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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 26, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

January 24th is the feast day of one of my favorite saints: **St. Francis de Sales**. Please enjoy this short reflection by Pope Benedict XVI on the life of St. Francis de Sales.

"Saint Francis de Sales

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"God is God of the human heart" (*The Treatise on the Love of God, I, XV*). These apparently simple words give us an impression of the spirituality of a great teacher of whom I would like to speak to you today: St Francis de Sales, a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Born in 1567, in a French border region, he was the son of the Lord of Boisy, an ancient and noble family of Savoy. His life straddled two centuries, the 16th and 17th, and he summed up in himself the best of the teachings and cultural achievements of the century drawing to a close, reconciling the heritage of humanism striving for the Absolute that is proper to mystical currents.

He received a very careful education; he undertook higher studies in Paris, where he dedicated himself to theology, and at the University of Padua, where he studied jurisprudence, complying with his father's wishes and graduating brilliantly with degrees in *utroque iure*, in canon law and in civil law.

In his harmonious youth, reflection on the thought of St Augustine and of St Thomas Aquinas led to a deep crisis. This prompted him to question his own eternal salvation and the predestination of God concerning himself; he suffered as a true spiritual drama the principal theological issues of his time. He prayed intensely but was so fiercely tormented by doubt that for a few weeks he could barely eat or sleep.

At the climax of his trial, he went to the Dominicans' church in Paris, opened his heart and prayed in these words: "Whatever happens, Lord, you who hold all things in your hand and whose ways are justice and truth; whatever you have ordained for me... you who are ever a just judge and a merciful Father, I will love you Lord.... I will love you here, O my God, and I will always hope in your mercy and will always repeat your praise.... O Lord Jesus you will always be my hope and my salvation in the land of the living" (I Proc. Canon., Vol. I, art. 4).

The 20-year-old Francis found peace in the radical and liberating love of God: loving him without asking anything in return and trusting in divine love; no longer asking what will God do with me: I simply love him, independently of all that he gives me or does not give me. Thus I find peace and the question of predestination — which was being discussed at that time — was resolved, because he no longer sought what he might receive from God; he simply loved God and abandoned himself to his goodness. And this was to be the secret of his life which would shine out in his main work: *The Treatise on the Love of God*."

Best,

Fr. Luke

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon: **NO Mass at 7:00 AM** at St. Luke **instead** there will be

Mass with Bishop Hying at St. Luke, 12:30 PM

Tues: OCIA at St. John the Evangelist **Rectory**, 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, 6:45 PM

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

Finance Council Meeting at St. Luke, 5:30 PM

Sat: Adoration at St. Boniface, 8:00 AM

Mass at St. Boniface, 9:00 AM

Sun: Family of Faith Sunday at St. Luke:

Class, 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

Mass, 10:00 AM

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

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



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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.

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

READINGS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 ~ St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

7:00 AM NO Mass at St. Luke

12:30 PM Mass with Bishop Donald J. Hying for the St. Luke Benefactors

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 ~ St. Thomas Aguinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church 7:00 AM NO Mass at St. John

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Clete & Dorothy Alt †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Fr. Kumud and Fr. Luke

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Aaron Anderson †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025 ~ St. John Bosco, Priest

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Peggy Ready †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, $2025 \sim BVM$

9:00 AM Mass at St. Boniface for Bill Brown †

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Marvin Wallsch †

5:30 PM NO Mass at St. John

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025 ~ THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for the George A. Weitzel Family †

8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist for Erwin & Lindy Schmitz †

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., FEB. 1	4:00 PM ST. LUKE
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Lector	Gwen Kraemer
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SUN., FEB. 2	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
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Lector	Lenny Schaub	Andy Sgrignoli	Bob Gates
EM		Tom Bennett	Bob Gates
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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!!



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.

Altar Cleaning

Would you consider joining our team of volunteers at St. Luke who help keep the Altar beautiful? We have eight generous volunteers on the schedule and just need a team of two more people. Please call the parish office with any questions or interest at 546-2482. Thank you so much for your consideration!



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

Combined Weekly Total: 144 Running Grand Total: 18,763

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



The February 7th Fish Fry Bake Sale will be sponsored by the St. Luke CCW. Please bring all donations and baked goods to the St. Luke basement on Thursday,

February 6th or Friday, February 7th so it can be priced and sold just in time for Valentine's Day! We appreciate all of your generosity! Thank you!

> Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue on January 30, 2025

Every issue of the Catholic Herald includes coverage of local, regional, national, and international news related to Catholic people, places, and

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things.

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call to invite someone you love to learn more. Please contact 608-469-3982 Lins Marie marie.lins@madisondiocese.org.

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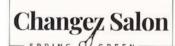
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1: Catholic Schools Week FEBRUARY 14: No School, Professional Development

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Father/Son Outing with Fr. Luke

Sat. Feb. 15th - UW-Platteville vs. UW-Stout Basketball

-Depart (carpool) from St. Luke @ 3:15 p.m. or St. John @3:30 p.m.

-Game time @ 5:00 p.m.

-RSVP to Fr. Luke by Feb. 1st - lukesyse@gmail.com

-Tickets will be purchased ahead of time, \$5 children, \$12 adults



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ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1: Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 26: Chili Lunch and Open House **JANUARY 27**: Mass with Bishop Hying



EXCITING NEWS! St. Luke School's 3K program will be moving to an all-day program Monday-Friday for the 2025-2026 school! There will be an Open House on Thursday, February 13, 5:30p.m.-

7:00p.m. Come and see what we have to offer families! wanting to enroll children in a 3K or 4K program. Call the office (608)546-2963 at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to RSVP.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

WEEK ~ The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community". We are having our chili lunch following Mass on January 26 and tours of the school. Throughout the Catholic Schools 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 Hying. 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.

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 "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.



Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on February 14-16 in Brookfield, WI encounter of March 29-30 in Neenah, WI. Visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or call (888)574-5653

DIOCESE NEWS

Los Angeles Wildfires ~ Many have asked how they might be able to help the people of California. If you wish to help with monetary donations, Bishop Hying has asked that you go to the Catholic Charities website to contribute. Visit: https:// www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/ Let us continue to pray for all those ! affected by these terrible fires!

FAITH FORMATION/ RELIGIOUS ED

Family Faith Formation

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:45AM -9:45AM @ ST. LUKE

WE WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT AT 8:40AM AND STUDENTS WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE GROUP FOR THEIR CLASS. WE WILL MEET BACK IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT AT 9:45AM SO YOU CAN ATTEND MASS AT 10:00 AM.





Next Religious Ed Class MS/Confirmation Faith Formation Class at St. Luke will be at 6:45 PM on Wednesday, 5th.



Rooted Retreat
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~ OR ~

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SVDP "SOUPER BOWL" LUNCHEON

Join us for the 3rd Annual Saint Vincent de Paul FREE "Souper Bowl" Luncheon on Sunday, February 9, in St. Luke's Church hall following the 10:00 AM Mass.

A variety of homemade soups will be served with cheese, crackers, dessert and beverage. The free luncheon is a "THANK YOU" in appreciation for your generous contributions and donations this past year to St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference.

Please come and enjoy your favorite soup with friends and neighbors. Your Vincentians are cooking! No donations allowed! SOUPS ON!!

Catholic Women's Spiritual Day

SAT., FEBRUARY 8, 2025

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Women's Retreat at Schoenstatt Heights on Saturday, February 15, 2025

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7:30 Confessions (optional)

8:00 Holy Mass (optional)

8:30 Registration/Light Breakfast

9:00 Retreat Begins

12:00 Closure followed by an optional tour of the Schoenstatt Shrine and shopping in the gift shop.
Retreat cost is \$30.00 with a limited number of scholarships available. Cash or check payable to Schoenstatt Sisters will be collected at the door. Schoenstatt Heights is located at 5901 Cottage Grove Rd.

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Please use the QR code to register so that we may plan accordingly. Call Michelle Amend with questions: 608-333-2782.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 29)		
Weekly Offertory Goal	\$	7,153.00
Jan 18/19 Actual	\$	3,117.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,485.00
Difference:	-\$	1,551.00
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YTD Total to Jan 19	\$	187,574.00
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Jan 18/19 Actual	\$	1,320.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$	2,500.00
Difference:	- \$	3,687.00
Total Goal YTD	\$	217,703.00
YTD Actual to Jan 19	\$	189,749.00
Difference	- \$	27,954.00

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SACRAMENTS

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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.