Saint John the Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

We are a Eucharistic Community called together to celebrate our Catholic faith. As a welcoming community of God, our mission is to provide an environment that enriches our spiritual, personal and social growth through prayer, education, outreach and fellowship.

- Joint Parish Mission Statement

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Luke Parish

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Highlights of the Month

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life, the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

The Feast of the Presentation (February 2) or Candlemas forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice. February 21, Shrove Tuesday, will find us preparing for Ash Wednesday. The middle of the month will find us on Ash Wednesday accepting the ashes that remind us of our mortality and our need for penance.

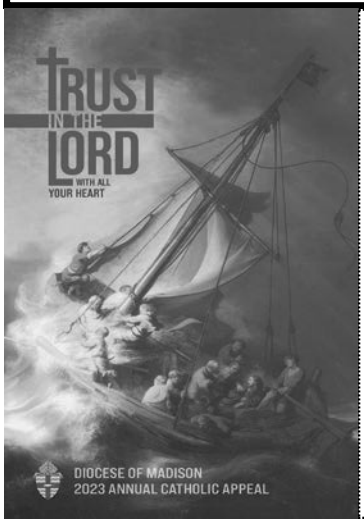
From Feast to Fast

Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter)! In addition, the faithful may receive in February three of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats and blessed ashes.

The Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is "the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins." Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

"The Light of Revelation" shines more brightly with each successive Sunday of Ordinary Time, until its magnificence - exposing our sinfulness and need for conversion - propels us into the penitential Season of Lent. We prepare to accept the cross of blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and plunge ourselves into anticipating the major exercises of Lent - fasting, prayer, almsgiving - laying our thoughts and prayers on the heart of our Mother Mary. She, who offered her Son in the temple and on the Cross, will teach us how to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow after her Son.

Fr. Garrett



<u>2023 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins</u>
<u>Please Make a Generous Pledge</u>

In the last couple of weeks, parishioners throughout the Diocese should have received a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over 6-months to the appeal. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the Diocese.

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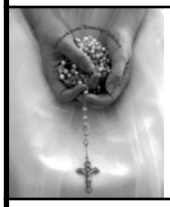

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
No Mass at either parish
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
5:15 PM (SL) Ralph Soeldner †
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Rita Bauer †
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023
8:30 AM (SL) Todd Beatty †
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Irene Vorndran †
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023
4:00 PM (SL) Rudy Feiner †
5:30 PM (SJ) Bob & Joann Nachreiner †
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Norm & Louise Kraemer †
10:00 AM (SL) For the People of Sts. Luke and John

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday, February 5, at St. John, 8:00 AM
Saturday, February 11, at St. Luke, 3:30 PM
Sunday, February 12, at St. John, 8:00 AM

ST. JOHN/ST. LUKE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun: Confirmation Class for Sponsors and Students, **(2/5)** at **St. Luke,** 6:00 PM
Tues: Choir Practice at St. Luke, 6:00 PM
Wed: Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 PM **(2/8)**
HS Formation, 6:30 PM
Thurs: KC Meeting, at St. John, 7:00 PM
Sat: Family Adoration, at St. John, 10:00 AM **(2/11)**
Confessions at St. Luke, 3:30 PM
Sun: Confessions at St. John, 8:00 AM **(2/12)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- St. Vincent de Paul Soup Lunch, February 19
- CCW Bake Sale at St. John (L-Z), February 18 & 19
- St. Luke Gala, March 11

Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald* *Issue for February 9, 2023*

This week's *Catholic Herald* features a retreat section, with ideas and options for taking time away to focus on faith. Each week the *Catholic Herald* also includes national and international news from Our Sunday Visitor News Service.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., FEB 11	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney
Lector	Lauri Meixelsperger	Diane Baryenbruch
Eucharistic Min.	Gwen Kraemer	Diane Baryenbruch
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SUN., FEB 12	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
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Lector	Howard Marklein	Rebecca Johnson
Eucharistic Min.	Tom Bennett	Patty Knoll
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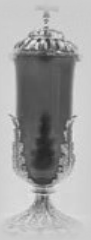
MEMORIAL LIGHT

St. John's Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Bill Hutter

St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Elmer Soeldner



Sanctuary Memorial Lights And Mass Intentions
Both parishes have openings in 2023!

For those who would like to remember **a birthday, an anniversary, a special intention, or a loved one's passing,** you may have a Sanctuary candle lit for 7 days for the cost of $20. We also have several dates available to schedule a Mass intention for those who have passed away. Please call the parish offices to schedule these intentions. 608-588-2028 for St. John's and 608-546-2482 for St. Luke's.

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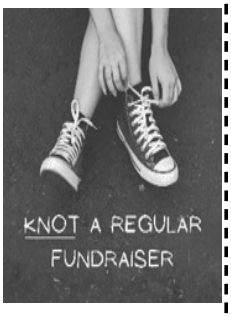
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

February 8: Home & School Meeting 6:30 PM
February 17: No School; Teacher In-service Day
February 22: Ash Wednesday Mass, at St. John's, 8:30 AM

Home & School Meeting

Our next Home & School meeting is February 8 at 6:30 pm in the music room at school. We would love some volunteers to help plan FUNFEST and all your great ideas for creative fundraising this year. If you have never attended a Home & School meeting, now is the perfect time. We hope to see you there!

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.

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.

Like us on Facebook! ~ See for yourself all the great things that are 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.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

February 7: Gala Meeting
February 9: School Mass
February 16: School Mass

St. Luke School would like to thank everyone for the kind words, support and prayers offered during Catholic Schools Week. We had a great week filled with fun activities and celebrating the good that is St. Luke's. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE! St. Luke School is hosting a Preschool Open House on Thursday, February 16, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Come and see what we have to offer children 3 -5 years old. Families will meet the teachers, explore the classroom, learn about our programs and enter to win door prizes. Call the school office or email diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to RSVP.

"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, go to biddingforgood.com/stlukecc. Any questions about registering, purchasing tickets, or online bidding please contact the school at 608-546-2963.

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.

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.

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UPDATE ON MONTHLY CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES: We have received notice from the church envelope company that they have had to suspend production of the church envelopes due to supply and staffing issues. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered for the **month of March**. We will have blank envelopes available for you in the back of the church or you may use any envelope that you have available at home. **PLEASE NOTE** that you can always start paying your church support via ACH payments. Please call either parish to get more information!!

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Parishioners of St. John & St. Luke
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PALMS: We are asking that you bring in your old palms to both parishes so that they may be burned for Ash Wednesday. There will be baskets on the SCRIP table at St. John's and in the bellroom at St. Luke's. Thank you!!

"Parish Rosary Program"

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Running Grand Total: 1,889

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Jan. 28/29 Actual	$ 2,115.00	$ 56.00
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St. Luke's (Week 31)	
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Jan. 28/29 Actual	$ 2,775.00
ACH Weekly Average	$ 2,500.00
Difference:	+$ 1,378.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 206,243.00
YTD Total to Jan. 29	$ 193,990.00
Difference	-$ 12,253.00

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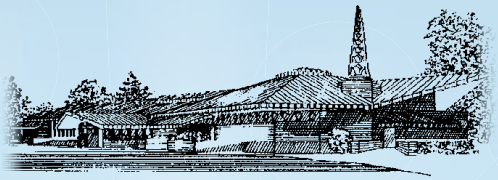

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Parish Established 1866

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

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

PASTOR: Fr. Garrett Kau
546-2482 / 588-2028
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Meg Aspinwall
546-2963, ext. 317
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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.