

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

WEEKLY BULLETIN

APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ, the great Shepherd of us, his sheep, has Risen from the dead! Our opening prayer refers to Christ as the “brave” shepherd. In the Gospel Jesus says: “I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

With no concern for himself and total abandonment to his Father, the Lord Jesus has led us to the green pastures of his presence and love. On this Sunday it is customary to pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, those men who are called to imitate the brave shepherd.

Pope Francis has described the priesthood as “not a career but a service.” A career is something you can retire from, but a priest is a priest forever. Even our “retired” priests still serve us very faithfully.

Mother Theresa would warn priests never to lose their sense of the sacredness of their vocation. The priest should always be a man who thinks of heaven and how he will get his flock to follow Jesus. Please pray that Fr. Kumud and I will be generous and brave in serving our flocks! A shepherd is happiest when, united to Jesus, he lays down his life for his sheep.

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other notes:

- ✠ This year we in the Diocese of Madison will have three men ordained to the transitional diaconate and two men to the priesthood. I will be attending both ordinations and praying for the next priestly vocation from our parish!
- ✠ Please join us for our “May Crowning” devotions with the school kids: May 3rd at St. John (after Mass) and May 8th at St. Luke (before Mass). **May is Mary’s month!**

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat & Sun: St. John’s Bake Sale

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

Thurs: Finance Council Meeting at St. Luke, 5:30 PM
Long range school planning meeting at St. Luke, 6:30 PM

Sat: First Communion Practice at St. John, 9:00 AM

Sun: First Communion at St. John, 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ First Annual Summer Pilgrimage, June 21-23
- ✠ St. Luke Parish Festival/Raffle Drawing, June 22
- ✠ St. John’s Funfest, August 9 & 10

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass
St. John ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday
St. Patrick ~ 7:00 AM Sunday
St. Boniface ~ 8:30 AM First Saturday of the Month

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24
John: 15:1-8

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

St. Luke’s Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Duane & Gwen Kraemer’s
Wedding Anniversary



St. John’s Sanctuary Lamp
In Honor of
The Bill & Sue Meise Family

St. Pat’s Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Brian Ahlrichs



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Mary Gust, Darlene Murphy, Kelly Feiner, Jacob Emerson, Harvey Rieder, Bonnie Fingerhut, Sister Jean Ferstl, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Lexi Norton, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi Anliker.

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024
8:30 AM **NO Mass** at St. John

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Marlyn Heiser and Dianne Hemmersbach †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger †
10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Paul Ruhland †

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Phyllis Feiner †

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024
4:00 PM Mass at St. John for Marita Weidner †

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for the People of Sts. Joachim & Anne Pastorate
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Virginia Hackl †
10:30 AM Mass at St. John for our First Communicants

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., APR 27	8:30 AM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Donna Slaney
Lector	Jeanine Radel
EM	Diane Baryenbruch
Ushers	Rita Brey Pat Slaney Gary Nachreiner OPEN
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SUN., APR 28	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:30 AM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	N/A
Lector	Marty McCluskey	Howard Marklein	Jim Moody
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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Jesus and the EUCHARIST

Join us for a small group series




There will be a Confirmation Sponsor Retreat on Sunday, April 21st, after the 7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick Church.

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST STUDY CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 22

Draw closer to Jesus and His love and grace during the Easter season with this beautiful video study created by the National Eucharistic Revival. Take time to make new friendships with others in our pastorate as we seek to grow deeper in our faith! Contact Marie Lins at marielins@hotmail.com or 608-469-3982 with any questions.



Congratulations to Bill & Sue Meise on 50 years of marriage! May God's love continue to encircle you both and bless your lives together with golden memories!



Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL, May 4-5 in Muskego, WI, or August 3-4 in Wisconsin. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Pray the Rosary

"Parish Rosary Program"
(Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate)

Combined Weekly Total: 138
Running Grand Total: 11,729

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

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 28: First Communion Mass at 10:30 AM

MAY 10: Pastries for Parents

MAY 17: Lil Hawks Track & Field Day



SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER ~

In an effort to foster a lifelong relationship between alumni and our school, we sent out over 1,000 letters to parishioners and alumni to share the great things happening at St. John's. If you receive a letter in the mail for your child from us, please make sure they receive it and contact the school or parish office with his/her correct mailing address. If you believe you should have received the newsletter and did not, please let us know so we can get you on the list for future mailings. A successful alumni drive will help ensure our amazing St. John's School is around for years to come.



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ENROLLMENT UPDATE FOR 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

3K: At Capacity ~ Wait list

4K: Nearing Capacity ~ Few Remaining Openings

5K - 4th Grade: Limited Capacity

The word is out as to the great education children receive at St. John's School so it is important to **register early to guarantee your child a spot for next year!** Financial assistance is available.

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!

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!

Just a reminder that you can drop off your aluminum cans in the bin behind church. The amount we receive from the recycling center goes right into the school budget! It REALLY does make a difference!



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.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 24: School Mass; Gala follow-up meeting

APRIL 25: Bridge Building at UW-P for Grades 5-8

APRIL 29: Culver's Share Night

APRIL 30: Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip to Cave of the Mounds

MAY 2: Education Fair

MAY 13: Spring Program 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM



St. Luke School is looking for a kindergarten teacher and a second grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. If interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office at 546-2963.



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SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER PROGRAM

~ St. Luke School's school-age summer program will begin after Memorial Day and run through mid-August. If interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the summer program, please contact the school office at 608-546-2963 or email the principal, Mrs. Mueller at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com

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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Be sure to check out the St. John Bake Sale on April 20th & 21st ~ those whose last names begin with L-Z are asked to donate. Thank you.



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald* Issue for April 25, 2024

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~ Saint Vincent ~*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-River Valley Conference will be having our annual "SPRING CLEANING" Donation Drive on **Saturday APRIL 27th**. The SVDP truck will be located at St. John's Evangelical church parking lot from 8:30a.m. to Noon and at St. Luke's church parking lot from 1:00 to 3:00p.m. Please consider donating gently used clean clothing, household goods, furniture, etc. Household items need to be sellable, usable and in good condition and odor free. All small items need to be bagged or boxed and labeled. Please note that we cannot accept air conditioners, appliances, microwaves, computers or parts, TV's, pianos, tires, paint or chemicals or items with pet hair, mold, or mildew.

If you have large furniture to donate, please call Denny Olson 608-574-3422 (24 hours in advance) to arrange the pick-up. The items will need to be on the first floor, porch or in the garage before arrival.

Contact Joan (651-324-3068) or Rick Zahalka (715-415-1593) with questions.

Next Religious Ed Class MS/HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke, 6:45 PM Wednesday, May 1st.

ST. LUKE PEW INSTALLATION

We are nearing completion!! They are in the final stages of the pew and kneeler installation process.

We are so excited to reopen our doors the weekend of May 4th & 5th!! Check out the pictures taken this past week.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

Chicken BBQ Dinner ~ Drive thru only on April 21st, from 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM or until sold out, in Plain on Park View Ave. across from the tennis courts. Dinner includes half of a chicken, baked potato, beans, cookie, and roll. Cost is \$15 per dinner. You can also buy 50/50 Raffle tickets. All proceeds will go towards improvements for the Westbrook Hills Golf Course, Plain, WI.



The River Valley High School Class of 2024 **Baccalaureate ceremony** will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. All seniors who wish to participate are asked to wear their graduation gowns and be present at 6:40 PM. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the cafeteria to honor the seniors. All family members and friends of the seniors are invited to attend.



Baccalaureate Service



Spring Cleaning Day at St. John the Baptist/Mill Creek will be on April 27th, starting at 9:00 AM. Bring yourselves, your dust rags, brooms, vacuums, and paint brushes.

Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist/Mill Creek will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM.



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 in 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

<u>St. John's (Week 42)</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Maint.</u>
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00
Apr 13/14 Actual	\$ 4,673.00	\$ 210.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00
Difference:	-\$ 756.00	-\$ 315.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 332,850.00	\$ 24,234.00
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<u>St. Luke's (Week 42)</u>	
Total Weekly Goal	\$ 7,405.00
Apr 13/14 Actual	\$ 943.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 3,962.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 311,010.00
YTD Actual to Apr 14	\$ 266,587.00
Difference	-\$ 44,423.00

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

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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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.saintsja.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

PASTOR: Fr. Luke Syse

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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

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Deacon Tom Fogarty - 414-530-0868
tjohnf52480@gmail.com

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.