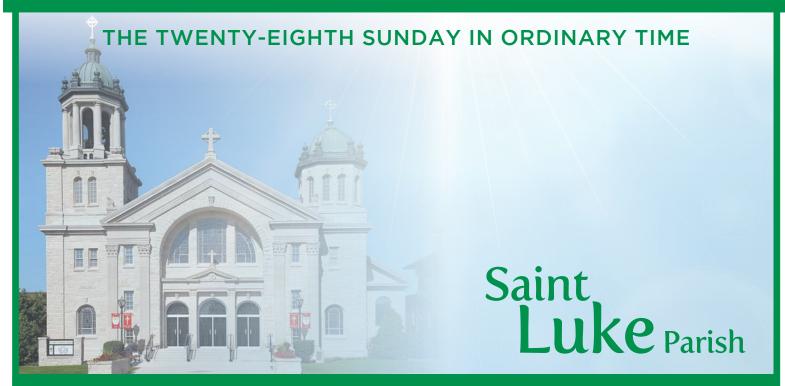


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# THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 15, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

Every Sunday Jesus invites us, just as the King in today's Gospel, to "come to the feast." Are we too busy on our farm or our business to

attend? If so, we are like those in the Gospel who refuse the invitation:

"Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business."

We might ask the question: How could someone come to choose work over a feast? Did the feast become a burdensome obligation? Did being successful at work become their top priority? Did they simply not want to be around other people? Did they lose their taste for God and community? Did those at the feast drive them a way? Did they feel secretly unworthy to attend? These are all possible answers. If we examine ourselves we will see that we, too, have easily lost our taste for God from time to time for various reasons.

St. Bonaventure would pray: "Lord, grant that I might desire you." This is a very holy prayer to say! It will keep us from losing our taste for the spiritual life and the feast of God in the Holy Eucharist. This prayer will also keep us close to the needs of those around us. As God comes into our hearts we increase in charity for our neighbor. We will begin to desire to attend God's feast with our neighbor...and even to invite those to come who are not attending! Lord, grant that I might desire you!

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

## Other notes:

I will be away this week on my annual retreat. Know of my prayers for you. If you have specific prayer intentions please send them to me via e-mail.

## Fr. Luke Syse

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

## 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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF PASTORATE 6**

- † St. Luke Feast Day, October 18
- Eucharistic Procession at St. John & St. Luke, October 29
- St. Luke Fish Fry, November 3
- St. John's Fall Dinner, November 12

## WEEKLY CALENDAR PASTORATE 6

Tues: Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wed: Prink the Word (Adult Bible Study), at St. John, 9:15AM Middle School/High School Faith Formation, at St. Luke

6:45 PM

Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00-8:00 AM

Education Commission Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM Finance Council Meeting at St. John, 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting at St. John, 7:30 PM

Fri: Grandparents' Day St. Luke, 10:30 AM

## THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

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In Thanksgiving for Rick & Phyllis Kraemer's 50th Anniversary



St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of John Dischler

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# READINGS FOR THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

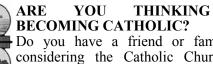
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21



# PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Tom Rieder (brother of Harvey Rieder), Michael Whitcomb, Rob Hare, Yvonne Liegel, Mickey Snyder, Leroy Heiser, Dave Dischler, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Dave

Schoenmann, Serene Zwettler, Lexi Norton, Kelly Feiner, Roger & Mary Pascavis, John Johnson, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi Anliker.



Do you have a friend or family member considering the Catholic Church? Many people have never joined the Catholic Church because no one invited them. This is your

invitation or your call to invite someone you love to learn more. Please contact Marie Lins at 608-469-3982 or marie.lins@madisondiocese.org. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process to learn what

the Church teaches and why and prepare for receiving sacraments. Sessions will be starting soon.

# MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR PASTORATE 6

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023 ~ *St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin* 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Paul Ruhland †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Marty Schmitz †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 ~ St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

11:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane Kraemer †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 ~ Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for George Brey, Jr. †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 ~ St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

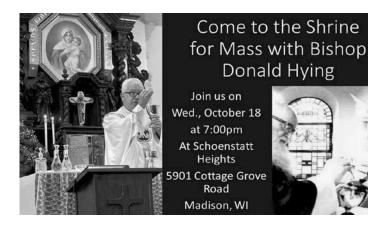
8:30 AM Mass at St. John

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 ~ *BVM*4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Rick & Phyllis
Kraemer's 50th Wedding Anniversary
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Bill Hackl †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 ~ World Mission Sunday

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Walter & Geraldine Powell †

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Art Baryenbruch † 10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for the People of Pastorate 6



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., OCT 21	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Robert Baird
Lector	Melissa Thomas	OPEN
Ushers	Gary Mueller Rita Brey OPEN OPEN	Donna Slaney Gary Nachreiner
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., OCT 22	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Joanne Finn	Marty Gates
Lector	Sheley Scallon	Nancy Maxwell	Lauri Meixelsperger
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Ushers	Doug Faber Brian Faber	Keith Maxwell Steve Emerson	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl Alice Ruhland OPEN
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"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.

<u>Prayer Shawls</u> - 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. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

**OCTOBER 26:** End of First Quarter

OCTOBER 27: No School ~ Staff Metanoia Retreat OCTOBER 30: No School ~ Teacher In-Service OCTOBER 31: Halloween Parade & Party

NOVEMBER 1: All Saints Day Mass at St. Luke's

**FUN RUN HUGE SUCCESS** ~ This year's Fun Run raised over \$5,700! Thank you to everyone who made a donation to this year's event! The students had a great time while exercising and raising money for the school.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE TEACHER NEEDED ~ St. John's is looking for a care provider to oversee our After School Care Program. We have some wonderful students who require supervision from 3:00 - 5:00 PM each day school is in session. If you or a group of individuals are interested in this paid opportunity, please call the school at (608) 588-2021 or email astroud@stjohnspringgreen.com.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY ~ After lunch on Tuesday, October 31st, students and staff members will go "Trick or Treating" with a police escort to participating businesses throughout Spring Green. There will be a Halloween party on

the playground following our "parade." Positive looking costumes are highly encouraged. Please no masks or face coverings and absolutely nothing that even slightly resembles a weapon, should be brought to school.

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

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.

Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald Issue of October 19*, 2023

Be informed and inspired about the Faith through the *Catholic Herald*. Plus, this issue has a special Senior-Retirement section filled with content geared specifically toward older adults. 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.

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## ST. JOHN'S BAKE SALES

St. John's Bake Sale next weekend, October 21st and 22nd. Those with last names beginning with L-Z are asked to make baked goods or make a monetary donation for this bake sale. Everyone is encouraged to purchase some delicious treats! Thank you!

## ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 18: St. Luke Feast Day; Gala Meeting OCTOBER 20: Grandparent's Day Celebration

OCTOBER 27: No School ~ Teacher Retreat in Madison



FR. LUKE AND FR. KUMUD for blessing our pets and animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

OAKWOOD FRUIT FARM for the donation of apples to our hot lunch program. They are delicious!

<u>PAIGE FENSKE</u> for transporting our band students to River Valley each week.

**NO SCHOOL** ~ on Friday, October 27. Teachers are participating in a Diocesan Metanoia Retreat at Holy Name Heights, Diocesan Offices in Madison.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES AND PARADE ~ Students, 4K-8th grade, and staff, will celebrate Halloween in the afternoon on Tuesday, October 31. We will have a Halloween parade in front and around the church and school on Nachreiner Avenue and around Cherry Street. We will end at the playground. We will have our first "Trunk or Treat" on the playground following the costume parade. People wanting to participate in the "Trunk or Treat" may decorate their trunk, hand out treats and goodies to the students, or just come and enjoy the event. The parade starts about 2:30. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY ~ We will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on Friday, October 20th. Grandparents of students in 4K-8 may visit the school from 9:30-10:00 and attend Mass with their grandchild(ren) at 10:30 AM. Following Mass, there will be a short performance in the church basement before the lunch.

SELF~STUDY ~ St. Luke School is a fully accredited school through WRISA. The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation annually accredits schools that meet rigorous standards of excellence and demonstrate continuous school improvement. An application for candidate status to WRISA is submitted every year. This year, St. Luke School is in a self-study year. What does this mean? An in-depth look through a WRISA approved self-study is completed every seven years. The benchmarks set are examined, evidence is collected to show St. Luke School is meeting those benchmarks, surveys are conducted, and a self-evaluation is completed. Sub committees are formed to help the school complete the process. All paperwork is to be submitted by May 1, 2024. Next school year, 2024-2025, St. Luke School will host a visiting team. Please keep St. Luke School in prayer as we go through our self-study.

**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.



## LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

October 1-8: Ilene Feiner, Theresa Kanable, Tiffany Faber, Gary & Sheryl Mueller, Judy Conger, Thia Faber, Ray & Marcia Ring, Gwen Kraemer

All are \$50 Winners!



Where :St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, Spring Green When: Every Wednesday at 9.00am

"Prinking the Word" is our effort in praying and thinking together to understand and response to the Word of God based on our Faith and Willingness to let Jesus speak to us personally through HIS Word. It is open to all. Come and grow in your Faith with the Word of God.



### ST. LUKE FISH FRY NEWS

### ST. LUKE FISH FRYS WILL START ON November 3, 2023!

**Volunteers Needed** ~ Are you retired and looking for a way to share your talents with St. Luke? We are in need of someone to:

Chair the unwrapping and cutting up of fish for every fish fry on Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. If you would like to help us out or have questions, please call the parish office at 546-2482. Thank you!!!

Circles 5, 6, 10 & 11 are asked to work the November fish fry! There are MANY open slots ... won't you consider working????

Please visit https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0A49A4AC2BA5F94-november1#/ to sign up!!

## ST. JOHN FALL DINNER



St. John's Fall Dinner will be making a return on November 12th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM Anyone interested in helping get this fundraiser going, please see the sign up sheets at the back of church or contact the Parish Office at 608-

588-2028. Thank you to Peggy Marklein and Donna Slaney for chairing the event. We hope to form a great committee that can work together as a team to get us all back together again to celebrate Harvest Season and a time to give thanks for our Parish.



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

Running Grand Total: 7,072

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

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

Knights of Columbus Annual Pork Chop Dinner, Sunday, October 15th, 2023. (For St. Al's and St. Norbert's.) Serving from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Norbert's Church Hall at 8944 Hwy Y Roxbury. Drive thru or dine in, you MUST pre-purchase by Oct. 9 at https://www.divinemercy-parish.org/events-1/knights-ofcolumbus-annual-pork-chop-dinner. Dinners are \$15.

American The Red Cross is holding a blood drive on Monday, October 16, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Together, we can save a life the American Legion in Plain, WI. The need for blood remains critical. Please consider giving again, or for the first time if you have never given before. You won't regret it! Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred as it makes it easier donate. Call 1-800-733-2767

Old Franklin Township Historical Society ~ OPEN HOUSE, 1:00 -3:00pm, featuring "St. Luke's through the years" Saturday, November 25 (Christkindlmarkt)



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Next weekend, October 21-22, 2023, the International Combined Collection will be conducted in our parish. This collection is combining the following individual collections:

- World Mission Support
- Catholic Relief Services
- Church in Central & Eastern Europe
- Church in Latin America
- Peter's Pence
- Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa

Your help in supporting these collections is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope will be inserted into the bulletin next weekend for your donation.



**Healing from Abortion** ~ Whether recent or many years ago, Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer hope and peace for anyone, women or men who have struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain after abortion. Upcoming retreat: November 10-12.

Confidential and private. Contact Mary: (608) 821-3177 or Email: rachel@madisondiocese.org or Visit: www.madisondiocese.org/rachel

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 15)		<b>Church</b>		Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$	7,925.00	\$	577.00
Oct 7/8 Actual	\$	4,521.00	\$	185.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,496.00	\$	45.00
Difference:	-\$	908.00	-\$	347.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$	118,875.00	\$	8,655.00
YTD Total to Oct 8	\$	86,853.00	\$	3,435.00
Difference	-\$	32,022.00	-\$	5,220.00

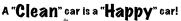
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St. Luke's (Week 15)	
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Oct 7/8 Actual	\$ 2,048.00
ACH Weekly Average	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
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Difference	- \$ 29,596.00

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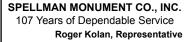
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### ST. LUKE SCHOOL

School	546-2963
School Website	http://stlukes-plain.org
School Principal: Dian	e 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

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

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

(May-October)

### **JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION**

**PASTOR:** Fr. Luke Syse

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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

## 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.

## 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.