



Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



DECEMBER 1, 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| SAINT LUKE PARISH

**| SAINT JOHN THE
EVANGELIST PARISH**

WITH PASTORAL CARE OF:

SAINT BONIFACE

**SAINT PATRICK
LORETO**

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
MILL CREEK**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The season of Advent brings a new, fresh beginning to our minds and hearts. It is a season of looking for Christ, of seeking him who comes, as the saying goes, in "history, mystery and glory." It is important this time of year that we take time to pray. There are so many good things to do that it would be very easy to skimp on prayer--but prayer must always come first. Jesus is clear in today's Gospel that prayer is how we prepare for his coming in glory--will the Lord find us vigilant when he comes?

The catechism dedicates the entire fourth (and final) section to the topic of prayer. A good way to begin to pray would be to (prayerfully) read through that last section. Catechisms are going for \$7.00 from Amazon--that would be a great investment if you don't have one handy!

Although we can pray anywhere, the best place to pray is in the church before the tabernacle. Jesus is there waiting for us in silence. He wishes to speak to us a word of comfort or challenge. Let us be generous this Advent in silent prayer--waiting with Mary for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

in prayer,
Fr. Luke

Here are a few of my favorite paragraphs from the Catechism on Prayer:

2725 Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer.

2744 *Prayer is a vital necessity.* Proof from the contrary is no less convincing: if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin. How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him?

✠ Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy. ... For it is impossible, utterly impossible, for the man who prays eagerly and invokes God ceaselessly ever to sin.

✠ Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do not pray are certainly damned. - St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Other notes:

"This Will Be A Sign For You: Advent Hour of Reflection at St. John the Baptist at Mill Creek. Come join in a time of meditation and reflection Sunday evenings during Advent from 5:00 to 6:00 PM (1:00 to 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 15th). Featuring a recording of "Advent At Ephesus," a beautiful album by the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles."

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

- 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
Advent Hour of Reflection at St. John the Baptist, 5:00 PM
- Tues: OCIA at St. John the Evangelist hall, 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
- Wed: Men's Group Meet at St. John
Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM
PRINK the Word at St. John, 9:15 AM
MS Faith Formation/Confirmation Class, 6:45 PM
- Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
SVDP Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM
Advent by Candlelight at St. John the Evangelist, 7:00PM
- Fri: First Friday Devotion at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
First Friday Mass at St. Luke, 8:30 AM
- Sat: Adoration at St. Boniface, 8:00 AM
First Saturday Mass at St. Boniface, 9:00 AM
- Sun: Advent Hour of Reflection at St. John the Baptist, 5:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ 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
✠ First Friday Mass at St. Luke, December 6
✠ HS Youth Ministry Night with Molly Mahoney at St. Pat's, December 11

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 ...



All Descendants of the Herb &
Lucy Schoenmann Family
(SJE)

LeRoy Heiser
(SL)

Carlyle & Ruth Scanlan
(SJB)



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING



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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for LeRoy Heiser †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 ~ *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

7:00 AM Mass at St. John for Lorraine Meister †

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for the John & Verda Schmitz Family †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 ~ *St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Arthur Denman †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Norman Liegel †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 ~ *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

8:30 AM Mass at **St. Luke** for the Poor Souls †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024 ~ *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

9:00 AM Mass at St. Boniface for Agnes McCluskey †

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Gene Schmid †

5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Monica Radel †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 ~ *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Catherine Schmitz †

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Athleen Haas †

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for The People of Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., DEC. 7	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	Lori Ederer	Jean Bindl
Lector	Gwen Kraemer	Jeanine Radel
EM	Lori Ederer	Linda Thering
Ushers	Dan Bindl Zach Thomas	Robert Baird Mickey Snyder
Servers	Finn Oppert OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., DEC. 8	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	Doreen Laack
Lector	Marty McCluskey	Jan Joyce	Lori Meixelsperger
EM		Sara Shackleton	OPEN
Ushers	Jeff Scallon Sheley Scallon	Allen DeSchepper Ralph Liegel	Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Servers	Wyatt Klingaman Braysen Boland	Vincent Limmex OPEN	Oliver Bell Isaac Faber

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6**

Mission Appeal Reminder: Please return your mission appeal envelopes that were included in the bulletin last week either during Mass or drop them off at the parish office. Thank you for helping them continue to care for the poor and needy that the missionaries serve.

Advent Day of Prayer & Adoration

Thursday, December 19th at St. Luke
Adoration from 9:15 AM until 4:00 PM.

Friday, December 20th at St. John the Evangelist
Adoration from 9:15 AM until 4:00 PM.

Confessions will be heard both days from 3:00 - 4:00 PM.
(You will be able to sign up to pray for an hour soon.)

ADVENT REFLECTIONS



**"This Will Be A Sign For You":
Advent Hour of Reflection at St.
John the Baptist of Mill Creek.**

Come join in a time of meditation and reflection on Sunday evenings during Advent from 5:00 - 6:00 PM, with the exception of December 15th when it will be from 1:00 - 2:00 PM instead. Featuring a recording of "Advent At Ephesus", a beautiful album by the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles."

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



Advent Season of Prayer



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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 6: Holiday Light Parade

DECEMBER 9: Immaculate Conception Mass @ St. Luke's

DECEMBER 18: Christmas Program, 1:30 & 6:30 pm

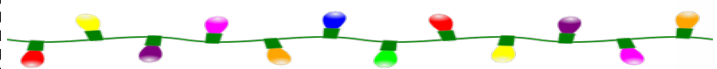
DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 1: No School; Christmas Vacation



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND "LIGHT OF THE FUTURE" TREE ~ St. John's School is having a "Light of the Future" tree to benefit the school's Endowment Fund. Lights for the tree may be purchased for \$2.00 each in remembrance of family and friends, living and deceased. The tree will be set up in the church greeting area and will be lit on Christmas Eve.

The deadline for turning in names is Sunday, December 22. Please find forms on the table in the back of church to list names and return it with \$2.00 per name to the school office or the collection basket at church. Please mark the envelope "St. John's School ~ Light of the Future Tree."

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.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ The students and Mrs. Voegeli have been working hard on this year's Christmas Program. It will be performed this year in the church with performances at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 18th. Please keep in mind that the afternoon program will probably offer better seating with fewer people in attendance.

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!

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Thank you to all who baked, served, and helped with clean up for the Ecumenical Service at St. John the Evangelist. Your time and talents are appreciated more than you know!



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NO Issue on December 5, 2024**

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ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 5: School Mass

DECEMBER 11: Home & School Meeting

DECEMBER 12: School Mass; Education Commission Meeting

DECEMBER 16: Christmas 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.



THANK YOU Dan Bindl for fixing the cabinet door and doing maintenance on the other cabinet doors in Little Luke Daycare. We appreciate your time and helpfulness in maintaining equipment and keeping the space safe for our littles.

THANK YOU Kraemer Brothers for the donation of turkeys for our hot lunch program. We look forward to a delicious holiday lunch!

BRIGHT LIGHTS

Reserve a light for yourself or a special person, living or deceased, to shine bright on the Christmas trees surrounding the Nativity scene in front of St. Luke Church during the holiday season. Each light purchased is \$2.00 and will go toward the St. Luke School Endowment. Thank you for your continuous support!



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 18 - November 24: Cindy & Doug Frank, Kenneth Blum, Paul Christensen, Doreen White, Joe & Polly Kraemer, Elaine Pulvermacher, Jeff & Brittany Sorg. **All were \$50 Winners. Congratulations!**

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED



High School Youth Ministry Night

Wednesday
December 14th

Come right after
practice supper is served

Guest Speaker:
Molly Mahoney



Join us at St. Pat's at 6:45 PM.

ST. JOHN EVENT

Ladies
Join Us!

for
Advent
By candlelight

There will be live music of the season
Our event speaker : Michelle Nilsson

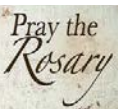
St. John's -Thursday, Dec 5th
7:00PM

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

Combined Weekly Total: 136
Running Grand Total: 17,576

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

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 are 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 21)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
November 23/24 Actual	\$ 1,935.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00

Difference: - \$ 2,733.00

Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 150,213.00
YTD Total to Nov 24	\$ 134,233.00

Difference - \$ 15,980.00

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Back to God!

To Parish	5-8%
To Diocese.....	1%
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St. Luke's (Week 21)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
November 23/24 Actual	\$ 1,603.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 3,404.00

Total Goal YTD	\$ 157,647.00
YTD Actual to Nov 24	\$ 112,957.00

Difference - \$ 44,690.00

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 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 John the Baptist Mill Creek

6494 County Highway H
Arena, WI 53503

MASS: First Saturday Mass 9:00am

(May-October)

JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

PASTOR: Fr. Luke Syse

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

fr.luke.syse@saintsja.org

1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

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MUSIC DIRECTOR

Michael Davidson

588-2028 / 546-2482

michaeldavidson84@gmail.com

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

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.