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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ.

From the "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

"For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him..."

An encounter with God very often brings with it the feeling of unworthiness. Like Peter and Isaiah, we see our own sin in the divine light. But is it not that very divine light which cancels out our sin? On Earth I'm not sure if there is such a thing as light which cleans...but God is such a light. We see our sin, but then, by his power it is taken away.

Each one of us has talents and weaknesses. Our talents bring us joy but they also cast a shadow—we easily become proud. Our weaknesses bring us shame—but they also have a good side to them: they make us humble. God can bring out good even from our sin! Our sin, when we make a good confession, is like the rotten fruit which falls to the ground and becomes good soil. The sacrament of confession is where we learn that even our falling into sin can draw us closer to God. To be holy is not necessarily to be without sin. Holiness is simply the determination to love God above all things. If we need to experience this transformation of our sins into holiness now is the time to make a good confession.

Peter's life should give us great hope to keep striving in all circumstances. Peter had plenty of ups and downs—you might even say more downs than ups, but he kept persevering. Part of humility is to realize life is not about us. Life is about God's actions in and through us. We should examine our conduct, go to confession and then forget about it. As Jesus said "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

Best,

Fr. Luke

Week 4 update on SJE Renovation: Terrazzo work is hard work! The terrazzo floors are now poured and being polished to a beautiful finish. Things are a little dusty and dirty right now, but that's just part of the process. Next week the T-Loop hearing coil and cork floors will be installed

Need for Volunteer Cleaners at SJE: We will be doing some dusting and cleaning on Tuesday evening, February 11th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This cleaning is necessary for the T-Loop hearing coil work to take place on Wednesday. Please come with a dust rag, pledge and a microfiber towel if you have one.

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

2nd Grade First Communion Prep for public school

students at St. John, 6:00PM

High School Youth Group at St. Pat, 6:45 PM

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

Preschool Open House at St. Luke, 5:30 PM

KC Meeting at St. John, 7:00 PM

Fri: Happy Valentine's Day!

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Father/Son Outing with Fr. Luke, February 15

Trivia Night at St. Luke, February 22

♥ St. Luke School Gala, March 15

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



Louise Kraemer (SJE)

Pat & Irene Walsh (SL)



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.

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

John Walsh, Darcy Willis, 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, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 ~ St. Scholastica, Virgin 7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 ~ Our Lady of Lourdes 7:00 AM NO Mass at St. John 5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Norbert & Rita Bauer †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for George Brey Jr. †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025 ~ Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for A Special Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 ~ *BVM* 4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Rose Fingerhut † 5:30 PM **NO** Mass at St. John

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for The People of Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

8:30 AM Mass **at St. John the Baptist** for Rev. Charles Schluter †

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Tom & Marie Dischler †

Mass Intentions

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.

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.



Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue on February 13, 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

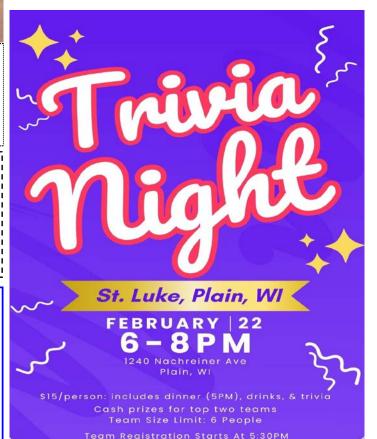
specifically toward older adults.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., FEB. 15	4:00 PM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Lori Ederer
Lector	Rita Brey
EM	Al Brey
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SUN., FEB. 16	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
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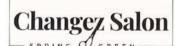
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 12: Home & School Meeting

FEBRUARY 14: No School, Professional Development

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.



HOME & SCHOOL MEETING ~ Our next Home & School meeting is February 12 at 6:30 pm in the Art room at school. We would love some volunteers to help plan! Funfest and all your great ideas for creative fundraising this year. If you have never attended a Home & School meeting now is the perfect time. We hope to see you there!

SCRIP REMINDER ~ In addition to purchasing SCRIP gift cards, we recommend using the SCRIP app on your! enrollment code: 2C6D489B5374. You can directly link li Veterans! 'vour 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.stjohnsspringgreen.org or by liking our Facebook page – St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.

DIOCESE NEWS



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal ~ This past! week parishioners throughout the Diocese should have received a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Madison.

consider joining the prayerfully Perpetual Steward Society by making a! continuous monthly gift of any amount. Or consider making a pledge payable over 6 months to the appeal. Your gift will help

enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world. Commitment weekend is scheduled for March 1st and 2nd.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 153 Running Grand Total: 19,188

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

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 13: Preschool Open House

FEBRUARY 14: No School, Teacher In-service

FEBRUARY 20: School Mass



EXCITING NEWS! St. Luke School's 3K program will be moving to an all-day program Monday-Friday for the 2025-2026 school vear. There will be an Open House on 13, Thursday, February 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 school office at (608) 546-2963 or email diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com to RSVP.

THANK YOU VETERANS! During Catholic Schools Week, local Veterans came to St. Luke School and brought us a new flag. They gave a nice talk about the flag, said the Pledge of Allegiance with the student body, and enjoyed a tasty treat in the church basement. We also had 4 dads who phone. Download the RaiseRight App using the following were able to make the flag raising ceremony. Thank you

> TICKETS ON SALE FOR ST. LUKE SCHOOL'S EIGHTH ANNUAL GALA ~ This year's 8th annual Gala is Saturday, March 15th at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. The Gala will feature good food, music, exciting live auction package deals, and silent auction including items made by Tickets are available through the school office. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. This year you will receive a paper ticket as your admission into the event.

> **TEACHER FEATURE** ~ Mrs. Stephanie Hanson is our 3K teacher. She has been working with the youngest of our students this past school year and is looking forward to moving into a full-time, all-day program. Mrs. Hanson utilizes a preschool curriculum, provides learning through play, and goes above and beyond caring for and teaching the littlest in our school. Thank you Mrs. Hanson!

DID YOU KNOW? St. Luke Catholic School has a to support the ministries of the Diocese of student referral program? St. Luke school families can receive a \$100 tuition credit or 5 volunteer hours for each new student that is referred to, enrolls and attends St. Luke School. If you refer a family that enrolls two students you will receive a \$200 credit or 10 volunteer hours, three students receive a \$300 credit or 15 volunteer hours, etc. If you know anyone who would like a personal tour, please call the school office at 608-546-2963 to make an appointment.

> 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.



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SVDP "SOUPER BOWL" LUNCHEON

Join us for the 3rd Annual Saint Vincent de Paul FREE "Souper Bowl" Luncheon THIS 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!!

The Family of Bob Murphy would like to thank all those that brought in salads and desserts, and those that helped serve the luncheon for Bob's funeral. We would also like to thank Fr. Kumud for his wonderful words that were so comforting and to Michael Davidson for his beautiful singing and also the boys who served at the Mass. Lastly, we would like to thank those who helped set up and haul in chairs for this luncheon. It truly takes a village, or in this case, a parish. It was all greatly appreciated by his family. God Bless you all!

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

Enjoy a fruitful morning of prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Lent with our Blessed Mother.

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.



Next Religious Ed Class on Feb 12th
First Communion Prep at
St. John, 6:00 PM &
HS Youth Group at St. Pat,
6:45 PM

ST. JOHN NEWS

St. John's Fall Dinner Quilt Making ~ It is that fun, creative time of year again! Work will begin on the St. John's Fall Quilt on Saturday, February 22 at 9:00 AM in the parish center. We need cutters, pressers, sewers, runners, and more. Lunch will be potluck. Feel free to bring a dish to share. The second work session is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at 9:00 AM. Remember, many hands make for light work as we make this beautiful quilt come to life. For more information please call Linda Thering at 588-7088; Marsha Grant at 588-2730; Jan Spredemann at 588-3660; or Arlene Peterson at 588-0268.





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John 3:16

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All parish activities or meetings need to be scheduled on the parish calendar. Please call the parish office.

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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)

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