

# Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 17, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 17, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

We have a name! We are **Saints Joachim and Anne Pastorate**. I am happy Bishop Hying picked for us this name. Although our voting process put St. Anne at the top, Bishop explained to me that it is proper to have Joachim and Anne together as that is how the Church has celebrated these saints liturgically since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). July 26th is the feast of both Joachim and Anne ~ and that is now our feast day. Additionally, in 2021 Pope Francis, who has always spoken highly of Joachim and Anne, named the fourth Sunday of July as World Day for the Elderly and Grandparents. (Looking ahead in 2024, we will celebrate the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne on a Friday and the World Day for the Elderly and Grandparents on July 28th.)

Joachim and Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In their home and in the womb of Anne took place the great miracle of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Tradition holds that Joachim and Anne were of an older age when, frustrated by infertility, God gave them the great blessing of this special child. As they raised the Virgin Mary, how they must have seen her virtues and graces which prepared her to become the Mother of God.

May you and I love the Blessed Virgin Mary as much as Joachim and Anne!

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

- ✦ Our cover art is called The Meeting of Joachim and Anne at the Golden Gate (photo in public domain) by the well-known medieval painter Giotto. This painting is found in the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, Italy, a most famous chapel which was frescoed by Giotto in the year 1305.
- ✦ Thank you to the KC's and Michael Davidson for organizing the Card Party last week at St. John. It was a great time of fellowship!
- ✦ I will have some extra time for confession at St. John during Monday of Holy Week, March 25th. I will be in the confessional at St. John from 5:30PM to 7:00PM.

- ✦ Fr. Kumud returns on March 26th! If you are a night owl and willing to pick him up at the Madison Airport near midnight on 3/26, please let me know.
- ✦ Floor work continues at St. Luke Church. The sanctuary is complete and it looks very bright and new.
- ✦ Our Easter Vigil Mass will be on March 30th at 8:00 p.m. If you have never attended the Vigil Mass, it is a very beautiful and solemn celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, I hope you can join us!

### WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

- Sun: St. John's Bake Sale, 9:30 AM  
St. Patrick's Day Breakfast at St. Pat's, after 7:30 AM Mass
- Tues: St. John students lead Stations of the Cross, 10:30 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  
Lenten Music Meditation at St. John, 1:00 PM  
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: Education Commission Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM  
Finance Council Meeting at St. John, 6:30 PM
- Fri: St. Luke students lead Stations of the Cross, 1:15 PM  
Stations of the Cross at St. John, 5:00 PM
- Sat: Lenten Confession/Reconciliation at St. John, 2:45 PM
- Sun: Palm Sunday

- ✦ St. John's School 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, March 24
- ✦ St. Luke Fish Fry, April 5, 5:00 PM
- ✦ Trivia Night at St. John, April 13  
~ Food served at 5:00  
~ Premiere Trivia starts at 6:00 PM

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

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**In Memory of  
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### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE**

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 ~ *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 ~ *ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*  
8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John  
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Gertrude Hausner †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †  
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Ray Brey †

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Aaron Anderson †

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Reuben, Aurelia and Herb Kritz †

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 ~ *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*  
4:00 PM Mass at St. John for Lester Ruhland †

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 ~ *PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*  
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Richard E. Carver †  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Sts. Joachim & Anne Pastorate  
10:30 AM Mass at St. John for Diane Ederer †

**READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**Mark 11:1-10    Isaiah 50:4-7**  
**Philippians 2:6-11    Mark 14:1-15:47**



*Eighth Grace* will provide us with music this Palm Sunday at St. John's on Saturday at 4:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM!!

**Lenten Inspiration From The Saints**

“Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?”  
~ Ven. Fulton Sheen ~

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday, Mar. 23/24: Regular Weekend Mass Schedule  
Holy Thursday, March 28: 10:00 AM, Chrism Mass at St. Maria Goretti, Madison (all are welcome)  
7:00 PM, Joint Liturgy at St. John's  
Good Friday, March 29: 3:00 PM, Service at St. John's  
5:00 PM, Stations to St. Anne's Chapel  
Holy Saturday, March 30: 8:00 PM, Joint Liturgy at St. John's  
Easter Sunday, March 31: 7:30 AM, Easter Mass at St. Patrick's  
8:30 AM, Easter Mass at St. John's  
10:30 AM, Easter Mass at St. John's

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

	<b>SAT., MAR 23</b>	<b>4:00 PM ST. JOHN</b>	
	<b>Sacristan</b>	Donna Slaney	
	<b>Lector</b>	Phil Limmex	
	<b>EM</b>	Al Brey	
	<b>Ushers</b>	Rita Brey Pat Slaney OPEN	
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<b>SUN., MAR 24</b>	<b>7:30 AM ST. PATRICK</b>	<b>8:30 AM ST. JOHN</b>	<b>10:30 AM ST. JOHN</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	N/A
<b>Lector</b>	Jodie Schweitzer	Jan Joyce	Jackie Wolf
<b>EM</b>		Dan Joyce	Sara Shackleton
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kast Rory McCluskey	Tom Bennett Tom Slaney Ron Bauer OPEN	OPEN OPEN OPEN OPEN
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## ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

**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  
**APRIL 19:** No School ~ Teacher Professional Development

**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!



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**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!

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**ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER QUILT TEAM** ~ Thanks to the many ladies who helped make the 2024 Fall Dinner Quilt. With all their help cutting, sewing, squaring up, pressing, ripping out, and resewing, we were able to complete the front of the quilt in two sessions. Now on to the quilter and out for display for the raffle in the Fall.



Money was found in St. John's parking lot last weekend! If you may have lost it, please call St. John's Parish Office to claim it. 608-522-2028.



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## ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

**MARCH 18: NO Spring Program ~ Postponed until May 13th**  
**MARCH 22:** Stations of the Cross  
**MARCH 25-APRIL 1:** Spring Break

**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.

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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)

**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](http://www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC) or call Marie Lins at the OEC at 608-821-3135.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???**



Mark your calendar to join us after the 7:30 AM Mass **this Sunday**, March 17th, for a St. Patrick's Day Potluck Breakfast at St. Pat's.

Come and find out who our Irish King or Queen will be???

**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!

**Giant Spring Estate Sale** at Holy Cross St. Barnabas Parish, 410 Cramer St., Mazomanie, WI. Thursday, April 4th from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Friday, April 5th from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday, April 6th, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.



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](http://www.madisondiocese.org/answer).

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

<b>St. John's (Week 37)</b>			<b>Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!</b>			<b>St. Luke's (Week 37)</b>		
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Maint.</b>						
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00	To Parish .....	5-8%	Total Weekly Goal	\$	7,405.00	
Mar 9/10 Actual	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 260.00	To Diocese.....	1%	Mar 9/10 Actual	\$	2,235.00	
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00	To Charities.....	1-4%	ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,500.00	
Difference:	-\$ 3,357.00	-\$ 265.00			Difference:	-\$	2,670.00	
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 293,225.00	\$ 21,349.00	<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	\$	273,985.00
YTD Total to Mar 10	\$ 227,652.00	\$ 9,475.00	<i>Call Parish Office for details.</i>			YTD Actual to Mar 10	\$	241,830.00
Difference	-\$ 65,573.00	-\$ 11,874.00			Difference	- \$	32,155.00	

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

# Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

## 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  
[fr.luke.syse@pastorate6.org](mailto:fr.luke.syse@pastorate6.org)  
1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

#### PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Kumud Chandra Nayak

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[fr.kumud.nayak@pastorate6.org](mailto:fr.kumud.nayak@pastorate6.org)  
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#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Michael Davidson  
588-2028 / 546-2482  
[michaeldavidson84@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldavidson84@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:marie.lins@madisondiocese.org).