



Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We want Christ to reign! The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe marks the end of the liturgical year. Should we expect to see Jesus reigning here on Earth? Very often we might think this world belongs more to Satan than to Jesus; after all Satan is called by Jesus "the ruler of this world." We also hear the Lord himself saying that his own kingdom "does not belong to this world." Yet we would be mistaken to believe that Jesus' should not reign here on Earth. Jesus is the Creator and Satan is not his rival but only his enemy. The Catechism teaches us clearly:

"The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and his kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries — of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature — to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him" (#395)."

At the second Vatican Council the tension between heaven and earthly kingdoms was summarized in a brief statement from the document *Gaudium et Spes*:

"On this earth that Kingdom is already present in mystery. When the Lord returns it will be brought into full flower (#39)."

Jesus is the King of the entire universe, so He is certainly the one who reigns over all the Earth. We see his Kingdom in mystery in the various works of the Church: helping the poor, teaching the truths of the faith and celebrating the sacraments. The Catholic Church is the body of Christ and carries out his Kingship here on earth. His Kingdom belongs to heaven but serves everyone on Earth—it is a kingdom of service and love. You and I contribute to the up-building of God's kingdom every time we follow the good inspirations of the Lord Jesus—especially when they cause us to sacrifice some good thing or comfort here on earth.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other notes:

This week Fr. Joji Reddy (who resides in Poynette) will be with us to preach our annual mission appeal. Fr. Joji is from the Diocese of Warangal in India. Fr. Joji wrote to me a few words about his diocese: *"The Diocese of Warangal is a very poor mission and does not have any resources of its own to meet its necessary missionary and Pastoral needs. It depends on the ecclesial solidarity of Parishes like yours. Funds raised from this appeal are directly used for evangelization and pastoral care only. We appeal to your generosity to continue these projects for the poor and needy people. Therefore, we humbly request you to be generous towards this cause. We look forward to sharing our missions. Assuring you of our prayers."*

~ Fr. Joji, Mission Coordinator

(Please find the collection envelopes for the mission in this week's bulletin. You may bring them back next week and place them in the basket.)

Ad Orientem Worship

During advent on Sunday mornings the Mass will be celebrated Ad Orientem. During the Eucharistic Prayer the priest will stand and, facing the same direction as the congregation, offer to God the Eucharistic sacrifice. Advent is a special time where we "look east" for the coming of the Messiah—and Ad Orientem means "towards the east." I have decided to do this only on Sundays mornings because the rising sun in the east is a symbol of Christ's resurrection and second coming.

The change to having the priest face the people after Vatican II was not a requirement but it is, according to the General Instruction on the Roman Missal, "desirable whenever possible." Ad Orientem, however, is not forbidden and I believe it is good to experience this direction of prayer from time to time. I recall once in seminary attending a Chaldean liturgy (the Catholic rite found primarily in Iraq) and experiencing for the first time ad orientem worship. It felt like the priest was leading the people towards God. He faced the same direction as them and looked together with his people upon the large crucifix located on the eastern wall.

As Catholics we should always have a universal heart. We may have our preferences on liturgical direction but we should be open to what the church allows and what we might experience in other traditions like the Chaldean Catholic Church. After Advent we will resume the usual direction for all weekend masses.

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sun: Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. John, 7:00 PM
- Tues: OCIA at St. John the Evangelist hall, 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
St. Luke Finance Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Wed: **NO** Men's Group Meet at St. John
Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM
NO PRINK the Word at St. John
- Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Luke, 8:30 AM
- Sat: Christkindlmarkt Concert at St. Luke Church, 7:30 PM
- Sun: Family of Faith Sunday at St. John for families with children in grades 5K - 5th
~ Mass at 8:30 AM
~ Class at 9:30 AM for parents and students

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service,* November 24
- ✠ Christkindlmarkt, November 30
- ✠ Family of Faith Sunday at St. John, December 1
- ✠ Advent Hour of Reflection at St. John the Baptist, December 1 at 5:00 PM
- ✠ Advent by Candlelight, December 5

*The time of the Ecumenical Service was scheduled for 6:00 PM. It will now begin at **7:00 PM** on November 24th.

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024 ~ *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*

7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Arthur Denman †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

7:00 AM Mass at St. John

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for David Dixon †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Art Poehlman †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 ~ *Thanksgiving Day*

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for David Meixelsperger, Jr. †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 ~ *St. Andrew, Apostle
The End of the Year of Grace 2024*

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Dave Meixelsperger †

5:30 PM Mass at St. John for The People of Saints
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 ~ *FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT*

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Clarence & Agnes
McCluskey †

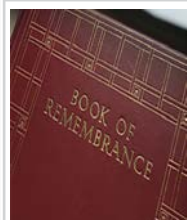
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Bill Hackl †

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Virginia Meise †

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., NOV. 30	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Rita Brey	Donna Slaney
Lector	Ann Nelson	Diane Baryenbruch
EM	Mary Schluter	Diane Baryenbruch
Ushers	Gary Mueller Carly Kraemer	Pat Slaney OPEN
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., DEC. 1	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Joanne Finn	Nicole Bell
Lector	Nick Klingaman	Dan Joyce	Bob Gates
EM		Dan Joyce	Bev Eberle
Ushers	Jim Huebsch Joyce Huebsch	Tom Slaney Ron Bauer	Ken Bindl Bev Eberle
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Servers	Hewsten Boland Jadyn Boland	Brianna McCall Charles McCall	Evan Faber Isaac Faber



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 in our Book of Remembrance and they will be included in intercessions at Masses throughout the month.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING



Joann Schanke, Rick Meixelsperger, Jim Hansen, Luena Meister, Aloysius Bauer, Christina Litviak, Peggy Sprecher, Marie Neider, Greg Rieder, Kelly Feiner, Jacob Emerson, Harvey Rieder, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, and Doug Schmitz.

READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24TH:

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AT 4:00 PM

ST. LUKE AT 4:00 PM

ST. LUKE AT 10:00 PM

DECEMBER 25TH:

ST. PATRICK AT 8:00 AM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AT 10:00 AM



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

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

John & Florentine Ruhland
(SJE)

Arthur Denman
(SL)

Vince & Berneice Murphy
(SJB)



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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 25: Holiday Greenery Orders Delivered
NOVEMBER 27-29: No School; Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 6: Holiday Light Parade
DECEMBER 9: Immaculate Conception Mass @ St. Luke's
DECEMBER 18: Christmas Program, 1:30 & 6:30 pm
DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 1: Christmas Vacation

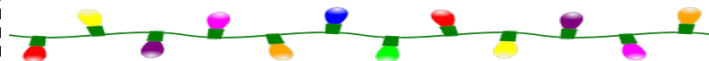


HAPPY THANKSGIVING ~ From all of the staff at St. John's School, we want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We hope you are able to enjoy delicious food and spend time with family and friends celebrating all of God's blessings.

ST. JOHN'S HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE ~ All Holiday Greenery orders will be delivered to the school on Monday, November 25th. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!



HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE ~ St. John's School will be entering a float in **Spring Green's Holiday Light Parade** on Friday, December 6. This is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Peck family for the use of their trailer and generator.



BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE WITH SCRIP!



Are you starting to think about Christmas? One of our local SCRIP retailers – Peck's Farm Market East located at 6444 US Highway 14 between Spring Green and Arena – will have Christmas trees for sale! If you're shopping for a tree, remember to use SCRIP. Gift certificates are available in \$25, \$50, and \$75 amounts and can be used on anything offered at the market. St. John's School earns 5% profit through this program. Thank you to the Peck family for offering another opportunity to use SCRIP locally!

LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! See for yourself all the great things that are 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.

BAKE SALE



THANK YOU! Thank you to all who donated and purchased at St. John's Bake Sale! What a great bake sale. We collected \$589.00 thanks to everyone's generosity. Next bake sale is scheduled for December 21/22 and those with last names A-K are asked to make donations. Happy Thanksgiving!!

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Wrap-Up Information

Please read the Annual Catholic Appeal wrap-up flyer included in today's bulletin. The flyer summarizes performance information and how the funds collected will be used to meet our spiritual and material needs. Thank you to all who participated in this important part of parish and diocesan life!

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 27-29: No School; Thanksgiving Break
NOVEMBER 27: Outdoor Nativity Set Up
DECEMBER 5: School Mass

CAMP GRAY ~ St. Luke Middle School students attended an over-night retreat at Camp Gray. The students participated in whole group and small group activities, had some free choice time and participated in some team-building activities. They attended Mass in the evening in the camp's St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, ate lunch in the John Paul II Dining Hall and played in the Ark Gymnasium. They walked around the grounds and stayed in St. Vincent (Vinney's) cabin. The students loved the experience and returned to school exhausted!



Thank you Todd and Sue Statz for the donation of hamburger to our hot lunch program.



Thank you Oakwood Fruit Farm for the tasty apples you donated to our hot lunch program.

FAMILY ACTIVITY ~ St. Luke's Home & School Association is sponsoring a family activity of "Do It Yourself Wreath Making and Porch Pot Making". Join us for an afternoon of making your own 24" wreath or porch pot. Kids' porch pots are also available. This family activity will be held in St. Luke's church basement on Sunday, December 8 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Everything needed to make the wreaths and porch pots will be provided. Trainers will be available to assist in making wreaths and with any other questions or help that is needed. Wreaths are \$40, porch pots are \$55 and kids' mini porch pots are \$15. Call the school office for more information or to sign up. You may also sign up using the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4AADAD2AA6FE3-52958795-wreath>

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ St. Luke students in grades 4K-8 will celebrate Mass with St. John's students on Monday, December 9th to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ St. Luke School's Christmas program is on Monday, December 16. There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30 PM and an evening performance at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some wonderful music and hear the Christmas story as told by St. Luke School students.

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LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:



November 11 - November 17: John & Jackie Jewell, Joan Check, Lincoln Webster, Melissa Marx, Cecelia Eberle, Rachel Eberle, and Judy Conger. **All were \$50 Winners. Congratulations!**



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



SVDP River Valley Conference ~ Annual Christmas Giving Tree ~

Thank you for participating in the Christmas Giving Tree. All Giving Tree gifts tags have been distributed.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness will help area families/individuals in need have a Merry Christmas.

Please wrap your gift(s) and attach the Gift Tag to the gift. Drop your gift(s) off at church no later than the weekend of November 30 and December 1.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Sincerely,

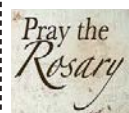
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Host a Guest for Thanksgiving! A message from Bob Baird: I am looking for families to host a guest for Thanksgiving dinner. I am sure that many of you have done this in the past. As a host, you would also be responsible for the transportation of that person.

Also looking for people who would like to be a guest and not eat alone for Thanksgiving. This thought came to mind after reading a recent daily gospel, Luke 14:12-14. You can text me and let me know which side of the coin, host or guest, you would like to be on. If you have any questions, just call. Thanks and God Bless. Bob Baird ~ (678) 463-6707.



Let us be thankful for our spouse. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on December 6-8 or February 14-16 in Brookfield, WI. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



"Parish Rosary Program" (Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate) Combined Weekly Total: 234 Running Grand Total: 17,440

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

Ladies
Join Us!
for
Advent
By candlelight

There will be live music of the season
Our event speaker : Michelle Nilsson
St. John's - Thursday, Dec 5th
7:00PM

Interested in hosting a table?
Contact Barb or Ann for details:
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CCW NEWS

The CCW is looking for bakers to help supply goodies for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service being held at St. John's on Sunday, November 24. Please call Deb Tafs at (608) 588-0015 if you are able to help. Thank you!

St. Luke CCW Ladies can drop off their cookies at the Kraemer Library Community Room on Friday, November 29 from 1:00-3:00 PM or Saturday morning, November 30th, any time after 10:00 AM. We look forward to the Cookie Walk at *Christkindlmarkt* from 3:00-7:00 PM.

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us

Gratitude, Generosity and Stewardship

In the Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to imitate God's generosity, calling for an attitude of "...gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's living gift, and that we care called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works."

Pope Francis further explains, "One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." (*LS* 222, 227). We show our respect and gratitude to the Creator by our stewardship and recognition of his bountiful creation as a precious gift requiring our care! **Happy Thanksgiving Week!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 20)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
November 16/17 Actual	\$ 2,003.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00

Difference: +\$ 2,665.00

Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 143,060.00
YTD Total to Nov 17	\$ 129,813.00

Difference -\$ 13,247.00

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 your Parish Office for details.

St. Luke's (Week 20)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
November 16/17 Actual	\$ 3,801.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 1,206.00

Total Goal YTD	\$ 150,140.00
YTD Actual to Nov 17	\$ 105,521.00

Difference - \$ 41,286.00

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 Boniface

105 Church Street
Lime Ridge, WI 53942

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

(November-April)

Saint Patrick Loreto

S8280 County Road G
Plain, WI 53577

MASS: Sunday 7:30am

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

Saint John the Baptist Mill Creek

6494 County Highway H
Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

(May-October)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

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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 español

Puedes llamarlo a 608-636-4337

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Deacon Tom Fogarty - 414-530-0868

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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.