



Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

| SAINT LUKE PARISH

| SAINT JOHN THE
EVANGELIST PARISH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The baptism of the Lord concludes our Christmas season. It's time to pack up the nativity scenes and place them safely in storage until next year.

We now enter in to "ordinary time," or simply "time throughout the year." During this time, in our Sunday gospel readings, we follow Jesus throughout his public ministry, which is inaugurated by the baptism.

The baptism is the very first public revelation of the Holy Trinity. The Father's voice, the Spirit in the form of a Dove and the Son who is Jesus are all there. Our Lord goes under the water to bury our sinful nature and begin the public portion of his process of redemption. As much as I love contemplating Jesus working at home with Mary and Joseph, he wasn't sent to stay there. He was sent from God to live an intense public life culminating in his death and resurrection.

Throughout his public ministry of teaching, preaching and healing, Our Lord takes time to pray. He then launches out inspired by his prayer to "destroy the works of the devil." He complicates his life for others—for us.

In this new year, where might the Lord be calling me to complicate my life for others? Are we not tempted sometimes to hide our light under the bushel basket? Are we uncomfortable, perhaps, with being public with our faith? We may not be called to preach or teach, but we are called to "let our light shine before others."

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other notes:

- ♦ Work has begun at St. John's Church with pew and carpet removal. Check out photos in this week's Flocknote.
- ♦ There is also some painting work being done at St. Luke: restoration of the Sacred Heart Painting and a correction to the Apostle Judas in the sanctuary. Judas, the betrayer of Jesus, will have slight adjustments done which will more accurately depict him: removal of his halo and a face turned away from Jesus. The art will remind us that Judas "went his own way." This work is a gift of the John E. and Verda L. Schmitz Estate.

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues: OCIA at St. John the Evangelist hall, 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal at St. Luke, 6:00 PM

Wed: Men's Group at St. John, 5:30 AM
NO Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM
PRINK at St. John, 9:15 AM
MS/Confirmation Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM

Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
Education Commission at St. John, 5:30 PM
Finance Council Meeting at St. John, 6:30 PM

Sat: No Mass at St. John, 5:30 PM due to flooring project

Please join us for coffee, donuts, milk and juice after the 10:00 AM mass at St. Luke on Sunday, January 19th.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ Coffee and donuts after Mass at St. Luke, January 19
- ✠ Mass with Bishop Donald J. Hying, January 27
- ✠ Catholic Schools Week, January 26 to February 1, 2025
- ✠ St. Luke Fish Fry, Friday, February 7
- ✠ St. Luke School Gala, March 15

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass
St. John the Baptist ~ 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 ...



**Deceased Members of the
Edward & Mary White Family
(SJB)**

**Arthur Denman
(SL)**

**Brenda Faber
(SP)**



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 ~ *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for David Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

7:00 AM **NO** Mass at St. John

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Arthur Denman †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Jerry Walsh †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for David P. Haas †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 ~ *St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Jan Schoenmann †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 ~ *BVM, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins*

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Deceased Members of the Herman & Lucille Brey Family †

5:30 PM **NO** Mass at St. John

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 ~ *Ecumenical Sunday*

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Jerry Kast †

8:30 AM Mass at **St. John the Baptist** for The People of Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Ralph Frank †

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JAN. 18	4:00 PM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Lori Ederer
Lector	Lynae Schott
EM	Lynae Schott
Ushers	Gary Mueller Zach Thomas
Servers	Finn Oppert OPEN

SUN., JAN. 19	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Mary Lynn Johnson Ann Nelson	Marty Gates
Lector	Nick Klingaman	Robert Baird	Jim Moody
EM		Nancy Maxwell	Ray Ring
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Greeter			Doug Schmitz
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READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

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



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.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 112
Running Grand Total: 18,476

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

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 17: End of 2nd Quarter
JANUARY 20: No School: Teacher Professional Development
JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1: Catholic Schools Week

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.



Catholic Schools
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 26th through Saturday, February 1st is Catholic Schools week. This is always a very exciting week filled with fun activities, different educational experiences, and service opportunities. More information will be coming soon.

SCRIP REMINDER ~ In addition to purchasing SCRIP gift cards, we recommend using the SCRIP app on your phone. Download the RaiseRight App using the following enrollment code: 2C6D489B5374. You can directly link your bank account information and use e-cards when checking out at a wide variety of stores. It is quick and simple and really makes a difference for our school if you can remember to use this on a regular basis. If you have any questions, call the school or stop by the office and we are happy to help.

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Sanctuary Memorial Lights ~ St. John the Evangelist, St. Luke, St. Pat, and St. John the Baptist have openings in 2025! For those who would like to remember a birthday, an anniversary, a special intention, or a loved one's passing, you may have a Sanctuary candle lit for 7 days at a cost of \$20. Please call the parish offices to schedule these intentions.



Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the next upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience of February 14-16 in Brookfield, WI or March 29-30 in Neenah, WI. Visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or call (888)574-5653.



Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald
 Issue on January 16, 2025

Be informed and inspired about the Faith through the *Catholic Herald*. Plus, this issue has a special Senior-Retirement section filled with content geared specifically toward older adults. It is easy

to get the *Catholic Herald* print or e-Edition in your home - just contact the parish office!

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 20: No School-In Service Day
JANUARY 21: Culver's Share Night, 4:00-8:00 PM
JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1: National Catholic Schools Week

LET CULVER'S DO THE COOKING FOR YOU! Visit Culver's in Spring Green on Tuesday, January 21, from 4-8pm and a percent of the sales will go to St. Luke School. Donate while you dine - what a great way to support St. Luke's!

LITTLE LUKE DAYCARE ~ Our daycare has openings for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old. If interested contact diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com or call the school office at 608-546-2963.



Catholic Schools
 United in Faith and Community

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Luke School is hosting a Preschool Open House on Thursday, February 13, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Come and see what we have to offer children 3-5 years old.

Call the school office or email diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to RSVP.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL'S EIGHTH ANNUAL GALA

~ The Gala will be held on Saturday, March 15th at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. Tickets go on sale January 6, 2025 and can be purchased at the school office. This year, you will receive a paper ticket as your admission into the event.

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.

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.

Christmas Clean Up

Will be on January 12th after Mass at St. Pat and St. Luke. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!



ST. JOHN MAINTENANCE UPDATE



Week 1: Pews removed and put into shipping containers. Carpet tear out and disposal. Choir loft adjustments begun. Looking forward to beginning terrazzo work next week.

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED

Next Religious Ed Class MS/Confirmation Faith Formation Class at St. Luke will be at



6:45 PM on Wednesday, January 15th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

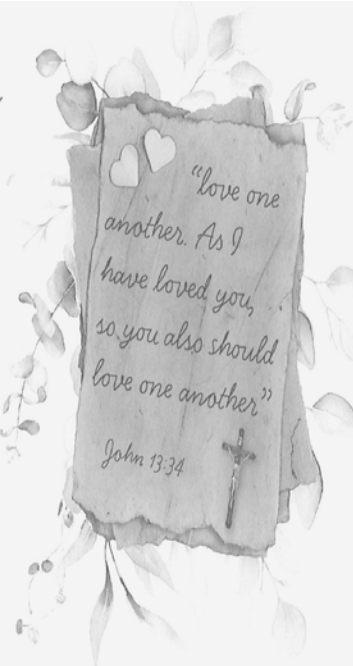
*Catholic Women's
Spiritual Day*

SAT, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

*Temperament: How to use what
God gave you to better understand
yourself and love those around you.*

Immaculate Conception

407 E. LeGRAND STREET
BOSCOBEL, WI 53805



This event starts at 7:45 AM and ends with lunch at 1:00 PM. The speaker will be Anne DeSantis, ThD, she is a dynamic Catholic Speaker and Author. The cost is \$25. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board or call Julie at 608-375-2589 with any questions or to register.



LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR

RAFFLE WINNERS:

December 30 - 31: C & N Feiner and Tom Brennan.

Both tickets were \$50 Winners. Congratulations!

A special THANK YOU to all who sold and purchased tickets for this fundraiser!

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!!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 27)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
Jan 4/5 Actual	\$ 3,982.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00

Difference: -\$ 686.00

Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 193,131.00
YTD Total to Jan 5	\$ 177,807.00

Difference -\$ 15,325.00

*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 27)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
Jan 4/5 Actual	\$ 1,919.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 3,088.00

Total Goal YTD	\$ 202,689.00
YTD Actual to Jan 5	\$ 177,337.00

Difference - \$ 25,352.00

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

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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)

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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.