

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

WEEKLY BULLETIN

JUNE 30, 2024

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Our first reading this week is another of my favorites, from the Book of Wisdom: "For he fashioned all things that they might have being." It is a reminder of the sheer gratuitousness of creation. As we read in the very first paragraph of the catechism: "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life."

God created us not out of necessity (as if he needed some soldiers or laborers to help him out) but out of pure love. Each person was directly willed by God to exist because he simply wanted us to exist. God looks at every creature and says, "It is good that you are." To love is simply that: to value someone for their existence and not for their usefulness.

What does it mean to share in God's own blessed life? It could mean that in some way we are to act like God. After all, we are made in God's image. This means we are to treat all creation with reverence and respect. It could also mean that we are called to be co-creators with God. Those of you who garden or produce your own food know how rewarding it is to be a creator. If we were to ask the question: Are we acting more in God's image when we are creating or when we are consuming? The answer would certainly be when we are creating.

There is a great struggle right now in our culture between consuming and creating. Consuming has never been easier! (You can buy with just one click...). As human beings we need to consume, we cannot avoid it, but it shouldn't be our main activity. Consuming should be in the service of our creativity. Our main activity should be to work and be creative. In that way we are best imaging our Creator God.

best,

Fr. Luke

Thank you to all who helped with this past weekend's activities! *There are so many of you who sacrificed your time and energy for our parish.* We had a very successful St. Luke Festival and Annual Mass with Bishop Hying at Mill Creek. The walking pilgrimage was also a success. Although my walk was cut short by storms on Friday and Saturday, I was still able to walk about 16 miles on Sunday with some fellow pilgrims.

Next week I will be "up north" with four of my fellow priests enjoying some vacation and fraternity. I am grateful to be able to spend some time with them. On Sunday June 30th, I will celebrate my 7th anniversary to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Deo Omnis Gloria! All the Glory to God.

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed: Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM

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

Fri: Stations of the Cross at SJB, 4:45 PM
Mass at SJB, 5:30 PM

Sat: Mass at SJB, 9:00 AM

***Please note:** The Men of Mary and PRINK groups will take a 2-week break. Both groups will resume on Wednesday, July 17th. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ Feast Day of Saints Joachim & Anne and St. Anne's Pilgrimage, July 26
- ✠ St. John's Funfest, August 9 & 10
- ✠ St. Patrick's Fall Dinner, September 8
- ✠ St. John's Fall Dinner, September 22

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass
St. John ~ 5:00 PM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday
St. Luke ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday
St. Patrick ~ 7:00 AM Sunday
St. John the Baptist Mill Creek ~ 8:30 AM First Saturday of the Month

READINGS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6a

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

Kevin Bindl
(SL)

Deceased members of Reuben
Kraemer and Leo Scholl Families
(SJE)

Kasper & Betty Feist
(SJB)



Anliker.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Marsha Marklein Marty, Greg Rieder, Susan Liegel, Kelly Feiner, Jacob Emerson, Harvey Rieder, Sister Jean Ferstl, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, Doug Schmitz, Lexi Norton, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024 ~ *St. Junipero Serra, Priest*
7:00 AM **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024
5:15 PM **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024 ~ *St. Thomas, Apostle*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Bob & Carol Mack †

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024 ~ *Independence Day*
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Vernon Bindl †

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024 ~ *St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Mary Gust †
5:30 PM Mass at St. John the Baptist for Donna Nicholson †

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024 ~ *St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr BVM*

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist for Jacob & Juliette Silbernagel †
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Descendants of the Herman Feiner Family †
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Kelly & Diane Baryenbruch

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Kevin McCluskey †
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Ss. Joachim & Anne Pastorate
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for George Bergman †

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JULY 6	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Alice Bindl
Lector	Lynae Schott	Phil Limmex
EM	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney
Ushers	Bill Bergman Donna Ochsner	Pat Slaney Gary Nachreiner
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., JULY 7	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	OPEN	Marty Gates
Lector	Lenny Schaub	Howard Marklein	Rita Brey
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50 is 50

One of my parishioners asked me after the 50th Birthday Thanksgiving Mass at St. John the Baptist, Mill Creek, if I could write a book on my life's journey. I told her I am not a writer but a teacher. That evening before I said good night to my Lord, suddenly I started connecting the dots of my life. I could not sleep realizing that 50 is not the new 30, nor the old 70. 50 is 50! This age (50) marks a significant milestone in my life, which I did not pay much attention to. My heart immediately started feeling grateful to my holy and simple parents. I have now suddenly grown up and I see my gray hair. As I was gathering all the sweet and sour memories and slowly my tired eyes were closing, I became aware of my spiritual and physical health, and to my surprise, I found there are a lot of rooms that are not yet explored.

I think the average life span of India's population is 65 or 67. I have completed more than half. And after 50 years around the sun, I have learned a few things. Aging gives the superpower of life experiences through observations. My hope is that I continue to grow and evolve beyond these 50 years. My life was never a bed of roses, I had all kinds of experiences, both good and bad. I met thousands of people belonging to different countries, faiths, and traditions. One common thing I learned from everyone is that life is stranger than fiction and relationships are hard work if you want them to be meaningful. I lost many and gained many. Sometimes I could not say NO and sometimes I could not say YES to some people and events. The feelings of rejections & misunderstandings often came to disturb me, and to make me down and give up. But there were a few people who encouraged me. In their encouragement, I knew life was not a race, but rather that I should live each day in gratitude to those few who love you no matter what you are or who you are.

Today I can say proudly, among those few, You are one of them! And now I have decided to live each day in gratitude, making an extra effort to love my Lord a little more than what I did for the last few years. My soul magnifies the Lord my savior!

My heart bends low in gratitude to each one of you who made my 50th Birthday a great one. Your birthday cards, gifts and best wishes are so meaningful to me. You really made me feel loved. Thank you for loving me, accepting me and understanding me as your Priest and Father. I am also eternally grateful to my Bishop Hying for his fraternal love and concern and to Fr. Luke and my sister, Sr. Rina, who came all the way from India while facing lots of challenges to be with me on behalf of my parents and family.

Be assured of my prayers for you all. 50 began on 24th June but it continues until I am 51! So, continue to pray for me, to be a holy priest and not a good priest.

Blessings! **Father Kumud**



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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

AUGUST 9 & 10: St. John's Funfest!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S FUNFEST! Funfest this year will be on Friday evening, August 9th and all day Saturday, August 10th. We have exciting events planned for both children and adults: 5K fun run, bingo, kids' games, concessions, food and beer stand, adult softball, corn hole tournament, raffle drawing, and live music. You won't want to miss it! Funfest is the school's major fundraiser so plan on coming out to support our school!

FUNFEST FUN RUN ~ St. John's Funfest will include a 5K Run/Walk this year! Registration is \$25 and participants will receive a participation ribbon, 5 tickets to be used for food/beverage at the park, and a goodie bag. Registration forms are available through Flocknote or the school website. The race starts at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 10th. We hope to see you there!

FUNFEST RAFFLE TICKETS ~ Funfest raffle tickets are available to pick up in the back of the church, along with instructions for where to return your sold tickets and money. As you may already know, Funfest is our school's largest fundraiser and we need your help selling as many raffle tickets as possible. Thank you for your continued support of our school. It is much appreciated!

ENROLLMENT UPDATE FOR '24-'25 SCHOOL YEAR:

3K: At Capacity ~ Wait list

4K: Nearing Capacity ~ Few Remaining Openings

5K - 4th Grade: Limited Capacity

The word is out as to the great education children receive at St. John's School so it is important to **register early to guarantee your child a spot for next year!** Financial assistance is available.



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ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS



We welcome Mrs. Laura Druckrey as our new Kindergarten Teacher. She comes with experience at the primary level and is excited to join our staff. Welcome Mrs. Druckrey!



We welcome back Mrs. Paula Bauer as our custodian at St. Luke's. We are excited to have her back in our buildings. Welcome back Paula!

SUMMER PROGRAM ~ We would like to thank Bob Wills from Cedar Grove Cheese Factory for coming to our summer program and giving a presentation in celebration of June Dairy Month. Thank you Bob!

SCHOOL HOURS ~ We will be in and out of the building over the summer but will check emails regularly. The best way to contact us is to email Diane Mueller at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com or Rachel Eberle at school.secretary@stlukcatholicchurchplain.com,

THERE IS STILL TIME! It is not too late to enroll or re-enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. We are accepting registrations in all grade levels, 3PK-8. St. Luke School offers a faith-based education, spacious classrooms, before and after school programs, and over 155 combined years of experienced teachers. 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.

DID YOU KNOW? St. Luke School has a tuition assistance program for families wanting a faith-based education. This tuition assistance helps make a private school education a reality for students wanting to attend St. Luke School. For more information, contact the school office.

DO YOUR SUMMER SHOPPING THROUGH THE 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!

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ST. LUKE'S PARISH FESTIVAL

THANK YOU to everyone who worked or attended our festival last weekend! A fun time was had by all! If you were unable to attend or return your raffle tickets because of the weather and would like to make a donation, please call the Parish Office!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Grand Prize winner, Betty Zoellick! The list of all winners is on our Facebook page!



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald* Issue of July 4, 2024

Bishop Donald J. Hying connects with his flock in every issue through his "From the Bishop's Desk" column. It's easy to get the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition in your home... just contact your parish office!

SVDP RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE



Furniture and Household Item Donation Pick-up

St. Vincent de Paul donation Pick Up Truck will be available for pick-ups at your location on the following Saturdays: Jul 20; Aug 17; Sep 21 and Oct 19. (Dates are subject to change or adjustment). If you would like to schedule a pick-up or volunteer for this activity of fellowship and service to our neighbors in need, please call Denny Olson at 608-574-3422.

Please have items ready for pick up by placing them on your porch or in your garage. Furniture and household items must be in good condition; clean, free of pet hair, odor, usable and saleable. All small items must be bagged or boxed. Please note that we cannot accept air conditioners, appliances, computers or parts, TV's, pianos, tires, paint, or chemicals.

"May our presence and care to those most in need reflect the gentleness, esteem and dignity we see reflected in the life and work of Jesus" ~ St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your support and may God Bless You.

ST. JOHN MAINTENANCE UPDATE



Help raise funds for a new sound system at St. John! All donations welcome!

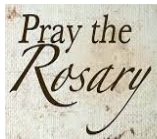
Feel free to make your donation in memory or in honor of someone special.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Luke Parish is looking for volunteers to help in the following positions:

- ✦ Festival Chairs or Co-chairs for June 21, 2025!
- ✦ 2 members to become part of the weekly altar cleaning teams. The rotation would be every five weeks.
- ✦ 2-3 members to chair the dining room at our fish fries. Along with a few other monthly fish fry duties.
- ✦ President, Vice President, Secretary and New Members Welcome Person for our Council of Catholic Women

Please call 546-2482 if you would be able to help!!



"Parish Rosary Program"
(Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate)

Combined Weekly Total: 195
Running Grand Total: 13,359

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

Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist/Mill Creek will be held on the 1st Friday of this month at 4:45 PM.



"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me." Let the Lord fill your marriage with peace, love and hope. Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 3-4 in Wisconsin or September 6-8 in Geneva, IL. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

ST. JOHN FALL DINNER



St. John Fall Dinner will be held this year on Sunday, September 22, 2024. We are looking for parishioners who would like to help with organizing this year's dinner. ***Our first meeting will be on Monday, July 15, at 6:30 PM at St. John's parish hall. See you there!!***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 52)	Church	Maint.
Weekly Envelope Goal	\$ 7,925.00	\$ 577.00
June 22/23 Actual	\$ 1,745.00	\$ 35.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00
Difference:	-\$ 3,684.00	-\$ 594.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 412,100.00	\$ 30,215.00
YTD Total to June 23	\$ 323,161.00	\$ 13,538.00
Difference	-\$ 88,939.00	-\$ 16,677.00

Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!
 To Parish5-8%
 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 52)	
Total Weekly Goal	\$ 7,405.00
June 22/23 Actual	\$ 5,174.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	+\$ 269.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 385,060.00
YTD Actual to June 23	\$ 351,200.00
Difference	- \$ 33,860.00

*This now includes weekly envelopes and weekly offertory basket collection!!

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

253 N. Washington Street
P.O. Box 628
Spring Green, WI 53588

ST. JOHN MASS: Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am

ST. JOHN OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office 588-2028
Parish Fax 588-2648
Parish Email.....barb.ferguson@saintsja.org
Website.....www.saintsja.org
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

ST. LUKE MASS: Saturday 4:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

ST. LUKE OFFICES

Rectory/Parish Office 546-2482
Parish Fax 546-2616
Parish Email.....heather.faber@saintsja.org
Website.....www.saintsja.org
Church Kitchen 546-2800
Pastoral Council President: Bruce Culver..... 544-5813
St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference.... 546-2482
Little Luke Daycare..... 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

Saint Boniface

105 Church Street
Lime Ridge, WI 53942

Saint Patrick Loreto

58280 County Road G
Plain, WI 53577

Saint John the Baptist Mill Creek

6494 County Highway H
Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

(November-April)

MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

(May-October)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

PASTOR: Fr. Luke Syse

546-2482 / 588-2028 / Cell: 636-4337

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Michael Davidson

588-2028 / 546-2482

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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

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Deacon Tom Fogarty - 414-530-0868
tjohnf52480@gmail.com

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 an intake form at our website www.saintsja.org. First time parents and godparents are required to attend a baptism preparation program before the baptism of their child. These classes are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at St. Luke.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Individual celebrations can be arranged by calling the parish office.

OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. Please contact Marie Lins at 608-469-3982 or marie.lins@madisondiocese.org.