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WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 22, 2023

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Luke Parish

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JANUARY 22, 2023

More often than not, we're aware of the misuse of God's name, and in fact there's a commandment dedicated to not using it in vain, however the month of January, is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The name of Jesus has *power*. We see this clearly in the New Testament. Consider Acts 4:5-12:

On the morrow their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set [Peter and John] in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

When arrested for healing a man, Peter and John are asked by the authorities, "By what *name* did you do this?" They understood that names had power, and they wanted to know what name had the power to heal. Peter boldly tells them that it is the name of Jesus that healed the man. But then Peter goes further: he tells them that *salvation itself* comes from this name. In fact, under no other name may one be saved. Salvation is intimately bound up with the name of Jesus.

Catholics historically have understood the great power of this name. In the Middle Ages, a great devotion to the Holy Name developed. Many Catholics embraced this devotion, but perhaps none more so than St. Bernard of Clairvaux. He tirelessly promoted the holy name of Jesus, writing, "The name of Jesus is light, and food, and medicine. It is light, when it is preached to us; it is food, when we think upon it; it is the medicine that soothes our pains when we invoke it… For when I pronounce this name, I bring before my mind the man, who, by excellence, is meek and humble of heart, benign, sober, chaste, merciful, and filled with everything that is good and holy, nay, who is the very God almighty—whose example heals me, and whose assistance strengthens me. I say all this, when I say *Jesus*."

Devotion to the name of Jesus can be seen in the liturgy as well. Traditionally, a priest (and altar servers) will bow when the name of Jesus is pronounced during the Mass. This demonstrates the great reverence we should have for this powerful name.

Why does this name have such power? In our modern world, we don't think much of names. They are functional, but not much else. But in the ancient world, it was understood that a name fundamentally represented the person, and knowing a person's name gave you some level of control over that person—the ability to *call on* that person. This is why, when asked by Moses for his name, God simply responds, "I am who I am" (Exod. 3:14). Unlike the pagan gods, the one true God was not at the beck and call of men. He was in total control.

Yet with the Incarnation, we see God humbling himself to take on a name. Now, in a sense, he *is* at our beck and call. Christ tells us, "If you ask anything *in my name*, I will do it" (John 14:14, emphasis added). God didn't become a generic "man," but a specific man: Jesus of Nazareth. By doing so, he infused the name Jesus with divine power.

The name of Jesus is intimately tied to salvation. Peter said it is the only name by which we can be saved. In fact, the name means "Yahweh is salvation." Thus, it has a central role in evangelization. Many of us, however, avoid the name of Jesus when talking to others. We are afraid that if we drop that name too much, we'll look like a religious nut. We're afraid we'll be lumped in as one of "those people." Yet we need to reclaim the name of Jesus and use it when talking to others about Catholicism.

Using the name of Jesus reminds others of an important point: converting (or reverting) to Catholicism is not simply a matter of accepting a set of doctrines. Instead it is fundamentally about giving your life to a person, Jesus Christ. Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Using the name of Jesus makes this "encounter with a person" tangible. Nothing is more personal than someone's name.

Further, when talking with Evangelicals using the name of Jesus can have a practical effect. When you speak that name you are talking their language. I've noticed this when I use the name of Jesus when describing my Catholic faith. I might say, "Jesus forgave my sins in Confession," or, "The highlight of my week is when I receive Jesus on Sunday mornings at Mass." This isn't what they expect of a Catholic! By making clear that I have a relationship with Jesus, Evangelicals come to see that Catholicism isn't an alien religion consisting mostly of rules and men with funny hats. This breaks barriers for them to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Invoking the name of Jesus has power—power we can't always see or fully understand. As St. Paul wrote, "[E]very one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13). If we desire for our loved ones to be saved, we need them to understand the power of that name. Ultimately, in fact, all peoples will acknowledge the power of the name of Jesus:

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the *name of Jesus* every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth (Phil. 2:9-10, emphasis added).

Let us do our part to bring that name into every corner of our lives, so that one day all our loved ones may acknowledge—and experience—its saving power.

The Power of Jesus' Name by Eric Sammons • 7/31/2018

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.

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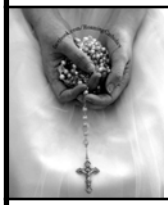

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MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
No Mass at either parish
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
5:15 PM (SL) Gerri Bergman †
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Art Baryenbruch †
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023
8:30 AM (SL) Duane A. Meixelsperger †
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Donna Gruber †
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023
4:00 PM (SL) The People of Sts. Luke and John
5:30 PM (SJ) Jared Karls †
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Erwin Schmitz †
10:00 AM (SL) The Benefactors of St. Luke School

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday, January 22, at St. John, 8:00 AM
Saturday, January 28, at St. Luke, 3:30 PM
Sunday, January 29, at St. John, 8:00 AM

ST. JOHN/ST. LUKE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues: Choir Practice at St. Luke, 6:00 PM
Building and Grounds Committee meeting, at 6:00 PM, at St. John
Wed: Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 PM **(1/25)**
HS Formation, 6:30 PM
Thurs: Finance Meeting, at St. Luke, at 5:30 PM
Parish Council Meeting, at St. Luke, at 6:30 PM
Sat: Confessions at St. Luke, 3:30 PM **(1/28)**
Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Mass with Fellowship to follow, at St. John, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Sun: Confessions at St. John, 8:00 AM **(1/29)**
Catholic Schools Week Kick Off Mass with Fellowship to follow, at St. Luke, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 4
- Catholic Schools Week Mass & Fellowship, January 29
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, February 2
- St. Luke Fish Fry, February 3

Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The St. Luke Fish Fry on February 3rd is quickly approaching. We appreciate everyone who has signed up already and are looking for those of you who could help clean up after the fish fry along with a few other spots.

You can visit St. Luke's website and click on the "Sign Up" link under "Get Involved" on the homepage...or contact the parish office. Thank you for your help in making the fish fry a success!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JAN 28	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
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Eucharistic Min.	Rita Brey	Donna Slaney
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SUN., JAN 29	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
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Lector	Howard Marklein	Ann Nelson
Eucharistic Min.	Sara Shackleton	Alice Ruhland
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St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of George Brey, Jr.

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People and events from Catholic Schools across the diocese are featured in this issue, as Catholic Schools Week approaches. Also this week, in anticipation of this fall's Eucharistic Congress, a series of monthly articles continues.

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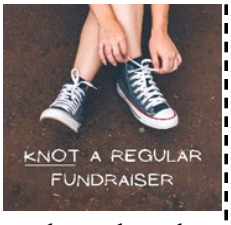
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

January 29 - February 4: Catholic Schools Week

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.

Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off – Soup Supper

On Saturday, January 28th please join us for Children's Mass followed by a soup supper in the Parish Center. We'll enjoy fellowship, good food, and the opportunity to see work from our fabulous St. John's students. We hope to see you there! We have an exciting week filled with fun activities, different educational experiences, and service opportunities.

Saturday – 5:30 Children's Mass followed by Soup Supper
Monday – Wacky Clothes/Sock Day and Bowling
Tuesday – Brightening the Day – Wear neon/tie-dye and delivering "Gifts of Love" throughout the community
Wednesday – Red, White, & Blue Day and "Help the Homeless" card making and donation drive
Thursday – Career Day and Sledding
Friday – Dress Up Day and School Dance

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St. John's Bake Sale - **THANK YOU!!** Thank you to those who generously donated baked goods or made a cash donation to St. John's January Bake Sale!! Thanks, too, to all those who purchased baked goods! The deposit for the January Bake Sale was $275.00. The next bake sale at St. John's will be February 18/19 with those whose last names begin with the letters L-Z asked to make donations.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

January 26: School Mass
January 29 - February 4: Catholic Schools Week
February 2: School Mass

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will be celebrated January 29 through February 4, 2023. The Catholic Schools Week theme is **"Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service."**

We will kick the week off with fellowship in the church basement following Mass on Sunday, January 29 in celebration of the start of National Catholic Schools Week. Cookies and juice will be provided.

Monday - Class Color Day
Tuesday - Mismatch/Inside Out Day; Family Activity
Wednesday - Team Apparel/Hat Day; Souper Bowl (bring a can of soup for the food pantry)
Thursday - Donuts and Bingo with parishioners
Friday - Trip to Gym-boree; hot chocolate

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. Call the school office or email diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to RSVP.

SAVE THE DATE ~ St. Luke's Sixth Annual Gala will be Saturday, March 11 at the Dorf Haus in Sauk City. This year's theme is "*From Roots to Wings.*" Tickets go on sale soon.

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.

"Like Us" and follow us on our River Valley Catholic Facebook page for all postings for both parish and school events and faith related news!!

ATTENTION: 2022 Year-End Statements will be available at both parishes this weekend, January 21 & 22, and next, January 28 & 29! If you have any questions, please contact your specific parish office. Thank you!

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NEXT SVDP MEETING: Thursday, February 2, 5:30 PM at St. John's Parish Center.

PLEASE NOTE: SVDP Donation Drive pick-up service has **temporarily stopped** during the winter season. The Donation Drive will continue in early spring 2023 for furniture, gently used clothing and household items. Watch the bulletin for Donation Drive dates and drop off locations.

Start setting aside items you'd like to donate. Used clothing should be free from holes, odor and in wearable condition. Household items need to be sellable, useable and in good condition. THANK YOU!

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Whether recent or long ago, call or email Mary at 608-821-3177
rachel@madisondiocese.org Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel
Referrals to a priest and /or therapist also available.
Confidentiality is assured.

Family Adoration

Saturday, February 11
10:00am - 11:00am
St. John the Evangelist | Spring Green

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

Bring your kids (any ages) to spend some time in the presence of the Lord.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, February 3 | St. Luke, Plain
5:00am - 12:00pm

Come and spend an hour with the Lord!

We need a minimum of two people to adore the Lord each hour.

Please sign up via Flocknote
(sent Tuesday, January 17).

If you are not on Flocknote, please call the parish office to sign up 608-546-2482.

Questions? Email Meg at meg.aspinwall@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com

"Parish Rosary Program"

St. John		St. Luke
1/15/2023: 45	Pray the Rosary	1/15/2023: 104

Running Grand Total: 1,383

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!!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 29)	Church	Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	$ 10,987.00	$ 577.00
Jan. 14/15 Actual	$ 1,741.00	$ 215.00
ACH Actual	$ 7,172.00	$ 60.00
Difference:	-$ 2,074.00	-$ 302.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 287,315.00	$ 16,518.00
YTD Total to Jan. 15	$ 195,872.00	$ 8,722.00
Difference	-$ 91,443.00	-$ 7,796.00

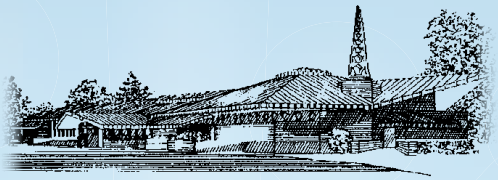
Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!
To Parish ……..5-8%
To Diocese……..1%
To Charities…….1-4%

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 29)	
Weekly Envelope Goal	$ 6,653.00
Jan. 14/15 Actual	$ 1,215.00
ACH Weekly Average	$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-$ 2,938.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 192,937.00
YTD Total to Jan. 15	$ 177,467.00
Difference	-$ 15,470.00

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

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

PASTOR: Fr. Garrett Kau
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Meg Aspinwall
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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.