

Saint John ^{the} Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

The second week of Lent sets before us a scripture reading which will come up again at the Easter Vigil: The story of Abraham and Isaac. This is a signal to us that Lent is a season of preparation for Holy Week, culminating in the great Vigil ("The Mother of all Vigils") on Holy Saturday night. When we are struggling with our Lenten resolutions, we do well to think of praying and singing at the Easter Vigil! Our fasting, prayer and almsgiving will make enjoyable the banquet of Easter.

In the story of Abraham and Isaac scholars have noted that Isaac is the one who carries the heavier load up the hill, the wood for the sacrifice. This means Isaac is not a weak boy but rather fully capable of resisting the sacrifice that his Father is asked to make. Isaac, the beloved Son, is a foreshadowing of Jesus, the beloved only-begotten Son of the Father. They are both willing participants in their own sacrifice. Jesus is clear in the Gospel of John that he is the one that lays down his own life (see John 10:17-18).

Sacrifice is the engine which drives goodness forward in this world. Or, as Pope Benedict once said, "The World runs off sacrifice." May the Lord grant us the ability to sacrifice ourselves, to never feel like the victim and find joy in being chosen by God to offer sacrifices both small and large.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

Please be sure to get your tickets for the St. Luke's gala on March 16th! I look forward to having a fun evening at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. Tickets are available on our website pastorate6.org, just scroll to the bottom of the home page.

Fr. Kumud has received his birth certificate after a month of struggling with the various governmental agencies in India. He is tired but happy! I look forward to his return in the middle of March. I am grateful to Fr. Mike Resop and Fr. Gary Wankerl for their help in his absence.

Pledges are being accepted for the St. John's Church Sound System. You may send me an email or drop a note off in the parish office box. For details on the project please see the 6 month financial update sent out to SJE parishioners. Thank you to those who have already made pledges!

Save the Date: A walking pilgrimage is being planned for June 21-23 from Lime Ridge to Mill Creek. The 34-mile hike will include stops at each of our Churches and Shrines. It will finish with the annual Mass at Mill Creek on June 23rd. There will be opportunities to walk with me for a few miles at a time and to submit prayer requests.

WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

- Sun: Coffee & Donuts after St. Patrick's 7:30 AM Mass
HS Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:00 PM
- Tues: Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
Transition Team meeting at St. Patrick, 6:30 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
Lenten Music Meditation at St. John, 1:00 PM
Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist of Mill Creek, 5:30 PM
- Fri: First Friday Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM
Stations of the Cross at St. John, 5:00 PM
St. Luke Fish Fry, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Sat: Adoration at St. Boniface, 8:00 AM
First Saturday Mass at St. Boniface, 9:00 AM
Lenten Confession/Reconciliation at St. John, 2:45 PM
- Sun: Family of Faith Sunday for Families of 5K - 5th grade children ~ Mass at 8:30 AM
~ Class at 9:30 AM

- ✠ St. Luke Fish Fry, March 1
- ✠ St. Luke Gala at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort, March 16
- ✠ St. John's School 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, March 24

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



**St. Luke's
Sanctuary Lamp**

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Edward & Gisela
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PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR
PASTORATE 6**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 ~ *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*
8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for the Poor Souls †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John In Thanksgiving
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Frank Liegel †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024
9:00 AM Mass at St. Boniface for Geraldine & Walter Powell †
4:00 PM Mass at St. John for the People of Pastorate 6

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for William & Jeannine Walsh †
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Paul Ruhland †
10:30 AM Mass at St. John for Ralph Frank †

**READINGS FOR THE
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

*Lenten
Inspiration
From The
Saints*

“Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy {almsgiving} is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them...So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy.” ~St. Peter Chrysologus ~

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., MAR 2	4:00 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	OPEN
Lector	Diane Baryenbruch
EM	Donna Ochsner
Ushers	Donna Ochsner Rita Brey Gary Nachreiner
Servers	OPEN OPEN

SUN., MAR 3	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:30 AM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Joanne Finn	N/A
Lector	Marty McCluskey	Dan Joyce	Andy Sgrignoli
EM		Sara Shackleton	Dave Mack
Ushers	Jeff Scallon Jed Scallon	Tom Bennett Tom Slaney Ron Bauer OPEN	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl OPEN OPEN
Greeter		Douglas Schmitz	
Servers	Caleb Klingaman Isaac Faber	Charles McCall Finnlee Hunter	Jack Nelson Oliver Bell

**Lenten Music
Meditations**

Live Music
Wednesdays in Lent
1-1:30PM
St. John Catholic Church
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February 21 (Piano)
February 28 (Brass Trio)
March 6 (Horn Duet with Piano)
March 13 (Organ)
March 20 (Trumpet and Piano/Organ)

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 13 & 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences
MARCH 20: Spring Program 1:30 & 6:30 PM
MARCH 25-APRIL 1: No School...Spring Break

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.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ~ On March 13th and 14th, parents and teachers will be participating in requested conferences. Forms were sent home regarding times for requested conferences.

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.

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

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 28: School Mass
FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1: Principals' Retreat
MARCH 6: School Mass



THANK YOU to everyone who attended our preschool open house. A special thank you to Ms. Jodie Cordts, Mrs. Pam Liegel and Sherry Anderson for attending the event and representing St. Luke's Preschool Program.



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ~ St. Luke's Seventh Annual Gala, "Love Grows Here" 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. 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.

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

STUDENT 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.



THANK YOU to all of you who helped make the February Bake Sale at St. John's a success! Through your generosity, \$431.00 was the profit for this bake sale. The next bake sale will be on March 16/17 before and after the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass and the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass. Those with last names beginning with A-K are asked to donate.



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.



"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and God on 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.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 202
Running Grand Total: 10,271

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

~ Next Religious Ed Class ~
HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke
6:00 PM on Sunday, February 25th



~CCW BAKE SALE AT ST. LUKE FISH FRY~

There has been a **CHANGE** in plans for the Fish Fry Bake Sale. Proceeds from the **March 1st** bake sale will go to the St. Luke CCW!!!

The members of our CCW are asked to bring baked goodies/items or a \$10 donation for the Bake Sale scheduled for March 1st!!

Another reminder to St. Luke CCW members, your bars and \$10 cash donations are very instrumental in helping make our fish fries successful. Please bring your bars to the church basement before Friday at 2:00 PM if possible. **THANK YOU!!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast will be held at St. Aloysius school gym at 608 Oak Street in Sauk City on Sunday, March 3rd from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Sponsored by the KC's Blackhawk Council 3099, this event helps raise funds for various charity projects throughout the year. Griddle pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, sausage links, applesauce and fruit with beverage is on the menu. \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children under age 6.

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.

St. Joseph's (Baraboo) CCW PI DAY/PIE SALE will be held on Saturday, March 16th, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. For math lovers, Pi Day is March 14th and is a constant value used in math that represents the ratio of a circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is just about 3.14. In honor of Pi Day, we are holding this PIE sale!

St. Joseph's CCW Euchre Card Parties will be on 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.

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 almsgiving. 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: <i>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</i>
	FASTING During Lent, in addition to the fasting and abstinence prescribed by the Church, I will also give up the following: <i>Idea starters: Dessert, coffee, alcohol, social media, TV, radio in the car, unnecessary shopping, dining out, watching sports, complaining, eating between meals</i>
	ALMSGIVING/SERVING During Lent, I commit to the following activities related to serving others and evangelizing: <i>Idea starters: Praying 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</i>
	EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION During Lent, I will commit to growing closer to Christ in the Eucharist by: <i>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</i>
	REPENTANCE During Lent, I will make the following commitment to conversion and Confession: <i>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</i>
	SPIRITUAL READING During Lent, I will make the following spiritual reading commitment: <i>Idea starters: Daily Mass readings, a spiritual classic by a saint, a daily devotional, one book of the Bible, a paragraph of the Catechism a day, life of a saint each day, etc.</i>

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

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 jeffjackson@gmail.com. More information can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or call Marie Lins at the OEC at 608-821-3135.

Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue for February 29, 2024
This week's issue 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Maint.</u>
St. John's (Week 34)		
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00
Feb 17/18 Actual	\$ 4,954.00	\$ 210.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00
Difference:	-\$ 475.00	-\$ 315.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 269,450.00	\$ 19,618.00
YTD Total to Feb 18	\$ 213,852.00	\$ 8,768.00
Difference	-\$ 55,598.00	-\$ 10,850.00

Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!
 To Parish5-8%
 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.

St. Luke's (Week 34)		
Total Weekly Goal	\$	7,405.00
Feb 17/18 Actual	\$	2,835.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	<u>2,500.00</u>
Difference:	-\$	2,070.00
Total Goal YTD	\$	251,770.00
YTD Actual to Feb 18	\$	<u>226,215.00</u>
Difference	- \$	25,555.00

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

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

Rectory/Parish Office..... 546-2482
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
St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference.... 546-2482
Little Luke Daycare.....546-2963, ext. 316

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

Saint Boniface

105 Church Street
Lime Ridge, WI 53942

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

Saint Patrick Loreto

58280 County Road G
Plain, WI 53577

MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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

Saint John the Baptist Mill Creek

6494 County Highway H
Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

(May-October)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

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Michael Davidson
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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.