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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024

From the

Dear Friends in Christ.

Lent is a great time to simplify our lives and give more of our time and attention to God. What are you

giving up (or taking on) for Lent? We give up good things during Lent in order to choose the greater good which is God.

Praying the daily Rosary, attending daily Mass or praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays are great ways to draw near to Jesus. As our love for God increases through these devotions, it will spill over into the charity we show to our neighbors. We recall Jesus' words: "without me you can do nothing."

Lent is a good time to remember everyone is fighting a tough battle. We cannot take away anyone's battle from them, but we can introduce them to the great spiritual treasures of the Church. In the Church we encounter the love of Christ who carried our sorrows and pains unto the sacrifice of the Cross. Who can we invite to join us this Lent? We could invite them to confession, to mass, to prayer... Let us ask the Holy Spirit for good inspirations and strength of will to carry them out during this holy season!

Best,

Fr. Luke

Other notes:

This past week I attended the St. Francis De Sales seminary basketball tournament. Over 350 seminarians from across the US were there. It was a great reminder to pray for holy vocations to the priesthood. On June 9th Deacons David Drefcinski and Anthony Kersting will be ordained for the Diocese of Madison.

During Lent, Confessions will be available 30 minutes before every scheduled Mass at St. John and St. Pat and from 2:45 to 3:45 pm on Saturdays at St. John.

Please join us if you can for this year's Lenten Music Meditation series. Each Wednesday in Lent, a small music program of 20-30 minutes will be offered at St. John starting at 1:00 PM. These programs are free and open to the public, and are a great opportunity to pray, meditate, or just listen. The only request is that there be no applause. This year's schedule is:

February 21 - Piano

February 28 - Brass Trio

March 6 - Horn Duet & Piano

March 13 - Organ

March 20 - Trumpet & Piano/Organ



WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

Sun: Coffee & Donuts after both Masses at St. John

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

Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist

of Mill Creek, 5:30 PM

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

Thurs: Finance Council Meeting at St. Luke, 5:30 PM
Fri: Stations of the Cross at St. John, 5:00 PM
Sat: Time for God Lenten Retreat for Men at

St. Boniface, Lime Ridge, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Sun: Coffee & Donuts after St. Patrick Mass HS Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:00 PM

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 Norm & Louise Kraemer



St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Harry, Anita, and Larry Frank

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10



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: Richard Aron & Judy Berg

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

8:30 AM NO Mass at St. John

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Adam Hausner †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 ~ St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Dixie Schweiss †

10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Harry, Anita and Larry Frank †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 ~ The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 ~ St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martvr

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

4:00 PM Mass at St. John for Grace Barton †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for The People of Pastorate 6

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Monica Radel †

10:30 AM Mass at St. John for Alice Caldwell †



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!!



Lenten Inspiration From The Saints "Fasting and almsgiving are 'the two wings of prayer' which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach even to God."

~ St. Augustine ~

ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER ~ QUILT



St. John's Fall Dinner Quilt Making ~ It is that fun, creative time of year again! We will continue to work on the St. John's Fall Quilt on Saturday, March 9th 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. 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.

ST. LUKE FISH FRY NEWS

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."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., FEB 24	4:00 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Donna Slaney
Lector	Diane Baryenbruch
EM	Diane Baryenbruch
Ushers	Pat Slaney Robert Baird OPEN
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SUN., FEB 25	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:30 AM ST. JOHN
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EM		Dave Mack	Rita Brey
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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 21: Home & School Meeting **MARCH 20:** Spring Program 1:30 & 6:30 PM

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. 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 SPRING PROGRAM ~ St. Luke School's Spring Program is on Spring Green, WI.



Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue for February 22, 2024

Each week the Catholic Herald includes coverage of local, regional, national, and international news related to Catholic people, places, and things.

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 eedition in your home, contact your parish office.



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!



As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to encounter make our marriage even better? Enrich your marriage by taking part in a 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 21: School Mass: Gala Meeting

FEBRUARY 28: School Mass



GENEROUSITY EXTENDED ~ St.

Luke School received a donation from the Fred Lins Charitable Fund to be used! for the purchase of new front doors to the school. The front main doors are in! need of being replaced and thanks to this

contribution we are able to order and replace them. We are grateful for this generous donation. Thank you!



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ~ St. Luke's Seventh Annual Download the RaiseRight App and use the following enrollment Gala, "Love Grows Here" is Saturday, March 16 at the Wisconsin code: 2C6D489B5374. You can directly link your bank account Riverside Resort in Spring Green. This year's Gala will feature information and use e-cards when checking out at a wide variety i good food, music, emcee Meg Aspinwall, exciting live auction of stores. It is quick and simple and really makes a difference for package deals, and silent auction including items made by students. our school if you can remember to use this on a regular basis. If Tickets can be purchased online at www.biddingforgood.com/ you have any questions, call the school or stop by the office and 1 stlukecc. Amazing auction items can be seen on the Bidding for Good website starting March 1st ~ things like golf outings, coffee and beer baskets, Fiskars gardening basket, and Charlie Behrens tickets. Call the school office for more information, 608-546-2963.

by liking our Facebook page - St. John the Evangelist School Monday, March 18. There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30 PM and an evening performance at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a great concert.

> 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: 229 Running Grand Total: 10,069

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



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> A Rachel's Vineyard retreat testimony

Our next retreat is March 15-17

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

Together Encountering Christ Retreat 192 coming to St. Mary's Bloomington

Friday, March 22 ~ Sunday, March 24, 2024
The Retreat is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Our
Shepherd Bishop Donald J. Hying has also centered his 'Go Make
Disciples' initiative on that same theme. This Lenten retreat is
especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy
Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart
who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in
our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a 'shout out'
to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would
like to help out. Jeff Jackson, the lay Director, can be reached at
608-778-6027 or jefljackson@gmail.com. More information can be
found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or call Marie Lins at the OEC
at 608-821-3135.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

St. Joseph's CCW Euchre Card Parties will be on Sunday, February 18th, 2024 at 1:00 PM and Sunday, March 17th, 2024 at 1:00 PM located in the St. Joseph's School Gym, 310 Second St., Baraboo. \$3.00 admission with snacks available. Doors open at 12:30 PM.

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.

PERSONAL LENTEN PLAN

Prayerfully consider the ways you would like to grow closer to Christ this Lent. Then, commit yourself to some specific, attainable actions that you will take beginning on Ash Wednesday. The first three sections below focus on our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almagiving. The last three sections offer additional ways you can ramp up your Lenten journey. Print out and save this page so that you can refer back to it throughout Lent.



PRAYER

During Lent, I will add the following to my daily prayer life:

Idea starters: Set list of morning prayers, Rosary, 15-minutes of silence for prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, prayers of gratitude at bedtime, Stations of the Cross



FASTING

During Lent, in addition to the fasting and abstinence prescribed by the Church, I will also give up the following:

Idea starters: Dessert, coffee, alcahol, social media, TV, radio in the car, unnecessary shopping, dining out, watching sports, complaining, eating between meals



ALMSGIVING/SERVING

During Lent, I commit to the following activities related to serving others and evangelizing:

ldea starters: Proying with your family, volunteering at church, giving to a local charity, starting a small faith group, inviting a friend to Mass, being more loving/Christ-like to a person close to you



EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

During Lent, I will commit to growing closer to Christ in the Eucharist by

Idea starters: Going to Eucharistic Adoration, going to daily Mass, learning more about the teachings on the Eucharist, reading a book about the Eucharist such as "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn



REPENTANCE

During Lent, I will make the following commitment to conversion and Confession:

Idea starters: Nightly examination of conscience, daily examen, commitment to attend confession on a regular schedule, prayer and reflection on the sins you struggle with the most



SPIRITUAL READING

During Lent, I will make the following spiritual reading commitment:

Idea starters: Daily Mass readings, a spiritual classic by a saint, a daily devational, one book of the Bible, a paragraph of the Catechism a day, life of a saint each day, etc.

Visit MadisonDiocese.org/lenthelp for a variety of Lenten resources.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 33)		Church		Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$	7,925.00	\$	577.00
Feb 10/11 Actual	\$	2,930.00	\$	395.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,496.00	\$	52.00
Difference:	-\$	2,499.00	-\$	130.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$	261,525.00	\$	19,041.00
YTD Total to Feb 11	\$	206,402.00	\$	8,506.00
Difference	-\$	55,123.00	-\$	10,535.00

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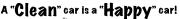
Would you prayerfully consider treating St. Luke/St. John Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?

Call Parish Office for details.

St. Luke's (Week 33)		
Total Weekly Goal	\$	7,405.00
Feb 10/11 Actual	\$	3,892.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,500.00
Difference:	-\$	1,013.00
Total Goal YTD	\$	244,365.00
YTD Actual to Feb 11	\$	220,880.00
Difference	- \$	23,485.00
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ST. LUKE SCHOOL

School	546-2963
School Website	http://stlukes-plain.org
School Principal: Diane	Mueller546-2963

ST. LUKE CEMETERY

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

Saint

105 Church Street Lime Ridge, WI 53942 Saint Patrick Loreto

S8280 County Road G Plain, WI 53577

Saint John the

6494 County Highway H Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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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

Michael Davidson 588-2028 / 546-2482

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.