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THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 2023



TAXES FOR CITIZENSHIP

Benjamin Franklin said, "Nothing is certain except for Death and Taxes. I find that to be the absolute truth whenever I celebrate a Funeral Mass and every year on the 15th of April.

We pay our taxes without fail every year. We know our responsibility to pay taxes and the consequences of failing to do it. Taxes can be a financial burden, but paying them is important. We need to pay our taxes because we are citizens of a country, and we need to support our country. We have different taxes for different people, but a few of the taxes are the same for all of us. Taxes are used to fund all manner of publicly funded services including the military, public education, infrastructure such as roads and parks, police and fire departments, and public retirement and health programs such as Social Security and Medicare, etc.

My first experience with paying taxes was strange. I felt like I was trapped to pay... Trapped to pay because taxes are the consequence of my being a citizen of this country. If I was not a citizen, which means if I was not born on earth, would I still pay my taxes? No. It is because I have an Earthly citizenship that I ought to pay my taxes to the government who takes care of my country.

This weekend we will learn about Jesus's teaching on paying tax.

By the sacrament of Baptism, we all are born to the Kingdom of Heaven. We have citizenship in Heaven. Do we need to pay our tax to the government of the Kingdom of Heaven? YES. We need to.

But how do we pay our tax? We can pay our TAX to the Kingdom of heaven in the following manner.

- By accepting Christ as our King, Savior and Lord
- By being loyal to the teachings of the Church
- By supporting the poor and needy
- By being faithful to the promises that we made while receiving the Sacraments
- By being a Man/Woman of prayer
- By being honest in our words and actions

Thou Art X(Chi) Christ

Fr. Kumud Navak

Parochial Vicar, 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

- Details Eucharistic Procession at St. John & St. Luke, October 29
- St. Luke Fish Fry, November 3
- St. John's Fall Dinner, November 12
- ❖ St. Pat's Harvest Supper, November 18

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

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

Education Commission Meeting at St. Luke,

5:30 PM

Finance Council Meeting at St. Luke, 6:30PM Parish Council Meeting at St. Luke, 7:30 PM

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

St. John's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Howard Murphy



St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Duane Kraemer

READINGS FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22: 20-26 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10 Matthew 22: 34-40



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Ken Kraemer, Tom Rieder, Michael Whitcomb, Rob Hare, Yvonne Liegel, Mickey Snyder, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Dave Schoenmann, Serene Zwettler, Lexi

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

Deaths: Leroy Heiser, Sharon Smithson



ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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 23, 2023 ~ Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Sarah Caldwell †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 ~ Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Lester Ruhland †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Roger Ruhland †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 ~ Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Richard Taschek †

5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Phil Marklein †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 ~ *Reformation Day* 7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Caroline "Kelly" Mueller †

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



~"Look What We Can Do Together" ~ 2023 Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Spring Green Community Food Pantry

On the weekend of October 21 - 22 SVDP Vincentians will be handing out empty grocery bags to parishioners to fill with needed food and non-food

items for the Spring Green Community Food Pantry. Gift cards, cash donations or checks are also appreciated. Please make check out to SVDP-River Valley Conference.

Then on the weekend of October 28-29 and November 4-5, please drop off your filled grocery bag(s) or monetary donations at the designated area in the church foyer.

Most Needed Food Items:

SpaghettiOs, ravioli, rice, Hamburger Helper, and Tuna Helper, canned tuna, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, cake mix, pancake mix and syrup. **Please- no expired food items.**

Also needed - Toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex tissues, disposable diapers in sizes $\,3$ Mo, $\,5$ Mo, and $\,6$ Mo. Pull-ups training pants for boys and girls in sizes -2T/3T, $\,3T/4T$, and $\,5T/6T$.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35
Thank you for your generosity to support our neighbors in need.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference For questions – contact Joan Zahalka (651-324-3068) or Rick Zahalka (715-415-1593).

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., OCT 28	4:00 PM	5:30 PM
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney
Lector	Gwen Kraemer	Barb Louis
Ushers	Gary Mueller Donna Ochsner OPEN OPEN	Pat Slaney Gary Nachreiner
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., OCT 29	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	Marty Gates
Lector	Lenny Schaub	Andy Sgrignoli	Bob Gates
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Ushers	Jim Huebsch Joyce Huebsch	Todd Hogan Tom Slaney	Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske Bev Eberle Alice Ruhland
Servers	Wyatt Klingaman Sammy Clary	Eli Limmex Charles McCall	Jacob Faber Evan Faber

Diocese of Madison Divorce Support Ministry

"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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION



This weekend, the International Combined Collection is being conducted across the diocese. Enclosed in this bulletin is a brochure explaining all of the individual collections and an envelope to make your donation. Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of so many.

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

EDUCATION COMMISSION ~ St. John's is looking for one new member for our Education Commission. If you would like to learn more about our school and help make decisions to continue to provide the best education possible, please contact 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.



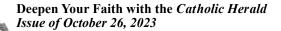
ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE ~

St. John's Holiday Greenery Sale has begun! Order forms can be found in the school office. Orders can also be placed with a school family. Beautiful wreaths and garland will "spruce" up your home for the holidays! All orders must be in by Friday, November 3rd. Orders may be picked

up any time after 2:00 PM at the school on Monday, November 20th.

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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.



As All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day approach, this week's *Catholic Herald* has a special Grief and Loss section. The *Catholic Herald* is also your source for information on all kinds of faith and family events in the diocese. 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.

REMINDER to RENEW your subscriptions now! To continue your subscription to the *Catholic Herald*, use the envelope provided in your set of monthly envelopes. Please make your check payable to St. Luke, St. John or St. Pat in the amount of \$23.00.

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IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 26: Field Trips, 4K to Enchanted Valley; 5K-2 to Treinen Farm; Education Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 27: No School; Teacher Retreat in Madison

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



To John Ruhland and the Plain Fire Department for giving our kindergarteners a ride in the fire truck and a tour of the fire station for all grades K-8. Thank you for everything you do for the community!

To everyone who came to our Grandparent's Day celebration. We had a very nice day celebrating grandparents with school tours, Mass, a music

performance and a delicious lunch. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped make the meal a success.

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 PM. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ~ Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 2 starting at 4:00 PM. Our Scholastic Book Fair will also be running the week of conferences. Everyone is welcome to stop in the school, browse through the books and make a purchase. They make great Christmas presents.

SCHOOL STORE ~ You can support St. Luke School while shopping. Simply go to Schoolstore.com, enter our school name, St. Lukes Catholic School, and click the tab under the blue SchoolStore banner that says "Merchants". Choose the merchants that you would like to shop with either by category or alphabetically with the drop down bar on the left. Once you click the merchant, you will be redirected to that merchant's actual website. A portion of the money you spend will automatically be sent to St. Luke School. You need to go through the Schoolstore.com portal for St. Luke's to get credit. Happy Shopping!

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.

Please note that the 11:00 AM St. Luke School Mass on Wednesdays will now begin at 10:45 AM except for the November 1st Mass, which will begin at 8:30 AM. Thank you.



LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

October 9-15: Mary Lou Baryenbruch, Joe & Lucille Wankerl, Rhonna Hetzel, Rita Brey, Robert Gates, Carol Patterson, and Nick Ruhland.

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: 7,225

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???

Plain Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 5th, 2023, serving from 8:00 to 11:30 AM at the Fire Station in Plain. Pancakes, eggs, sausage.

The Plain EMS Department will be holding a sit-down spaghetti supper or carryout on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, at the Plain American Legion, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Home delivery is available within the Village of Plain. Please call 608-678-0394. Cost: \$13 for ages 8 and up and \$5 for ages 7 and under.

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



Again this November we will put out our Book of Remembrance for Our Beloved Dead. November is a month dedicated to prayers for those who have passed from this life and can benefit greatly from

our spiritual works done on their behalf. Write the names of your loved ones who have died and they will be included in intercessions at Masses throughout the month.

Dear Friends:

Thank you from the people of Appalachia, specifically in Salyersville in the Magoffin County of Kentucky. All your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society were greatly appreciated! The bedding and most especially the new quilts, were wonderful. Many were



given to the children in the schools who do not even have a bed right now. The larger ones will be "Memory Quilts", to be draped over the coffins of their loved ones instead of a spray of flowers, which they can't afford. Those of us who drove the donations to Kentucky are so thankful for your caring and generosity. These people truly felt the love of God because of your thoughtfulness.

~Richard & Edith Alt-Hochstetter



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 16)		Church		Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$	7,925.00	\$	577.00
Oct 14/15 Actual	\$	2,321.00	\$	145.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,496.00	\$	45.00
Difference:	-\$	3,108.00	-\$	387.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$	126,800.00	\$	9,232.00
YTD Total to Oct 15	\$	91,670.00		3,625.00
Difference	-\$	35,130.00	-\$	5,607.00

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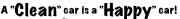
To Charities1-4%

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 16) Weekly Envelope Goal Oct 14/15 Actual ACH Weekly Average	\$ 7,020.00 \$ 3,264.00 \$ 2,500.00
Difference:	- \$ 1,256.00
Envelope Goal YTD YTD Total to Oct 15	\$ 112,320.00 \$ 81,468.00
Difference	- \$ 30,852.00

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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

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Saint John the

6494 County Highway H Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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

(May-October)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

PASTOR: Fr. Luke Syse

546-2482 / 588-2028 / Cell: 636-4337 fr.luke.syse@pastorate6.org

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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.