



Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



JANUARY 19, 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| SAINT JOHN THE
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Dear Friends in Christ,

We may think of today's gospel as the opening scene in a movie which foreshadows the remainder of the story. The wedding feast, the presence of Mary and the turning of water into wine all

have something to tell us about Holy Week--that week where we celebrate the wedding of heaven and earth.

First, we have the wedding feast. In those days it was the custom of the groom to supply the wine. When the wine ran short, it was the groom's reputation that was at risk. People were expecting the party to last for multiple days...without wine there would have been a great disappointment at the party ending early. I find it amazing that Jesus works his first miracle in saving this groom from embarrassment, keeping the party going. It is a simple act of charity in a moment of need. Symbolically, Jesus steps into the role of the groom. Today Jesus supplies us with the divine wine of his precious blood - which he first did on Holy Thursday. It is a joy, indeed a feast, every time we can drink of his precious blood.

Secondly, the presence of Mary. In the Gospel of John, Mary is not called Mary--she is called the "Mother of Jesus" or "Woman." The next and only other time we see Mary in John's gospel is on Good Friday. She is there at the foot of the cross and once again Jesus calls her "Woman." Woman is the preferred name for Eve in the book of Genesis--in fact Eve is only called "Eve" once in that book. So we can say Mary is the New Eve both at Cana and at the Cross and Jesus is the New Adam.

Thirdly, we have the turning of water into wine. Why didn't Jesus just make wine out of nothing? Why did he have the waiters fill the jars (used for ceremonial washings) with water and then change it into wine? One answer is that the jars filled with water represent the old law. Jesus has come not to abolish the law but to transform it into the new law. We love and venerate the old testament, we do not throw it out. We believe what St. Augustine said: "the New testament is hidden in the old and the old is revealed in the new."

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other notes:

- ♦ **Week 2 Renovation update at SJE.** The terrazzo flooring materials have been dropped off and the glue from the carpet partially removed. Lines were marked for the transition of cork and terrazzo flooring. We are waiting on some terrazzo materials to arrive before the floor can be poured. The terrazzo flooring will be beautiful! Some folks have wondered about slipping or the use of rug/carpets. In times of snow or ice we will have a runner available to put down on the terrazzo if needed to avoid slipping. This runner will only be used sparingly (really only if it happens to be actively snowing during a service). There will be rugs as usual in the narthex during the winter months.

- ♦ **Into the Deep update:** We anticipate a full parish merger to take place in late 2025, sometime after the start of the new fiscal year. That means as we move into budgeting season we will still have separate budgets for St. John's and St. Luke's parish and schools. Additionally, the school endowments will never be merged unless there were to be a prior merger of the schools. Right now our schools depend on tuition, endowment draws, donations, fundraisers and parish support to keep operating. Both endowments are very strong and I am very grateful for the donations to them over the years: The St. John's endowment is at \$700K, the St. Luke School Endowment at 1.2 Million. These endowments provide about 7-10% of the school operating costs each year.

This week's Gospel is my favorite passage. This prayer from Pope Benedict was inspired by his own reading of the Wedding Feast. He addressed this prayer to Mary, asking for her intercession. I find it to be quite beautiful:

Mary, Repeat to the Lord
your efficacious word:
"They have no wine" (Jn 2:3),
so that the Father and the Son will send upon us
a new outpouring of
the Holy Spirit.
Full of wonder and gratitude
at your continuing presence in our midst.

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues: Culver's Share Night for St. Luke School, 4-8:00 PM
OCIA at St. John the Evangelist **Rectory**, 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal at St. Luke, 6:00 PM
Transition Team Meeting at St. Luke, 6:30 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

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ 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



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, JANUARY 20, 2025 ~ *St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr*
7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 ~ *St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

7:00 AM **NO** Mass at St. John
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for LeRoy Heiser †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 ~ *Day of Prayer*
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Kelly Jo Nelson †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 ~ *St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Gene Schmid †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025 ~ *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Juanita McMann †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 ~ *Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Harlan & Florence Sprecher †
5:30 PM **NO** Mass at St. John

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 ~ *National Catholic Schools Week Begins*

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Marietta Gruber †
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 Gerri Bergman †



St. John the Evangelist, St. Luke, St. Pat, and St. John the Baptist have openings in 2025! If you wish to honor someone special who has passed away by scheduling a Mass intention in their name, just call the parish office to schedule them. Stipends for Mass Intentions are \$20. Call St. John parish to speak with Barb at 608-588-2028. Call St. Luke parish to speak with Heather on Mondays or Thursdays at 608-546-2482.

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

Combined Weekly Total: 143
Running Grand Total: 18,619

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. 25	4:00 PM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer
Lector	Rita Brey
EM	Gwen Kraemer
Ushers	Gary Mueller OPEN
Servers	OPEN OPEN

SUN., JAN. 26	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Ann Nelson Robert Baird	Nicole Bell
Lector	Sheley Scallan	Al Feist	St. Luke Kids
EM		Sara Shackleton	Mary Schluter
Ushers	Dan Brickl Cindy Brickl	Tom Bennett Todd Hogan	Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Servers	Hewsten Boland Jadyn Boland	Jack Nelson OPEN	Oliver Bell Evan Faber

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



Kelly Jo Nelson
(SJB)

Wayne & Marci Faber
(SP)



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



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald*
Issue on January 23, 2025

Catholic Schools Week is coming up; this week's *Catholic Herald* features people and special events from Catholic Schools across the diocese.

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



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.

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 17: End of 2nd Quarter

JANUARY 20: No School: 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.

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.

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.

We wish to extend a THANK YOU to all those who helped with set up and take down of the Christmas decorations at St. Luke. Your assistance was greatly appreciated! Also, for the donations that help to make our decorations possible. We received a lot of compliments and we totally appreciate this as we have both learned what it takes to keep our church looking beautiful! Our sincere THANK YOU!
~ Bev Eberle and Patty Knoll

STEWARDSHIP THANKS to all those who purchased lights for St. John's Tree of Light and St. Luke Bright Light fundraisers. Monies collected have been deposited into the school endowment funds!

Also, a **HUGE** Thank You to the anonymous person who generously donated to purchase a new fish fryer for St. Luke!!

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 20: No School-In Service Day

JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1: Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 26: Chili Lunch and Open House

CONGRATULATIONS! We received notification that St. Luke School has earned accreditation through WRISA (Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation) for the 2024-2025 school year. Last year, St. Luke School submitted documentation and evaluations as part of our self-study. A visiting team came in October and reviewed documentation, observed classes and interviewed teachers, parents, and members of education commission and finance council. Schools are accredited for one year. To maintain accreditation an Annual Report must be submitted each year. The documentation is reviewed by WRISA and if the school is found to be in compliance with all WRISA quality indicators they are accredited. St. Luke School met and achieved the high standards of excellence required.



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. Throughout the week we are having a food pantry drive. Our goal is to bring in 100 boxes of cereal.

Monday: Students and staff will celebrate Mass with Bishop Hyung. Following Mass, students will get to play bingo with the Bishop.

Tuesday: Beach Day. Students will dress like they're going to the beach. We will enjoy a beach towel picnic lunch.

Wednesday: We are celebrating our nation and wearing red, white and blue. We will have a flag raising ceremony with local Veterans and then enjoy donuts and coffee or milk with them.

Thursday: Flannel Day. This is the day to wear your favorite flannel shirt.

Friday: Movie/St. Luke Apparel Day. Home and School is sponsoring a trip to Center Cinema in Richland Center. Students can choose between two movies and will get a small popcorn and small drink.

EXCITING NEWS! St. Luke School's 3K program will be moving to an all-day program Monday-Friday for the 2025-2026 school year. There will be an 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@stlukecatholicchurplain.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 can be purchased at the school office. This year, you will receive a paper ticket as your admission into the event.

KEEP UP ON THE LATEST SCHOOL HAPPENINGS AND

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ST. JOHN MAINTENANCE UPDATE



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 29th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???

*Catholic Women's
Spiritual Day*

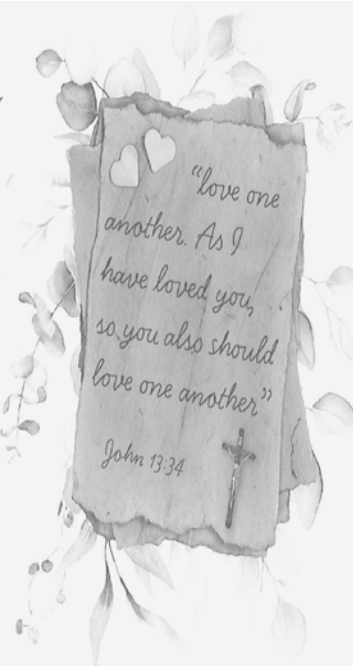
SAT, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

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

Immaculate Conception

407 E. LeGrand Street

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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.

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 28)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$	7,153.00
Jan 11/12 Actual	\$	1,680.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,485.00

Difference: -\$ 2,988.00

Envelope Goal YTD	\$	200,284.00
YTD Total to Jan 12	\$	181,972.00

Difference -\$ 18,312.00

*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 28)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$	7,507.00
Jan 11/12 Actual	\$	6,092.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,500.00

Difference: +\$ 1,085.00

Total Goal YTD	\$	210,196.00
YTD Actual to Jan 12	\$	185,929.00

Difference - \$ 24,267.00

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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Parish Email..... barb.ferguson@saintsja.org
Website..... www.saintsja.org
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Pastoral Council President: Dave Mack..... 459-0680
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL

School Office..... 588-2021
School Website..... <http://stjohns-springgreen.org>
School Principal: Allison Stroud..... 588-2021

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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

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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Michael Davidson

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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.