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DECEMBER 29, 2024

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Dear Friends in Christ,

December 24th this year inaugurates the **Ordinary Jubilee Year** which will last until December 28th, 2025. Every 25 years, the Church celebrates a jubilee as a time of settling debts, reconciling with those we have hurt or have hurt us, pilgrimage, prayer and spiritual renewal. Of all the activities of the Jubilee year, the most important and most difficult certainly must be reconciliation.

Today's world is one where we can, instead of reconciling, quite easily "cancel" someone out of our lives. Before the information/tech boom (which started with the internet), in order to stay in the know, we needed to attend meetings, write letters, read newspapers, call people on the phone or see people in person. These activities brought us into a real face-to-face encounter with others. Now we can have zoom meetings, send emails, and find out the latest (and contribute the latest from our own lives) on social media. These new activities do not bring us face-to-face with each other—and sometimes we learn more than we really ought to about certain people or situations. Sometimes the new tech is convenient (e-mails do save time), but it makes avoiding reconciliation with others an easy option. It is very difficult to move beyond some hurt or distrust through digital communication. We need a real encounter with others.

To be reconciled with another person requires a few steps. First, we must acknowledge their humanity. Each person is made in the image and likeness of God—we are all flawed, yes, but we are all loved by God. Secondly, we must seek to pray for them. The first step in "loving our enemies" would be to pray for them. Thirdly, we must put ourselves out there, making the first step in re-establishing some relationship of trust. Someone has to take the first step and say hello, make a phone call, or send a letter. If this third step is really difficult (which it almost always is), then pray to God asking for some opportunity to arise where you can speak or interact with that person and re-build trust with them.

We need to practice reconciliation because we need each other. Simply cancelling people from our lives without trying to be reconciled is not the way of Christ. Perhaps we won't be reconciled—that is very possible because we cannot control anyone else. We are called, nonetheless, to give it a shot. During this Jubilee year I am sure the Lord will grant us plenty of grace to help us be reconciled to one another.

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."
— Matthew 5:23-26

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun: Mass to open the Jubilee year 2025 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monona
Tues: Holy Day of Obligation Vigil: St. Luke at 4:00 PM
St. Pat at 7:00 PM
Wed: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: St. John at 8:30 AM
St. Luke at 10:00 AM
Parish offices will be closed New Year's Day
Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
Fri: First Friday Devotion & Mass at St. Luke, 7:00 - 9:00 AM
Sat: First Saturday Adoration and Mass at St. Boniface,
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Sun: Family of Faith at St. John
~ Mass at 8:30 AM
~ Class at 9:30 AM



LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ Hospitality at St. Pat's after Mass, December 31
- ✠ Family of Faith at St. John the Evangelist, January 5
- ✠ Mass with Bishop Donald J. Hying, January 27
- ✠ Catholic Schools Week, January 26 to February 1, 2025
- ✠ St. Luke Fish Fry, Friday, February 7

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 ...



Special Blessings
(SJE)

Kevin Maffett
(SL)

Ron & Karol Thousand
(SJB)



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Rosie Bodendein, Marlene Dischler, Joann Schanke, Jim Hansen, Aloysius Bauer, Christina Litviak, Peggy Sprecher, Marie Neider, Greg Rieder, Kelly Feiner, Jacob Emerson, Harvey Rieder, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, and Doug Schmitz.

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024 ~ *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
7:00 AM **NO Mass** at St. Luke

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024 ~ *St. Sylvester I, Pope*
7:00 AM **NO Mass** at St. John
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for The People of Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate
7:00 PM Mass at St. Pat for The Joseph & Catherine Schmitz Family †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 ~ *SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Lorraine Meister †
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Elsie Haas †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 ~ *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Marvin Wallsch †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 ~ *Holy Name of Jesus*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Rhett Green †
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for George Liegel †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 ~ *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
9:00 AM Mass at St. Boniface for Fr. Lawrence Bowens †
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Charlene Linscheid †
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Larry, Tanner, and Joe Batz †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 ~ *EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for The People of Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Ray & Donna Gruber †
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Joann Schanke

St. Pat's will have finger food hospitality/potluck following the 7:00 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass on Tuesday, December 31st. Please bring a dish to pass and Christmas goodies are also welcome.

Vigil of Mary Mother of God - Tuesday, December 31

St. Luke: 4:00 p.m.
St. Patrick: 7:00 p.m.

Mary Mother of God - Wednesday, January 1

St. John: 8:30 a.m.
St. Luke: 10:00 a.m.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 155
Running Grand Total: 18,181

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JAN. 4	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	OPEN	Robert Baird
Lector	Rita Brey	Robert Baird
EM	Rita Brey	OPEN
Ushers	Zach Thomas Gary Mueller	Gary Nachreiner OPEN
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., JAN. 5	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	OPEN	Ann Nelson
Lector	Lucas Faber	Andy Sgrignoli	Jim Moody
EM		Tom Bennett	Bob Gates
Ushers	Jeff Scallon Sheley Scallon	Ron Bauer Tom Bennett	Ken Bindl Susan Bindl
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Servers	Caleb Klingaman Hewsten Boland	OPEN OPEN	Jack Nelson OPEN

READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us

A New Year's Resolution to Care for Creation

- ◆ The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- ◆ Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- ◆ The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- ◆ Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home...to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change."
- ◆ The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?



"We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation."
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



Eighth Grace will be singing at both Masses on December 28 & 29 at St. Luke.

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 1: No School; Christmas Vacation
JANUARY 2: Return to school

HAPPY NEW YEAR! All of us at St. John's School would like to wish you and your family a Blessed New Year!

WITH GREAT GRATITUDE ~ The faculty and staff would like to thank the Home & School and everyone for their gifts of appreciation during the holiday season.

TREMENDOUS BAKE SALE!! ~ A HUGE thank you goes out to Home & School for organizing such a beautiful and profitable bake sale! A big thank you also goes out to all of you who made these tasty treats and/or purchased them. Your help made this a very profitable event.

YES - YOU CAN REGISTER!

We are currently accepting registrations in all grade levels. If you would like a tour of St. John's School or would like to visit a classroom, please call 608-588-2021.



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.stjohnspringgreen.org or by liking our Facebook page – St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.



St. John's Bake Sale: Thanks to all those who so generously donated and made purchases at the December St. John's Bake Sale. Your generosity is much appreciated. With the flooring project occurring in January there will **NOT** be a January bake sale and depending on the completion date there **may not** be a February bake sale. Watch the bulletin for bake sale updates.

Christmas Clean Up

Clean Up will be at noon on January 5th at St. John the Evangelist and on January 12th after Mass at St. Pat and St. Luke. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!



ALL ARE INVITED TO
 THE DIOCESE OF MADISON'S
**MASS TO OPEN THE
 JUBILEE YEAR 2025**
DECEMBER 29, 2:00PM

Celebrated by
 Bishop Donald J. Hying
 on the
 Feast of the Holy Family

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
 5101 Schofield St., Monona, WI



DIOCESE OF MADISON
JUBILEE 2025
 PILGRIMS OF HOPE



ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2: School resumes; School Mass

JANUARY 8: Home & School Meeting

JANUARY 9: School Mass, Education Commission Meeting

JANUARY 12: Outdoor Nativity Takedown



Thank you Bob Neuheisel for your early morning visits to school to check on the boilers and heat in the building.

Thank you Henry Ferstl for the tasty treat for the students and staff for Christmas.

SCHOOL RESUMES on Thursday, January 2, 2025. There will be school mass on our first day back.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL'S EIGHTH ANNUAL GALA ~ St. Luke School's Eighth Annual Gala will be Saturday, March 15 at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. Tickets go on sale after the first of the year and can be purchased at the school office.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ National Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 26 through February 1. The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community". We will kick the week off with Sunday Mass, a chili lunch and tours of the school.

St. Luke School won the Diocesan Giving Tuesday Contest. Students and staff will celebrate Mass with Bishop Hying on Monday, January 27 at 12:30 PM. Following Mass, students will get to play bingo with the Bishop. Thank you to everyone who donated on St. Luke's behalf.

WE HAVE IT! St. Luke School has a faith-filled and nurturing environment that provides spiritual, academic, and social growth for its students. 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.

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LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

December 16-22: Steve Coy, Kellen Carpenter, Floyd & Lois Gruber, Kenneth Hanusa, Steve Coy, Jack & Cheri Carpenter, and Brooklyn Eberle (\$400). All others were \$50 Winners. **Congratulations!**



My dear friends of St. Joachim & Anne Pastorate,
Greetings of peace and my heartiest Christmas and New Year wish for you all! By now, you know I didn't get Christmas cards sent this year. Though I couldn't squeeze out the time to get them done, I feel compelled to carve out this time to write you a letter. There's something I want you to know before tomorrow comes and we stand on the first step of 2025 and wave goodbye to the year that was 2024.

This is what I want to let you know; I looked back over my 2024, it was both a good and bad year for me. I never expected my year to contain the events it did. I never imagined I would have to do what I've done. I never guessed I would learn what I did. I never dreamed I would need to overcome what I have. But with your prayers and mercies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I am standing joyfully and thankfully under the feet of the Lord. Now this big, heavy, hard year is almost over. I'm holding my breath to see what's next. I realized that God's mercies have not been exhausted in my life's challenges. I believe it is the same with you.

During the past year, many times I've offered your prayer requests and journeyed together with you in silence with your joys and pains of life. I've wanted to fix it for you, like a miracle worker. Though I haven't been able to fix the burdens you've carried this year, God's mercies have not run dry. I see they're constantly renewing, never stopping, never quitting, and always showing up in the form of God's faithfulness to us. That's right! To US! To me and to YOU, my sisters and brothers from a different mother...haha!

Here we go, yet another wonderful year opening a new blank page in the history of our lives to be written with unlimited beautiful and colorful stories of life. Keep clinging to the Lord as you fill up the empty pages of your new calendar. I am fully convinced that God WILL NOT LEAVE YOU. You can trust me; God loves you more than I do. I want you to know that in your new year, He will never let you down, never disappoint you, never betray you, never turn away from you, and never stop loving you. If you just keep asking, He will keep pouring His mercies out on you more and more. And also I am praying for a mercy-full 2025 for you. May this new year bring you new happiness, new goals, new achievements and new inspirations in your life. New is the year, new are the hopes, new is the resolution, new are the spirits, and new are my warm wishes just for you. May you find peace, love, joy and success. May all your dreams come true, and all your hopes be fulfilled!

My only wish for this New Year is to **allow yourselves the Sacred Heart of Jesus to love you** more than ever, take care of you more than ever and make you happier more than ever. And I assure you my best prayers for you. Above all, I want you to know that you are all true blessings to my life. Serving you and bringing the Good News of the Gospel is like an open door that welcomes happiness and joy in abundance in my priestly life. Thank you for all the best wishes, cards, gifts, cookies, and sweets. I now have to take metformin as my Lenten sacrifice... I really appreciate you all. Thank you for loving me. Thanks for being my support and inspiration on my journey to Holiness.

Once again, my prayers for you... Have a promising and fulfilling New Year 2025 with fresh hopes, fresh plans, fresh efforts, fresh feelings, fresh commitment and a fresh attitude of gratitude.



With a grateful heart!
Yours in the Sacred Love of our Lord,

Kumud

Fr. Kumud Chand

ST. LUKE FISH FRY NEWS

Circles 1, 2, 8 & 12 are scheduled to work for the February 7, 2025 fish fry. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4AC2BA5F94-54109996-february#/> to sign up! Thank you in advance!!



Family Faith Formation

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

@ ST. JOHNS AFTER 8:30 MASS

IF YOU ARE ABLE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WILLING TO HELP TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF THE CHURCH TO BE PREPARED FOR THE NEW FLOOR.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



YEAR END GIVING

As we come to the end of the calendar year, December 31, **THANK YOU** for your contributions and your support of St. John, St. Luke and St. Patrick churches, schools and ministries! A reminder that if a donor (parishioner) wishes to claim a contribution as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes, then the donor must relinquish control of the funds before it is technically a contribution. If you wish to have your donations counted in 2024, please make sure they reach the parish offices by DECEMBER 31. God bless you!

A reminder that we have "Online Giving" available on our website! Please visit www.saintsja.org and click on the ONLINE GIVING box! Follow the prompts...it is very simple!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 25)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
Dec 21/22 Actual	\$ 1,842.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00

Difference: +\$ 2,826.00

Envelope Goal YTD \$ 178,828.00

YTD Total to Dec 22 \$ 159,742.00

Difference -\$ 19,083.00

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 your Parish Office for details.

St. Luke's (Week 25)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
Dec 21/22 Actual	\$ 14,037.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00

Difference: +\$ 9,030.00

Total Goal YTD \$ 187,675.00

YTD Actual to Dec 22 \$ 160,229.00

Difference - \$ 27,446.00

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

PASTOR: Fr. Luke Syse

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

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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

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.