
School Principal: Diane Mueller..... 546-2963

### ST. LUKE CEMETERY

Cemetery Sexton: Bob Schweiss..... Cell: 608-963-8163

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105 Church Street  
Lime Ridge, WI 53942

# Saint Patrick Loreto

58280 County Road G  
Plain, WI 53577

# Saint John the Baptist Mill Creek

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**MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am**

**MASS: Sunday 7:30am**

**MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am**

St. Patrick's and Our Lady of the Fields  
Shrine Cemetery Sexton: Doug Faber

(May-October)

### JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

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#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

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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.