

Saint John ^{the} Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 11, 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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe Ash Wednesday is happening this week. That sure snuck up on us this year! With an early date for Easter, the great season of Lent begins this week. We should all take a little extra time this week to prepare ourselves for this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday, we will have a morning Mass at St. John and a 10:45 Mass at St. Luke Church Hall. Our other celebrations will be liturgies of the word with ash distribution.

One of our opportunities to give alms comes with the Annual Catholic Appeal which supports ministries across the Diocese of Madison. What I try to do each year with the ACA is to increase the number of donors from our parish. The more donors we have, the better chance we have to meet our goal. Last year St. Luke had 103 donors to the ACA. St. John had 87. If you haven't given to the ACA in the past, please consider doing so this year. There are many offices at the diocese which support parish and school life that need our support.

One opportunity for prayer will be the Stations of the Cross which I will lead at St. John the Evangelist on Friday evenings at 5:00 PM. There are also our two upcoming retreats at St. Boniface. As regards to fasting, please recall that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. That means no meat and only one meal for those who are able. Every Friday of Lent is a day of abstinence (no meat). We give up meat as a small way to remind ourselves of the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation. Have a great Lent ~ and let us pray for a deep conversion for everyone in Pastorate Six!

God bless,
Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

Save the Date ~ Sunday, June 23rd, will be the Annual Mass at St. John the Baptist in Mill Creek. Bishop Hying will be the celebrant.

I want to thank all those who helped out with the **St. Luke Fish Fry** this past week and for those who came to eat. I really enjoy seeing the crowd and getting a chance to interact with the crowd and our youth who are very generous in bussing tables and doing dishes. This time I actually ate all the food--wow it was really good!

Work at **St. Luke Church** is progressing along. This next week the Terrazzo company will come to patch the floor. Thank you St. Luke parishioners for your generosity in attending St. Pat's or St. John's in this interim period. You have given up your Church for Lent!

Extra time for Confessions during Lent: Saturdays 2:45-3:45 p.m. at St. John.

Embrace the Brrrrrr! Stations of The Cross will be read at Saint John the Baptist Church of Mill Creek Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 8:00, during Lent starting February 21st and going thru March 27th. Guides for the readings will be available. Church is unheated - bundle up! Call or text Adam at 608-636-3938 to check weather cancellations. Address is 6494 County Road H, Arena.



TIME FOR GOD

— LENTEN RETREATS —

LOCATION : ST BONIFACE CHURCH, LIME RIDGE

WITH FR. LUKE SYSE

Women's Retreat

FEB 17 - 8:30am - 2:00pm

Men's Retreat

FEB 24 - 8:30am - 2:00pm

COST : \$15 INCLUDES LUNCH & BOOK,
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WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

- Tues: Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
- Wed: Ash Wednesday ~
Men's Group Meet at St. John, 5:30 AM
Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM
NO Prink the Word at St. John
- Thurs: Education Commission Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM
Finance Council Meeting at St. John, 6:30 PM
- Fri: Stations of the Cross at St. John, 5:00 PM
- Sat: Time for God Lenten Retreat for Women at St. Boniface, Lime Ridge, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
- Sat/Sun: St. John's Bake Sale

- ✚ Ash Wednesday, February 14
- ✚ Time for God Lenten Retreat for Women, February 17
- ✚ Time for God Lenten Retreat for Men, February 24
- ✚ St. Luke Gala at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort, March 16

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

St. John's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
Howard Murphy



St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of
John F. Dischler



A heartfelt THANK YOU to Father Luke, Father Kumud and the faith community for all the prayers, thoughts, messages and cards you sent me during my cancer journey. Your unwavering support is appreciated more than I can ever express! God Bless You All! ~ Sheryl Muller ~



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Sister Jean Ferstl, Dave Dischler, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Lexi Norton, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi Anliker.
Those who have died: Phyllis Feiner

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024
8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for George, Bertilla, Rudy and Robert Bergman †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 ~ *Ash Wednesday*
7:00 AM Ash Distribution Service at St. Luke Church Hall
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Fr. Laverne Meier †
6:00 PM Ash Distribution Service at St. John
6:00 PM Ash Distribution Service at St. Pat

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Athleen Haas †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 ~ *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*
4:00 PM Mass at St. John for Ralph & Anne Marie Ruhland †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Bill Brown †
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †
10:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Pastorate 6

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

WED., FEB 14	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	SAT., FEB 17	4:00 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Robert Baird	Sacristan	Robert Baird
Lector	Phil Limmex	Lector	Donna Slaney
EM	Robert Baird	EM	Al Brey
Ushers	Robert Baird Rita Brey OPEN	Ushers	Pat Slaney OPEN OPEN
Servers	Duke Stroud Finnlee Hunter	Servers	OPEN OPEN

SUN., FEB 18	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:30 AM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Mary Lynn Johnson	Marty Gates
Lector	Doug Faber	Nancy Maxwell	Ann Nelson
EM		Nancy Maxwell	Bob Gates
Ushers	Jeff Scallon Jed Scallon	Jeff Johnson Tom Slaney Keith Maxwell OPEN	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl Karl Nelson OPEN
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If you have any Mass intentions that you would like Fr. Kumud to say while he is in India, please call either parish office. We will relay the intentions to Fr. Kumud!!

~MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR COFFEE & DONUTS~
February 18th after BOTH Masses at St. John
February 25th after 7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick

READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

ST. LUKE FISH FRY NEWS

THANKS TO EVERYONE who worked or came to eat at our fish fry last Friday. We served 801!!

Circles 3, 4, 7 & 9 are scheduled to work for the March 1, 2024 fish fry. Please visit www.pastorate6.org and click on the "Fish Fry Sign Up to Volunteer" tab under "News."



2024 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal

The theme for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison is **"We are One Body in Christ."** Taken from Paul's letter to the Romans 12:5, this simple phrase expresses our solidarity with Our Lord and with one another, united in both faith and mission.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports the many programs, resources and services that the Diocese sponsors, offering hope, help and healing in countless ways. The Lord wants us to know the Eucharist as the source and summit of our unity in Him and as the flowing source of the graces we need to embrace the challenges we face.

This year we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge, payable over six months. Your gift will help enable our parish and the diocese to reach its goal and provide to the ministries supported by the appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 14: Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30 AM

FEBRUARY 16: No School (Teacher In-Service)

FEBRUARY 21: Home & School Meeting

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.



HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Our next Home & School meeting is February 21 at 6:30 PM in the Spanish room at school. We would love some volunteers to help plan Funfest and all your great ideas for creative fundraising this year. If you have never attended a Home & School meeting now is the perfect time. We hope to see you there!

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.



First Communion Date Changes:

Because of the pew project at St. Luke's, we are changing the original First Communion schedule to ensure that the church is ready for it. First Communion at St. John's will now be on Sunday, April 28th, at 10:30 AM.

First Communion at St. Luke's will be on Sunday, May 5th, at 10:00 AM.



St. John's will have a bake sale on February 17th and 18th. Those who have last names that begin with L-Z are asked to donate baked goods or give a monetary donation. Thank you for your generosity!



"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 9-10 in Wisconsin or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL or May 4-5 in Muskego, WI. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 14: Ash Wednesday; School Mass; Home & School Meeting

FEBRUARY 15: Preschool Open House

FEBRUARY 16: No School ~ Teacher In-Service



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. Families will meet the teachers, explore the classrooms, and learn about our programs. For more information or to RSVP, call the school office at 608-546-2963 or email:

diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com.



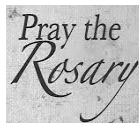
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ~ St. Luke's Seventh Annual Gala is Saturday, March 16 at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort in Spring Green. This year's Gala will feature good food, music, emcee Meg Aspinwall, exciting live auction package deals, and silent auction including items made by students. Tickets can be purchased online at www.biddingforgood.com/stlukecc. Call the school office for more information, 608-546-2963.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ~ St. Luke School's next Home & School Association Meeting is Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM in the teacher's lounge. All parents are part of Home & School. If you have not attended a meeting, it is not too late to join other parents in planning school activities and events.

WE HAVE IT! St. Luke School has a faith-filled and nurturing environment that provides spiritual, academic, and social growth for its students. Call the school office, 546-2963, or email Mrs. Mueller at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to set up a time to tour the school. If you know anyone else that may be interested in enrolling their child, please have them contact the school office or email Mrs. Mueller.

STUDENTS REFERRAL PROGRAM ~ St. Luke school families can receive a \$100 tuition credit or 5 volunteer hours for each new student that is referred to, enrolls and attends St. Luke School. If you refer a family that enrolls two students you will receive a \$200 credit or 10 volunteer hours, three students receive a \$300 credit or 15 volunteer hours, etc. If you know anyone who would like a personal tour, please call the school office at 546-2963 to make an appointment.

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 new website at www.stlukes-plain.org.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 182
Running Grand Total: 9,840

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

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED

~ *Next Religious Ed Class* ~
**MS/HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke, 6:45 pm on
 Wednesday, February 21st**

SVDP RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE



SVDP "Souper Bowl" Luncheon

Join us for the 2nd Annual SVDP FREE Souper Bowl Luncheon this Sunday, February 11th, in St. John's Hall following the 10:30 AM Mass. A variety of homemade soups will be served with cheese, crackers, desserts, and beverages.

The free luncheon is a "Thank You" in appreciation for your generous contributions and donations this past year to St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference.

Please come and enjoy your favorite soup with friends and neighbors. No donations necessary! Your Vincentians are cooking! Soups on!

~Thank you!~

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???



St. John's Fall Dinner Quilt Making ~ It is that fun, creative time of year again! Work will begin on St. John's Fall Quilt on Saturday, February 17th starting at 9:00 AM in the parish center. We need cutters, pressers, sewers, runners, and more. Lunch will be potluck. Feel free to bring a dish to share. The second work session is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th at 9:00 AM. Remember, many hands make for light work as we make this beautiful quilt come to life. For more information please call Linda Thering at 588-7088; Marsha Grant at 588-2730; Jan Spredemann at 588-3660; or Arlene Peterson at 588-0268.

Fish Fry at St. Joseph parish, Baraboo. Friday, February 16, serving from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Buffet Style Dine-In or Carry-Out.

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.

Mass Schedule Changes

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

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: 8:30 AM at St. John
 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

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 Issue for February 15, 2024**

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 special Lenten events and parish fish fries all
 across the diocese.**

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 32)	Church	Maint.	Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!	St. Luke's (Week 32)
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00	To Parish5-8%	Total Weekly Goal
Feb 3/4 Actual	\$ 4,309.00	\$ 155.00	To Diocese.....1%	Feb 3/4 Actual
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00	To Charities.....1-4%	ACH Weekly Average
Difference:	-\$ 1,120.00	-\$ 370.00		Difference:
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 253,600.00	\$ 18,464.00	<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
YTD Total to Feb 4	\$ 200,976.00	\$ 8,059.00	<i>Call Parish Office for details.</i>	YTD Actual to Feb 4
Difference	-\$ 52,624.00	-\$ 10,405.00		Difference
				*This now includes weekly envelopes and weekly offertory basket collection!!

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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

Rectory/Parish Office..... 546-2482
Parish Fax 546-2616
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Website.....www.pastorate6.org
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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
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58280 County Road G
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6494 County Highway H
Arena, WI 53503

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)

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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.