

Saint John ^{the} Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 10, 2024

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday, I took a short drive to visit the Cistercian Sisters of Valley of Our Lady Monastery at their new location in rural Iowa County near Ridgeway, Hollandale and Barneveld. My parents and other local parishioners had volunteered to move some boxes for them, so I decided to tag along. These sisters have lived just north of Sauk City since their arrival in 1946, the same year the Diocese of Madison was created. On March 8th they officially moved and began staying at their new and very beautiful monastery.

These sisters spend their life in quiet, contemplative prayer. They are the heartbeat of the Church. When I go to celebrate Mass for them, I never fail to leave a prayer request for them, written down and placed in a bowl near the exit. When I ask these sisters for prayer, I often think: there is nothing greater I could do to help someone today. If you need prayer, don't hesitate to send them a prayer request--they have a special place on their website for just that....and please keep the sisters in your prayers as they make the big move!

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

Floor work at St. Luke Church continues its progress. The polishing and refinishing of the terrazzo should be completed by Holy Week. Everything is still on time for an April 30th opening of St. Luke Church. Thank you for your continued patience...and the Lenten sacrifice of giving up this church! I have enjoyed seeing the full Masses at St. John and St. Patrick and the good fellowship we have enjoyed after those Masses.

On March 19th, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, one of my favorite celebrations of the year. Pope Francis, in his letter inaugurating the year of St. Joseph, wrote: "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person." Let us pray for all fathers and priests on March 19th!

We have a tentative schedule for our "first annual" Summer Pilgrimage, a 34-mile, 3-day spiritual journey (June 21-23). Sign ups and information on how to participate will be available in April.

- ✚ Departure on Friday, June 21st, in the afternoon from St. Boniface
- ✚ Friday PM: Walk to Our Lady of the Fields Shrine
- ✚ Friday PM: Family Camp Out at Shrine
- ✚ Saturday AM: Walk to St. Patrick, St. Anne, St. Luke
- ✚ Saturday PM: St. Luke's Parish Festival
- ✚ Sunday AM: Walk to St. John the Evangelist and finish at St. John the Baptist (Mill Creek!).
- ✚ Sunday 1:00 PM: Bishop's Mass at SJB Mill Creek

CCW NEWS: Are you interested in becoming a member of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women? Member benefits include: Life-long friendships with other like-minded women, sharing your Catholic faith with others, growing in spiritual development, assisting with various service projects throughout the diocese, and so much more! Please visit www.MDCCWQ.com or contact Deb Tafs at 608-588-0015 for more information!!

THANK YOU to all ladies who contributed to St. Luke's CCW Bake Sale at our last fish fry. We raised \$825.75. A special thanks to Ilene Feiner and Ann Ryan for working the bake sale!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

- Sun: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 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
Lenten Music Meditation at St. John, 1:00 PM
Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist of Mill Creek, 5:30 PM
- Thurs: KC Meeting at St. John, 7:00 PM
- Fri: Stations of the Cross at St. John, 5:00 PM
- Sat: Lenten Confession/Reconciliation at St. John, 2:45 PM
St. John's Bake Sale, 5:00 PM
St. Luke's Gala at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort, starting at 5:30 PM
- Sun: St. John's Bake Sale, 9:30 AM
St. Patrick's Day Breakfast at St. Pat's, after 7:30 AM Mass

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

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Bertilla Bergman †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for A Special Intention
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Wayne & Marci Faber †

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for A Special Intention

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024
4:00 PM Mass at St. John for Sarah Caldwell †

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for The People of Pastorate 6
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for the Wilbert Mueller Family †
10:30 AM Mass at St. John for Pat & Irene Walsh †

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Lenten Inspiration From The Saints

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you. ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ~

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SAT., MAR 16	4:00 PM ST. JOHN	
	Sacristan	Alice Bindl	
	Lector	Lynae Schott	
	EM	Lynae Schott	
	Ushers	Pat Slaney Gary Nachreiner OPEN	
	Servers	OPEN OPEN	
SUN., MAR 17	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:30 AM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Mary Lynn Johnson	N/A
Lector	Lenny Schaub	Howard Marklein	Jim Moody
EM		Diane Emerson	Sara Shackleton
Ushers	Jim Huebsch Joyce Huebsch	Jeff Johnson Steve Emerson OPEN OPEN	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl OPEN OPEN
Greeter		Douglas Schmitz	
Servers	Sammy Clary Isaac Faber	Finn Oppert Duke Stroud	Vincent and Eli Limmex

HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY

Lenten Music Meditations

Live Music
Wednesdays in Lent
1-1:30PM
St. John Catholic Church
Spring Green, WI

February 21 (Piano)
February 28 (Brass Trio)
March 6 (Horn Duet with Piano)
March 13 (Organ)
March 20 (Trumpet and Piano/Organ)

Mark your calendar to join us after the 7:30 AM Mass on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th for a Potluck Breakfast at St. Pat's. Come and find out who our Irish King or Queen will be???



Helping Christians in the Holy Land

In this season of almsgiving, why not consider helping the Christians in the Holy Land by donating to the Good Friday Collection? Through our generosity last year, Catholics across our country helped make an incredible difference in many lives by helping to create more than 1,500 jobs and rehabilitate over 100 homes for Christian families in the Holy Land. This year, as war continues in the many countries that make up the Holy Land, your help is needed more than ever! Will you help make a difference again this year with your donation to the Good Friday Collection?

Easter Flowers & Decorations
Donations are welcome for Easter Flowers and decorations at both parishes. Please use the envelope supplied with your weekly support envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

Cemetery News ~ A reminder that there will be cleanup at St. John and St. Luke cemeteries before Easter. We ask that you please have all flowers and decorations that you may wish to keep removed from the graves by Palm Sunday, March 24. Any items not removed WILL be thrown out. Thank you!!

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 13 & 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences
MARCH 20: Spring Program 1:30 & 6:30 PM
MARCH 24: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 Noon
MARCH 25-APRIL 1: No School...Spring Break

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.

SPRING PROGRAM ~ St. John's Spring Program will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM in the St. John's Parish Center. This is a great opportunity to see what our students have been learning in music class. You won't want to miss it!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S FUNFEST! Funfest this year will be on Friday evening, August 9th and all day Saturday, August 10th. We have exciting events planned for both children and adults. Funfest is the school's major fundraiser so plan on coming out to support our school!

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.

NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE! Visit our website at www.stjohns-springgreen.org for more information regarding our fantastic faculty, curriculum, special events, and enrollment. See for yourself all the GREAT things happening at St. John's School by liking our Facebook page - St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.



The next bake sale at St. John 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.



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald* Issue for March 14, 2024

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

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ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 13: School Mass; Reconciliation; Home & School Mtg
MARCH 18: NO Spring Program ~ Postponed until May 13th
MARCH 22: Stations of the Cross
MARCH 25-APRIL 1: Spring Break

TICKETS ARE 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 POSTPONED!! ~ Due to the construction in church, St. Luke School's Spring Program is postponed to Monday, May 13. There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30 PM and an evening performance at 6:30 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ Grades 5 and 6 will be leading us in Stations of the Cross in the church basement on Friday, March 22 at 1:15p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY to register for the 2024-2025 school year. We are accepting registrations in all grade levels, 3PK-8. St. Luke School offers:

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

Combined Weekly Total: 184
Running Grand Total: 10,647

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March 10
April 14
May 12

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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.

Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes for Dave! The strength you provide in your prayers is difficult to describe, but definitely easy to watch it happen!! God Bless!!
~ Dave & Alice Dischler

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???


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. Pat's Dinner and Celebration at Ss. Anthony & Philip Catholic Church, Highland. Sunday, March 17, serving from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Corned beef & cabbage, turkey & dressing and fixings. Euchre Tournament and Raffle!

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.

A Community Choir presents Pepper Choplin's Easter Cantata: "COME WALK WITH ME" Through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Saturday, March 30, at 2:00 PM at the Sauk Prairie River Arts Center. Not tickets required/free-will offering for 6:8's Poverty Alleviation Programming!

St. Luke's Parish RAFFLE ... If you would like to donate a prize to this year's raffle, please call Diane Kraemer at 546-2482 or send her an email at diane.kraemer@pastorate6.org. We will hold our raffle drawing on **Saturday, June 22; plans for a one-evening event at St. Luke Parish are in the works ... but we must get the raffle going ... deadline is Monday, March 11.**




The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through Wisconsin this June on its way to the National Eucharistic Congress. Make plans to join the pilgrimage as it enters into the National Eucharistic Congress. Make plans to join the pilgrimage as it enters into the Diocese of LaCrosse on Friday, June 7. For \$55 you can ride a deluxe motorcoach with other pilgrims from the Diocese of Madison from Holy Name Heights in Madison to downtown LaCrosse. We plan to join the procession as it travels through downtown LaCrosse to The LaCrosse Center for The Answer Eucharistic Rally. The rally will begin with Mass and feature speakers Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Josh Rosa, and Father Justin Kizewski along with music, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and more. For more info and registration go to www.madisondiocese.org/answer.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 36)	Church	Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00
Mar 2/3 Actual	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 245.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00
Difference:	-\$ 3,050.00	-\$ 280.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 285,300.00	\$ 20,772.00
YTD Total to Mar 3	\$ 223,084.00	\$ 9,163.00
Difference	-\$ 62,216.00	-\$ 11,609.00

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 36)	
Total Weekly Goal	\$ 7,405.00
Mar 2/3 Actual	\$ 4,611.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 294.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 266,580.00
YTD Actual to Mar 3	\$ 237,095.00
Difference	-\$ 29,485.00

*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

Saint Patrick Loreto

58280 County Road G
Plain, WI 53577

Saint John the Baptist Mill Creek

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)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

PASTOR: Fr. Luke Syse

546-2482 / 588-2028 / Cell: 636-4337
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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.