Saint John the Evangelist Parish

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 5, 2023

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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Luke Parish

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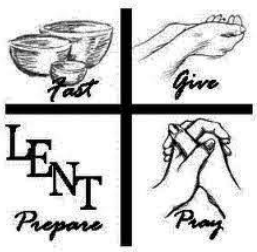
Last weekend we were blessed to have Fr. John Fischer here from Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries are depending on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care and spiritual nourishment.

Because Fr. John was unable to make it to our parishes for the Saturday evening Masses last weekend due to weather issues, we have the envelopes specific to St. John/St. Luke in the gathering area of both churches. If you were at the Saturday Masses, it's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the efforts of these vital international missions. Stop and pick up an envelope or go to **CrossCatholic.org/outreach**, or text BLESSINGS to 474747. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THIS MISSION OUTREACH PROGRAM!!

Fr. Garrett



Welcome on this Second Sunday of Lent ~

The **First Reading** today is taken from the *Book of Genesis 12:1-4*. In due time God began the remote preparation for the Incarnation. Almost 2,000 years before Christ was to come he selected Abram to be the father of a people who would be his special friends, his "Chosen People," and through them, the fullness of his revelation. Christ, would come to all men. This is the divine event read for us today.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, 2 Tim 1:8-10.* Timothy, son of a pagan father and a Jewish mother, became a Christian, together with his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois, on his first visit to Lystra. Later, Paul appointed him head of the church at Ephesus. This epistle is principally concerned with the pastoral duties of pastors or shepherds of the communities.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 17:1-9.* This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

This is a truth we all too easily forget, namely, that we cannot and do not get to heaven in a limousine. Our spell on earth is the chance given us by our heavenly Father to earn an eternal reward. This reward surpasses even the wildest imagination of man. We could never earn it, but God accepts the little we can do and provides the balance of his infinite mercy. And yet there are many, far too many, who refuse even that little bit that is asked of them, and are thus running the risk of not partaking in God's scheme for their eternal happiness.

And are they any happier during their few years on this earth by acting thus towards the God of mercy? Can they, by ignoring God and their duties towards him, remove all pain, all sorrow, all sufferings, from their daily lives? Death, which means a total separation from all we possessed and cherished in this world, is waiting around the corner for all of us. Who can face it more calmly and confidently - the man who is firmly convinced that it is the gateway to a new life, and who has done his best to earn admission through that gateway, or the man who has acted all his life as if death did not exist for him, and who has done everything to have the gate to the new life shut forever in his face?

Illnesses and troubles and disappointments are the lot of all men. They respect neither wealth, nor power, nor position. The man who knows his purpose in life, and is ever striving to reach the goal God's goodness has planned for him, can and will see in these trials of life the hand of a kind father who is preparing him for greater things. His sufferings become understandable and more bearable because of his attitude to life and its meaning. The man who ignores God and tries to close the eyes of his mind to the real facts of life has nothing to uphold him or console him in his hours of sorrow and pain. Yet, sorrow and pain will dog his footsteps, strive as he will to avoid them, and he can see no value, no divine purpose in these, for him, misfortunes.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Savior. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter and often not a burden but a pleasure. The man who tries to shuffle off his cross, and who curses and rebels against him who sent it, will find it doubles its weight and loses all the value it was intended to have for his true welfare. Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass out of this life we may be assured of seeing Christ in his glory, ready to welcome us into his everlasting, glorious kingdom.

~ Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings, Cycle A*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

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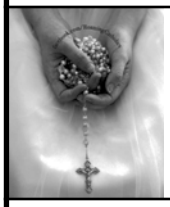

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023
No Mass at either parish
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
5:15 PM (SL) **No Mass at either parish**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) **No Mass at either parish**
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023
8:30 AM (SL) **No Mass at either parish**
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) **No Mass at either parish**
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023
4:00 PM (SL) For the People of Sts. Luke and John
5:30 PM (SJ) Harlan & Florence Sprecher †
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023
8:30 AM (SJ) Virginia Hackl †
10:00 AM (SL) Father Joseph Brechtl †

Weekday Mass Opportunities in the Area:
St. Aloysius, Sauk City: Mon. – Fri. at 8:15 AM
St. Patrick's, Loreto: Wed. 7:45 PM **(3/8)**
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 **(3/5)**
Mon: Jerry Kraemer Visitation (9:30 AM) and Funeral at St. Luke, 11:00 AM
Tues: Choir Practice at St. Luke, 6:00 PM
Wed: Lenten Music Meditation at St. Luke, 1:00 PM **(3/8)**
HS Formation, St. Luke 6:30 PM
Thurs: Knights of Columbus Meeting at St. John, 7:00 PM
Sat: Confessions at St. Luke, 3:30 PM **(3/11)**
Sun: Confessions at St. John, 8:00 AM **(3/12)**
Daylight Savings Time Starts

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

The *Catholic Herald* keeps readers up to date with coverage of events happening around the Diocese of Madison. This week includes a special Building & Renovation section focused on projects big and small.

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 Gala, March 11
- Spring Break ~ March 27 to March 31
- St. Luke Fish Fry, March 31

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAR 11	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney
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SUN., MAR 12	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Charlotte Olson	Doreen Laack
Lector	Howard Marklein	Jackie Wolf
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Ushers	Tom Slaney Steve Emerson	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske
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MEMORIAL LIGHT

St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of Ralph Frank

Readings for the Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

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 have two more weeks left in our shoe drive! Please continue to ask friends and neighbors if they have extra shoes they would be willing to donate. 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.

Join us in a farewell to Meg Aspinwall on Sunday, March 12:

At St. John following the 8:30 AM Mass for cake and beverages.

~ OR ~

At St. Luke following the 10:00 AM Mass for a **potluck** in the Church basement. Please bring a dish to pass as well as plates, cups, napkins and utensils for your family.

You may sign-up via https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/UOGO2673 or call Tonya Anderson at 608-445-1930 or Sheryl Mueller at 608-546-2708.

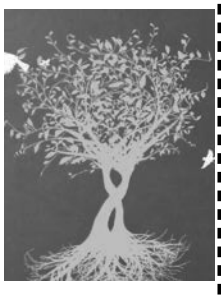
It is great to live in a community that prays and cares!!

Duane Meise

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

March 7: Gala Meeting
March 8: Home & School Meeting
March 11: GALA at the Dorf Haus
March 16: Spring Program, 1:30 and 6:30 PM

THERE IS STILL TIME ~



St. Luke's Sixth Annual Gala, *From Roots to Wings,* 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.

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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.

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.

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! **LAST CALL ...** 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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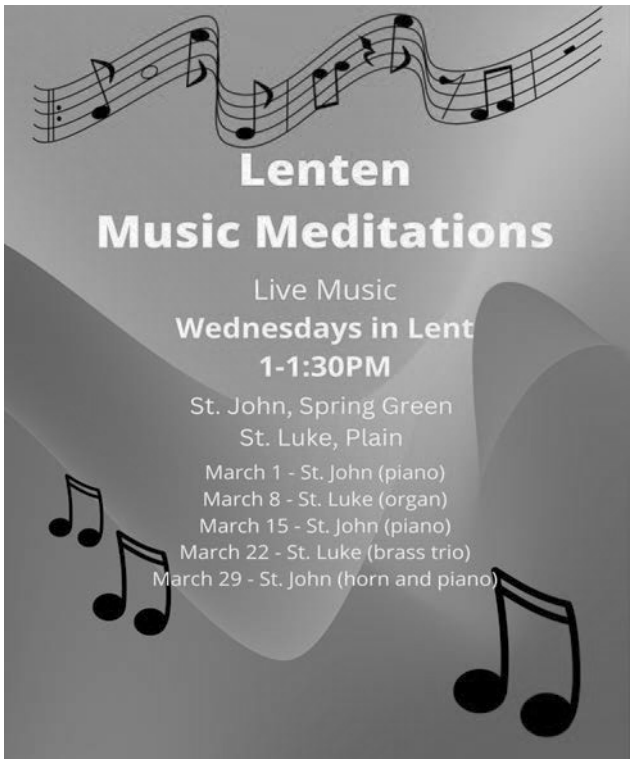

For those unable to attend, I am hoping to make at least a few recordings that will be available on our YouTube channel: River Valley Catholics.

Michael Davidson
Director of Music

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

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.

BE A SPIRITUS MISSIONARY! Do you know a young adult who lives out their faith and is eager to share it with others? SPIRITUS Ministries is looking for Catholics, between 19-29, who want to grow in leadership, holiness and inspire the next generation of youth to live out their Catholic faith. Come & See Weekend is scheduled for March 10 to 12. Call (920) 722-8918 or e-mail Sarah at recruiter@spiritusministries.org to learn more!

SAUK COUNTY CHAPTER WI RIGHT TO LIFE 2023 SPRING EDUCATIONAL EVENT "The Mission & Vision of Care Net", will be held at Walnut Hill Bible Church 1900 East St. Baraboo, WI 53913, on Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Sara Patterson will discuss how they are helping women and men in unexpected pregnancies. There will be a Q & A session with Jenny Wolter, a Care Net volunteer with light refreshments. Visit https://friends.carenetdane.org for more information.

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"Parish Rosary Program"

St. John		St. Luke
2/26/2023: 95	Pray the Rosary	2/26/2023: 54

Running Grand Total: 2,603

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 35)	Church	Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	$ 10,987.00	$ 577.00
Feb. 25/26 Actual	$ 2,371.00	$ 20.00
Difference:	-$ 8,616.00	-$ 557.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 353,237.00	$ 19,980.00
YTD Total to Feb. 26	$ 227,348.00	$ 9,883.00
Difference	-$ 125,889.00	-$ 10,097.00

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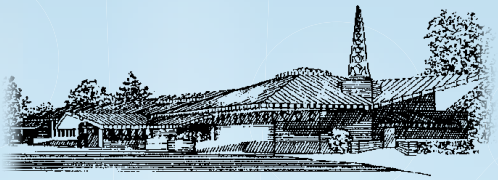
To Charities…….1-4%

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 35)	
Weekly Envelope Goal	$ 6,653.00
Feb. 25/26 Actual	$ 3,009.00
ACH Weekly Average	$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-$ 1,144.00
Envelope Goal YTD	$ 232,855.00
YTD Total to Feb. 26	$ 220,232.00
Difference	-$ 12,623.00

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
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Pastoral Council President: Bruce Culver 544-5813
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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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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.