

Saint John ^{the} Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 3, 2024

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Saint Luke Parish

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Our first reading this week brings us back to the basics: The Ten Commandments. Known as the "Decalogue," these "ten words" were given to God's people as family rules. Every family has some rules, right? The very first commandment reminds us that God has delivered us from slavery--he has brought us into the freedom of living in his family--and, like any family, the commandments (or rules) are there to help us get along.

The catechism is clear that the commandments are "in second place." That might seem surprising--what could come first? Well, before the family has rules the family must first be established. So God's love comes first--the very fact of our creation and adoption into his family...and then the commandments are given as a way for us to respond to God's love. By keeping the commandments we remain free--we stay on the straight and narrow way to heaven.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

Thank you for supporting the ACA. If you haven't made a pledge or a donation yet, please do so at madisondiocese.org/aca.

Work is progressing along at St. Luke. The Wisconsin Terrazzo company has begun stripping the sealer off the floor and grinding it down to a nice polished finish. During this time, the Church will be tightly sealed. No one may leave or enter the Church except construction workers. Thank you!

Save the Date for the St. Luke's Parish Festival. This year it will be on Saturday evening, June 22nd, from 5:00 to 10:00 PM behind the Church in the grassy area. Live music, food and a raffle!

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 p.m.: Bishop's Mass at SJB Mill Creek

WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE SIX

- Sun: Family of Faith Sunday for Families of 5K - 5th grade children ~ Mass at 8:30 AM
~ Class at 9:30 AM
- 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
MS/HS Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM
- Thurs: SVDP Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM
- Fri: Stations of the Cross at St. John, 5:00 PM
- Sat: Lenten Confession/Reconciliation at St. John, 2:45 PM
- Sun: Daylight Savings Time Begins

- ✚ St. John's School Culver's Share Night, March 7
- ✚ 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. John's
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**In Memory of
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**St. Luke's
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**In Memory of
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 ~ *St. Casimir*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
8:30 AM **NO** Mass at St. John
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Duane & Lois Nachreiner †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Dixie Schweiss †
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 ~ *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024 ~ *St. John of God, Religious*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Merven Nelson †

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 ~ *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*
4:00 PM Mass at St. John for Harlan & Florence Sprecher †

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Kenneth Schutz †
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Bill & Virginia Hackl †
10:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Pastorate 6

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAR 9	4:00 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Donna Slaney
Lector	Lauri Meixelsperger
EM	Al Brey
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SUN., MAR 10	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:30 AM ST. JOHN
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Lector	Sheley Scallon	Jan Joyce	Ann Nelson
EM		Sara Shackleton	Dave Mack
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Servers	Jadyn Boland Evan Faber	Charles McCall Jacob Limmex	OPEN OPEN

Lenten Inspiration From The Saints

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”
~ Pope Francis ~

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.



“Helping Christians in the Holy Land”

When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans. The funds collected also helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land with your contribution to this year's Good Friday collection?

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work, came in to eat or picked up a carry out at the fish fry this weekend. It was great to see you all and YOU made this fish fry a huge success! See you next month!



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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.

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.




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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.



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**.



"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Fill your marriage with the living water. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage Sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on March 9-10 in Wisconsin, 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

MARCH 6: School Mass
MARCH 18: Spring Program; 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM



Wisconsin Riverside Resort
food & music + live & silent auction

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.

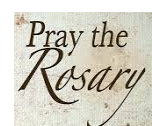
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STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM ~ St. Luke school families can receive a \$100 tuition credit or 5 volunteer hours for each new student that is referred to, enrolls and attends St. Luke School. If you refer a family that enrolls two students you will receive 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.



"Parish Rosary Program"
(All parishes of Pastorate 6)
Combined Weekly Total: 192
Running Grand Total: 10,463
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

MS/HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke
6:45 PM Wednesday, March 6th

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. Griddle pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, sausage links, applesauce and fruit cups 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) Fish Fry! Friday, March 8, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Buffet style dine-in or carry out!! 310 2nd Street, Baraboo.

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.

Lenten Music Meditations

Live Music
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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)

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 ... we'd like to have tickets printed by March 15.

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!!

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Maint.</u>
St. John's (Week 35)		
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00
Feb 24/25 Actual	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 46.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00
Difference:	-\$ 3,568.00	-\$ 479.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 277,375.00	\$ 20,195.00
YTD Total to Feb 25	\$ 218,209.00	\$ 8,866.00
Difference	-\$ 59,166.00	-\$ 11,329.00

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 35)	
Total Weekly Goal	\$ 7,405.00
Feb 24/25 Actual	\$ 1,269.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 3,636.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 259,175.00
YTD Actual to Feb 25	\$ 229,984.00
Difference	-\$ 29,191.00

*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
fr.luke.syse@pastorate6.org
1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Kumud Chandra Nayak

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MUSIC DIRECTOR

Michael Davidson
588-2028 / 546-2482
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.