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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

This week we begin the season of Advent. We look to Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior as he comes to us in "history, mystery and glory." It is a penitential season--not as

intense as Lent, but, nonetheless, a time to give up some of our usual comforts. We do penance to free ourselves from our attachments and give God more space to work in our lives.

Advent is also a time to be reconciled to God and to one another. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available on Saturdays of December from 9:00-10 AM. at St. Luke's and 30 minutes before every Sunday mass and Daily mass. This week I have included in the bulletin an examination of conscience to help us prepare our confession...

I hope everyone has made it safely through our recent secular cycle of feasts: Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday (wait, there is one more: opening day of deer hunting!). Giving Tuesday is a great day to be generous towards those causes and institutions which have helped shape our lives.

Each week you will see in our bulletin that we have a budget deficit which is growing slowly as the weeks tick by. As we near the end of the year, please consider increasing your weekly giving so that we can continue to operate at a sustainable pace. If your giving is automatic and has not increased in recent years you may bring it up to pace just by giving our office a call. Diane, Heather or Barb will help you out! Thank you very much for your support.

best regards,

Fr. Luke Syse

Other Notes:

St. John's Fall Dinner was a great success! Thanks to all who worked so hard and to all who attended or bought carry outs. We raised \$13,691.

Fr. Luke Syse

Pastor, Pastorate Six of the Diocese of Madison Plain, Spring Green, Lime Ridge, Loreto & Mill Creek

UPCOMING EVENTS OF PASTORATE 6

- Advent by Candlelight, December 7
- St. Luke School's 7th Annual Gala, March 16, 2024

WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE 6

Sun: Family of Faith Sunday for Families of 5K-5th grade children at St. John

- ~ Mass at 8:30 AM
- ~ Class at 9:30 AM

Fr. Luke Class on Holy Eucharist at St. Luke

- ~ 5:00 PM Holy Hour
- ~ 6:00 PM Class

Tues: Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
Wed: Prink the Word at St. John, 9:15AM
St. Luke School Gala Meeting, 6:30 PM
MS/HS Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM

Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM SVDP Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM St. John School Culver's Share Night, 4:00 PM Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at St. Pat's, 7:30 PM

Fri: Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM

Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Luke, 6:00 PM

Sat: Confessions at St. Luke, 9:00 - 10:00 AM Sun: Fr. Luke Class on Holy Eucharist at St. Luke

~ 5:00 PM Holy Hour ~ 6:00 PM Class

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

St. John's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Joanne Bomkamp



St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp

> In Memory of Norm Liegel

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass St. Luke ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday St. John ~ 5:00 PM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday St. Patrick ~ 7:00 AM Sunday St. Boniface ~ 8:30 AM First Saturday of the Month



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Dale Mueller (husband of Diane Mueller), Monica Radel, Shelly Alt, Ken Kraemer, Tom Rieder, Michael Whitcomb, Rob Hare, Mickey Snyder, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Dave Schoenmann, Serene Zwettler, Lexi Norton, Kelly Feiner, Roger

& Mary Pascavis, John Johnson, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi Anliker.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 ~ *St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church* 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Arthur Denman †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Duane A. Meixelsperger † 5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Joseph Meister & Elizabeth Gruber Meister and Family †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 ~ St. Nicholas, Bishop 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Vincent & Bernadine

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10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for the Poor Souls †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 ~ St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger † 7:30 PM Vigil Mass at St. Pat's for Ann Greenheck †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Athleen Haas †

6:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for the People of Pastorate 6

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Vernon Bindl †

5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Phil Marklein †

DECEMBER 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent 7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Richard E. Carver †

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Pastorate 6

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Albert Schmitz †

A special "thank you" to all who donated to the St. Luke CCW holiday cookie and candy walk at Christkindlmarkt this year. We had a beautiful selection and a great turn out!

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DIOCESE OF MADISON

Sacred Music at the Oratory 2023-2024 Season

Sunday, December 3, 2023 Solemn Choral Vespers and Benediction (Diocesan Schola)

Sunday, December 17, 2023 A Service of Lessons and Carols featuring music of Handel, Carter, Nestor, Vaughan Williams, and Victoria

(Diocesan Choir and Chamber Orchestra)

Sunday, March 24, 2024 Solemn Choral Vespers for Palm Sunday featuring "Ad Manus" from Buxtehude's "Membra Jesu Nostri" (Diocesan Schola and Consort)

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Solemn Choral Vespers and Concert (Diocesan Choir)

All events are at 4:00 PM in Holy Name Oratory, Madison.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

THURS., DEC 8	7:30 PM ST. PAT	FRI., DEC 8
Sacristan	Rachel Brunner	Sacristan
Lector	Jodie Schweitzer	Lector
Ushers	Rod & Colleen Mueller	Ushers
Servers	Braysen Boland Rachel Brunner	Servers

FRI., DEC 8	6:00 PM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	OPEN
Lector	OPEN
Ushers	OPEN
Servers	OPEN

SAT., DEC 9	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Robert Baird
Lector	Lauri Meixelsperger	Karen Shelton
Ushers	Bill Bergman Dan Bindl Gary Mueller Donna Ochsner	Pat Slaney Donna Slaney
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., DEC 10	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Joanne Finn	Doreen Laack
Lector	Sheley Scallon	Dan Joyce	Jackie Wolf
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Ushers	Dan Brickl Cindy Brickl	Steve Emerson Todd Hogan	Ken Bindl Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske OPEN
Servers	Caleb Klingaman Jadyn Boland	Vincent Limmex Duke Stroud	Evan Faber Jacob Faber



RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2023

Next weekend! Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests

Please take advantage of this opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

November 20 - 26: Mary E. Kraemer, Buzz Jewell, Jason Steinberg, Will Maastricht, Steve Zick, Tom Meixelsperger, and Jenny Jones. All are \$50 Winners!

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 8: Immaculate Conception Mass @ St. John **DECEMBER 19:** Christmas Program, 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM **DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 2:** Christmas Vacation



JOHN THE **EVANGELIST** SCHOOL **ENDOWMENT** FUND ' "LIGHT THE FUTURE" TREE ~ St. John's School is having a "Light of the Future" tree to benefit the school's Endowment Fund. Lights for the tree may be purchased for \$2.00 each in remembrance of family and friends, living and deceased. Frequency is the tree will be set up in the church greeting in FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ St. Luke church to list names and return it with \$2.00 John students for a snack in the church hall.

per name to the school office or the collection basket at church. Please mark the envelope "St. John's School - Light of the Future BRIGHT LIGHTS ~ Reserve a light Tree."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ The students and Mrs. Voegeli Christmas trees surrounding the have been working hard on this year's Christmas Program. It will in Nativity scene in front of St. Luke Church during the holiday PM and 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 19th. Please keep in Luke School Endowment. Thank you for your continuous support! mind that the afternoon program will probably offer better seating with fewer people in attendance.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER ~

If you or a family member attended St. John's school and would like to share public achievements or awards received, celebrated a baptism, a marriage, the birth of a child, or a milestone wedding anniversary, please let us know! We would love to include a small picture along with a brief description to share with our community. Email Stroud: alumni Mrs. astroud@stjohnspringgreen.com. Thank you!



BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE WITH **SCRIP!** Are you starting to think Christmas? One of our local SCRIP retailers - Peck's Farm between Spring Green and Arena - will have Christmas trees for sale! If you're shopping for a

tree, remember to use SCRIP. Gift certificates are available in \$25, \$50, and \$75 amounts and can be used on anything offered at the market. St. John's School earns 5% profit through this program. Thank you to the Peck family for offering another opportunity to use SCRIP locally!

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



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at encounter midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. Don't wait - Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage

sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan 26-28 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Geneva IL; March 9-10 in Wisconsin or April 27-28, 2024 in Mundelein, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 3: Wreath Making and Porch Pot Making family activity

DECEMBER 6: School Mass: Gala Meeting

DECEMBER 8: Immaculate Conception Mass at St. John's **DECEMBER 18:** Christmas Program, 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM



Thank you Jason, Isaac and Evan Faber, Paul Wittmann, Seth Oliver and Fr. Luke for all your help in setting up the outdoor nativity scene. Thank you Seth Oliver for doing the lights in front of school.

area and will be lit on Christmas Eve. The students in grades K-8 will celebrate Mass with St. John's students deadline for turning in names is December 1 on Friday, December 8 to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate 20. Please find forms on the table in back of Conception. Students and teachers will stay after Mass and join St.

> for yourself or a special person, living or deceased, to shine bright on the



be performed this year in the church with performances at 1:30 season. Each light purchased is \$2.00 and will go toward the St.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ St. Luke School's Christmas program is on Monday, December 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 some wonderful music and hear the Christmas story as told by St. Luke School students.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ St. Luke School's Seventh Annual Gala will be held March 16, 2024 at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort.



THANK YOU! To all who donated on Giving Tuesday to the Diocese of Madison for Catholic Schools and for helping us take Market East located at 6444 US Highway 14 i first place. For winning, Bishop Hying will celebrate Mass with us and share pizza with students and staff!!!

> DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THROUGH THE **SCHOOL STORE** ~ You can support St. Luke School while shopping. Simply go to Schoolstore.com, enter our school name, St. Lukes Catholic School, and click the tab under the blue SchoolStore banner that says "Merchants". Choose the merchants that you would like to shop with either by category or alphabetically with the drop down bar on the left. Once you click the merchant, you will be redirected to that merchant's actual website. A portion of the money you spend will automatically be sent to St. Luke School. You need to go through the Schoolstore.com portal for St. Luke's to get credit. Happy Shopping!

> ST. LUKE CLOTHING SALE ~ St. Luke's Home & School Association is sponsoring an online clothing sale of St. Luke apparel and Little Luke apparel. Items may be ordered online and will be delivered to St. Luke's in time for Christmas. Orders are due by December 11. If you have any questions please call the school office. To place an order use the following link: https://stlukeplain.itemorder.com/

> 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 website at www.stlukes-plain.org.

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED

~ Next Religious Ed Class ~ MS/HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke, 6:45 pm on Wednesday, December 6th



St. John's will be decorating for Christmas after the 8:30 AM Mass on December 17th, 2023. Please join us in preparing the church for this most blessed time of year! Thank you.

Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue for December 7, 2023

Each week the *Catholic Herald* includes coverage of local, regional, national, and international news related to Catholic people, places, and things. 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.

Diocese of Madison Divorce Support Ministry

"Support and Guidance so you can live a vibrant life again!"

Starting in September, Women's groups will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month and Men's groups will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. In collaboration with Justin Bangert, a marriage and family therapist, they will be using the *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* book to answer many questions that arise upon this difficult time. Open to any divorced Catholic throughout the Diocese and you can join at anytime. Held at Holy Name Heights Community Room, 702 S. High Point Road, Madison from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Light refreshments will be served.

ST. PAT'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

THANK YOU to all who helped make our Harvest Supper a success! Thank you to those who worked so hard on Friday and Saturday to prepare the meal, to those who volunteered their time to help the night of the meal and also to those that attended and supported our supper this year.

Our Prize winners were:

1st Prize Quilt ~ Hailey McCluskey

2nd Prize \$500 ~ Doug Faber

3rd Prize \$250 ~ Fr. Sanctus Ibe

4th Prize \$250 ~ Steve Statz

5th Prize \$100 ~ Joyce Fichtel



Anyone who would like to sing with the adult choir on Christmas is welcome to join us for our Tuesday evening rehearsals from 6-7:30PM at St. John. We will be singing at the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Luke, and the 10am Mass at St. John on Christmas Day. If you would like to sing with us, but cannot attend the Tuesday rehearsals,

please contact the church office and our director will find a way to get the music to you, along with some means of learning your part at home.



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ST. VINCENT DePAUL River Valley Conference 3rd Annual Christmas Giving Tree

The 3rd Annual Christmas Giving Tree is an opportunity again to help River Valley area families and individuals in need have a Merrier Christmas. This year we'll be assisting 40 families between three parishes. Only a few

tags remain at St. John and St. Patrick. A reminder to return your wrapped gifts to your church no later than December 2nd & 3rd. Thank you and may God Bless you!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference is a non-profit organization serving Spring Green, Plain, Lone Rock, and Arena areas. The organization provides understanding and compassion to people living in poverty, struggling with unexpected life events, or are forgotten.

Contact Joan (651-324-3068) or Rich Zahalka (715-415-1593) for



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

Combined Weekly Total: 126 Running Grand Total: 8,243

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 22) Weekly Envelope Goal Nov 25/26 Actual ACH Weekly Average	\$ \$ \$	Church 7,925.00 2,625.00 2,496.00	\$ \$ \$	Maint. 577.00 46.00 45.00
Difference:	-\$	2804.00	-\$	486.00
Envelope Goal YTD YTD Total to Nov 26	\$ \$	174,350.00 127,381.00		12,694.00 4,757.00
Difference	-\$	46,969.00	-\$	7,937.00

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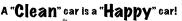
Would you prayerfully consider treating St. Luke/St. John Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?

Call Parish Office for details.

St. Luke's (Week 22)		
Total Weekly Goal	\$	7,405.00
Nov 26/26 Actual	\$	6,784.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,500.00
Difference:	+\$	1,879.00
Total Goal YTD	\$	162,910.00
YTD Actual to Nov 26	\$	125,246.00
Difference	- \$	37,664.00
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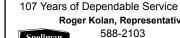
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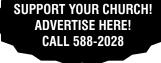
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Website	. www.stlukecatholicchurchplain.com
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Little Luke Daycare	546-2963, ext. 316

ST. LUKE SCHOOL

School	546-2963
School Website	http://stlukes-plain.org
School Principal: Dia	ne Mueller546-2963

ST. LUKE CEMETERY

Cemetery Sexton: Bob Schweiss....... Cell: 608-963-8163

Saint

105 Church Street Lime Ridge, WI 53942

Saint Patrick Loreto

S8280 County Road G Plain, WI 53577

Saint John the

6494 County Highway H Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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

(May-October)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

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Michael Davidson 588-2028 / 546-2482

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.