Saint John the Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Luke Parish

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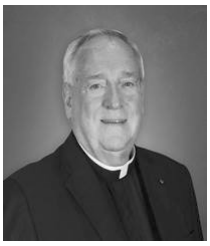
As Spring approaches, change is in the air. The new life that is promised with longer days, warmer temperatures, and the regress of winter seems to fit perfectly with the season of renewal that spiritually is taking place during Lent. That new life culminates with the Church's celebration of Easter. Easter Sunday is always the Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox on March 20th.

This year with the ***Into the Deep*** initiative, there is additional change that will be announced. On the weekend of March 4th and 5th, even though I'll be away from the parish, the finalized pastorates and the associated priest assignments relevant to each parish will be communicated at weekend Masses. On the afternoon of the 5th, the full list of pastorates and priest assignments diocese-wide will be published electronically (and hopefully linked via Flocknote). Know that I'll be joined with you in prayer (hopefully with my toes in a sandy beach) as these announcements are being made across the diocese.



This weekend we are blessed to be hosting Father John P. Fischer of Cross Catholic Outreach. This ministry was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Cross Catholic OUTREACH
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Fr. John Fischer, ordained as a member of the Comboni Missionaries on July 17, 1976, has worked in Comboni and Diocesan Missions in Kenya East Africa. As a Priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Fr. Fischer has served as Hospital Chaplain, Mission Director, Tribunal Judge and Pastor between 1989 and 2011. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to **CrossCatholic.org/outreach**, text BLESSINGS to 474747.

Our Mission

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Lent Regulations for Catholics:

- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent, including Good Friday.
- Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday and are under 59 years of age are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Fasts: only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Fr. Garrett

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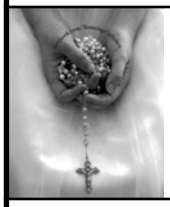

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023
No Mass at either parish
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
5:15 PM (SL) **No Mass at either parish**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) **No Mass at either parish**
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023
8:30 AM (SL) **No Mass at either parish**
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) **No Mass at either parish**
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023
4:00 PM (SL) Vernon Bindl †
5:30 PM (SJ) Leo & Loretta Scholl and family †
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) For the People of Sts. John and Luke
10:00 AM (SL) Ralph Frank †

Weekday Mass Opportunities in the Area:
St. Aloysius, Sauk City: Mon. – Fri. at 8:15 AM
St. Patrick's, Loreto: Thurs. at 9:00 AM **(3/2)**
St. Joseph's, Dodgeville: Tues. 5:15 PM; Wed. – Fri. at 8:00AM
Sacred Heart, Reedsburg: Tuesday 5:15 PM; Wed. & Fri. at 8:15 AM

ST. JOHN/ST. LUKE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun: Confessions at St. John, 8:00 AM **(2/26)**
Tues: Choir Practice at St. John, 6:00 PM
Wed: Lenten Music Meditation at St. John, 1:00 PM **(3/1)**
Family Faith Formation, St. Luke 6:00 PM
Thurs: Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting, at St. John, 5:30 PM
Fri: Stations of the Cross, St. John, 8:15 AM (School students)
Fish Fry at St. Luke, 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Sat: Confessions at St. Luke, 3:30 PM **(3/4)**
Sun: Confessions at St. John, 8:00 AM **(3/5)**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday, February 26, at St. John, 8:00 AM
Saturday, March 4, at St. Luke, 3:30 PM
Sunday, March 5, at St. John, 8:00 AM

Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald* Issue for March 2, 2023

The *Catholic Herald* is the place to read Bishop Donald J. Hying's latest reflections in his "From the Bishop's Desk" column. And with Lent underway, check the *Catholic Herald* for where to find fantastic fish fries.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Luke Fish Fry, March 3
- St. Luke Gala, March 11

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAR 4	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Jean Bindl
Lector	Lynae Schott	Barb Louis
Eucharistic Min.	Dan Bindl	Robert Baird
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SUN., MAR 5	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
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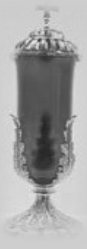
MEMORIAL LIGHT

St. John's Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Robert Schoenmann



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Readings for the Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

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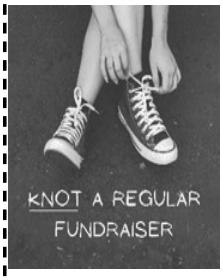
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

March 3: Stations of the Cross at 8:15 AM (all are welcome)
March 7 & 9: Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 23: Spring Program, 1:30 and 6:30 PM
March 24-March 31: Spring Break



Shoe Drive
We want your old shoes! St. John's students will be participating in a shoe drive from January 15 - March 15. During this time, we will be collecting gently used shoes of all kinds - athletic shoes, dress shoes, boots, sandals, etc. Our goal is to collect at least 100 bags of 25 pairs of shoes (at least 2500 pairs of shoes)! Shoes can be placed into a regular garbage bag and dropped off in bins at the school or church. Thank you for your help making this fundraiser a success.

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 608-588-2021.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: On March 7th and 9th, parents and teachers will be participating in requested conferences. Forms were sent home regarding times for the conferences.

Scrip Reminder ~ In addition to purchasing SCRIP gift cards, we recommend using the SCRIP app on your phone. Download the RaiseRight App 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.

For More Information... 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. John's Bake Sale THANK YOU: Thank you to all who donated and/or made a purchase at St. John's Bake Sale this past weekend! The bake sale made a profit of $488.00!! Your generosity is much appreciated. The next bake sale will be March 18 & 19.

Prayer Shawls - A reminder that prayer shawls are available for anyone you may feel is going through a serious illness or emotional time and could use the extra prayers and comfort. You can contact St. John's Parish Office 588-2028 or St. Luke's Parish Office 546-2482.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

February 28: Gala Meeting
March 7: Gala Meeting
March 8: Home & School Meeting
March 16: Spring Program, 1:30 and 6:30 PM

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our preschool OPEN HOUSE. A special thank you to Ms. Jodie Cordts and Mrs. Pam Liegel for attending the event and representing St. Luke's Preschool program.

"FROM ROOTS TO WINGS" ~
St. Luke's Sixth Annual Gala is Saturday, March 11 at the Dorf Haus in Sauk City. This year's Gala features good food, music from Midnight Divas, emcee Meg Aspinwall, exciting live auction package deals, and silent auction including items made by students. Tickets are $50 per person. To purchase tickets, visit the church or school website or go to biddingforgood.com/stlukecc. Any questions about registering, purchasing tickets, or online bidding please contact the school at 608-546-2963.

FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS is the theme for this year's Spring Program. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a great concert on **Thursday, March 16**. There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30 PM and an evening performance at 6:30 PM.

WE HAVE IT! St. Luke School has a faith-filled and nurturing environment that provides spiritual, academic, and social growth for its students. Call the school office, 546-2963, or email Mrs. Mueller at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to set up a time to tour the school. If you know anyone else that may be interested in enrolling their child, please have them contact the school office or email Mrs. Mueller.

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 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.

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ST. LUKE'S PARISH FESTIVAL ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 11: Mark your calendars now for a day filled with lots of fun activities. The co-chairs are busy working on the day's events.

We are currently soliciting for **RAFFLE** prizes! If you would like to donate a cash prize to the raffle, please contact Diane Kraemer at 608-546-2482 or e-mail stlukesplain@charter.net. We look forward to another great year for our festival!!

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- After you place your grocery order, contact SVDP member Sharon May at 608-403-8067 and she will coordinate delivery to our house.

MUSIC NEWS

We will be returning to the Lenten Music Meditation Series. These are mini-recitals that will take place every Wednesday during Lent from 1:00 to 1:30 PM. They are free and open to the public. My only request is that there be no applause. People should use the time to listen, meditate and pray. Here is the schedule:

March 1—St. John w/piano
March 8—St. Luke w/organ
March 15—St. John w/piano
March 22—St. Luke w/brass
March 29—St. John w/piano

For those unable to attend, I am hoping to make at least a few recordings that will be available on our YouTube channel: River Valley Catholics.

Michael Davidson
Director of Music

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

MAGNIFICAT MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN ~ A Lenten event, sponsored by Schoenstatt Mothers League of Madison Diocese on Saturday, March 4th, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. $30 Registration fee, come for a light breakfast and Holy Mass with Fr. Mark Niehaus and the guest speaker will be Aruna Halala. Call Michelle Amend with any questions at 608-333-2782. 5901 Cottage Grove Rd. Madison.

COUNTRY BREAKFAST sponsored by Knights of Columbus Blackhawk Council 3099-Sauk City, on Sunday, March 5, serving from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, at the St. Aloysius school gym, 608 Oak Street, Sauk City. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs with ham, sausage links, applesauce cup and fruit cup and beverages. $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens and $5 for children under 6.

EVENING OF MUSIC & REFLECTION with Dan Schutte, Friday, March 10, at 7:00 PM in the Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound Center. Dan weaves stories, prayer and reflection with song, inviting all into a deeper relationship with God. Please bring your family and friends to join us for this wonderful evening. A free will offering will be accepted.

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St. John's (Week 34)	Church	Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	$ 10,987.00	$ 577.00
Feb. 18/19 Actual	$ 3,933.00	$ 520.00
ACH Actual	$ 6,977.00	$ 60.00
Difference:	-$ 77.00	+$ 3.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 342,250.00	$ 19,403.00
YTD Total to Feb. 19	$ 224,977.00	$ 9,863.00
Difference	-$ 117,273.00	-$ 9,540.00

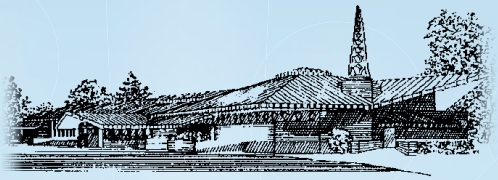
Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!
To Parish ……..5-8%
To Diocese……..1%
To Charities…….1-4%

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 34)	
Weekly Envelope Goal	$ 6,653.00
Feb. 18/19 Actual	$ 3,034.00
ACH Weekly Average	$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-$ 1,119.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 226,202.00
YTD Total to Feb. 19	$ 214,723.00
Difference	-$ 11,479.00

Saint John the Evangelist Parish



253 N. Washington Street
P.O. Box 628
Spring Green, WI 53588

Parish Established 1866

ST. JOHN MASS: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am

ST. JOHN OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office 588-2028
Parish Fax 588-2648
Parish Email ..... stjohnspringgreen@gmail.com
Website ..... www.stjohnspringgreen.com
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

Parish Established 1857

ST. LUKE MASS: Saturday 4:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

ST. LUKE OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office 546-2482
Parish Fax 546-2616
Parish Email ..... stlukesplain@charter.net
Website ..... www.stlukecatholicchurchplain.com
Church Kitchen 546-2800
Pastoral Council President: Bruce Culver 544-5813
St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference 546-2482

LITTLE LUKE DAYCARE

Director: Rhonda Fradette ..... 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

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PASTOR: Fr. Garrett Kau
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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

MINISTERZO HISPANO / HISPANIC MINISTRY

Padre Osvaldo Briones
obriones@slsonline.org Phone: 608-643-2449, ext. 234

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

Private Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 3:30 PM before Mass at St. Luke's and Sundays at 8:00 AM before Mass at St. John's. Communal celebrations are scheduled During the seasons of Advent and Lent.

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 officefor more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Individual celebrations can be arranged by calling the parish office.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.