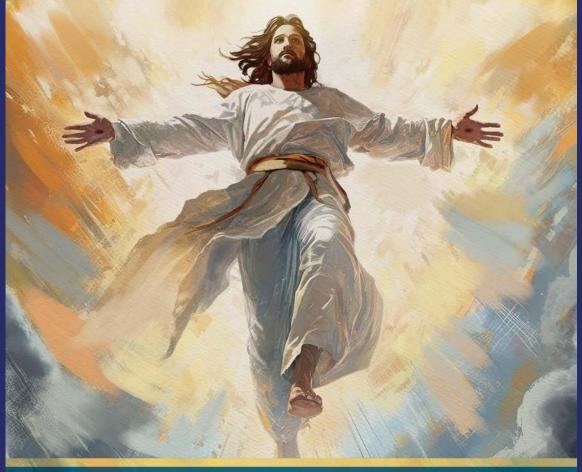


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2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

From the Partor

Dear Friends in Christ.

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

For the measure with which you measure
will in return be measured out to you."

I have found that in my more generous moments (with time, talent or treasure) there can often be a quick and surprising reward. Not that it happens every time in some magical way—but I have more than a few personal experiences of: "when I give, I get."

Our motivation for giving ideally is pure: "lend expecting nothing back," but is it okay to want something back? Is there a difference between expecting and wanting? It seems that there is. When it comes to serving God, we should work generously as if there were no payment beyond the very privilege of working...but it is not a sin to want a reward, it's only sinful to *expect* God to repay us according to our wishes. We must trust that he knows best what we need and will reward us in the ways best for us.

God is a generous Father who gives out good gifts. He is not stingy. May we be generous this week with time, talent and treasure towards God and others so that we may experience that "good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing" goodness of God.

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

Please take note of our Ash Wednesday Schedule. St. John's will now re-open sometime after Ash Wednesday in early March.

Please pray for the health of Pope Francis. Our Holy Father is quite ill with pneumonia. Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for him!

Tickets are available for the St. Luke Gala \sim I hope to see you there!

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 Preparation class for

public school students at St. John, 6:00 PM

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

Joint Long Range Planning Meeting for Schools

at St. Luke, 6:30 PM

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

First Saturday Mass at St. Boniface, 9:00 AM Trivia Night & Dinner at St. Luke, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Sun: Family of Faith Sunday at St. Luke:

Class 8:45 - 9:45 AM & Mass at 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Trivia Night at St. Luke, February 22

St. Luke Fish Fry, March 7

❖ St. Luke School Gala, March 15

Mission Night with Bishop Hying at SJE, March 26

All Day Prayer Adoration at St. John the Evangelist & St. Luke, March 28

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



Ed & Eleanor Pulvermacher (SL)

Bernard & Berniece White (SJB)



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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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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 24, 2025

7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for the Health of Pope Francis

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

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

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 ~ St. Gregory of

Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, $2025 \sim BVM$

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

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Andrew & Marjorie Bauer †

5:30 PM NO Mass at St. John

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for William & Jeannine Walsh †

8:30 AM Mass **at St. John the Baptist** for Bill, Virginia, & Kevin Hackl †

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAR. 1	4:00 PM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Lori Ederer
Lector	Rebecca Johnson
EM	Rita Brey
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SUN., MAR. 2	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
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EM		Sara Shackleton	Bob Gates
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DIOCESE NEWS

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2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, Father Luke & Father Kumud will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time. You will also be sent a special edition of the Catholic Herald on February 27th where you will have the opportunity to make a gift, as well.

Please read the Annual Catholic Appeal Tabloid. It provides a detailed explanation of the use of the funds that

you are asked to give. This appeal funds many ministries throughout the diocese and helps many in need.

Each household is asked to prayerfully consider making a gift. In doing so, please consider joining the Perpetual Steward Society by making a continuous monthly gift of any amount. Or consider making a pledge, payable over six months.

One member from each household will be asked to fill out a commitment envelope during mass. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish, the diocese, and the work of the church throughout the world.

The Jubilee year pilgrimage sites have been released by the Diocese. These six churches are special places of prayer during 2025. Scan the QR Code for more info:



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 27, 2025

This week's edition highlights the ministries and services across southern Wisconsin made possible by support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

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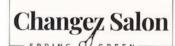
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 24-28: David Daniel APT Workshop

MARCH 13: End of 3rd Quarter

MARCH 14: No School -Teacher Professional!

Development

MARCH 19: Joint School Mass with St. Luke @ St.

John's

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.



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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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

St. John the Evangelist ~ Ash Distribution Service, 7:15 AM

St. Luke ~ Ash Distribution Service, 7:15 AM

St. John the Evangelist ~ School Mass, 8:30 AM

St. Luke ~ School Mass, 8:30 AM

St. Luke ~ Ash Distribution Service (with Faith Formation Students/Families), 7:30 PM



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

Combined Weekly Total: 144 Running Grand Total: 19,458

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 27: School Mass

MARCH 5: School Mass for Ash Wednesday

MARCH 6: No School Mass

MARCH 12: Home & School Meeting

MARCH 13: School Mass; Education Commission

8th Annual Gala ST'LUKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL Saints Joachim and Anne Pastorate

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. students. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. This year you will receive a paper ticket as your admission into the event.

TEACHER FEATURE ~ Mrs. Laura Druckrey is our kindergarten teacher. Even though this is her first year at St. Luke School, she has been working with preschool students for over 10 years. Laura likes to involve parents in classroom activities and teach her students Spanish. Thank you Mrs. Druckrey!

<u>LITTLE LUKE DAYCARE</u> ~ Little Luke Daycare is looking for full-time and part-time teachers. If interested or know someone who may be interested in working with the young children, please email director at ashley.zimmerman@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com.

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, 608-546-2963, email Mrs. Mueller 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 of email Mrs. Mueller.

DID YOU KNOW? St. Luke Catholic School has a 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 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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Update on SJE Flooring

The terrazzo flooring is complete! The cork flooring will be installed this coming week. We are looking at being reopened in early March!



RELIGIOUS ED



Next Religious Ed Class is on February 26th: 2nd Grade First Communion Preparation class for public school students at St. John the Evangelist, 6:00 PM

ST. JOHN NEWS

St. John's Fall Dinner Quilt Making ~ It is that fun, creative time of year again! Our 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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 33) Weekly Offertory Goal Feb 15/16 Actual ACH Weekly Average	\$ 7,153.00 \$ 2,443.00 \$ 2,485.00	Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God! To Parish5-8% To Diocese1% To Charities1-4%	St. Luke's (Week 33) Weekly Offertory Goal Feb 15/16 Actual ACH Weekly Average	\$ 7,507.00 \$ 5,363.00 \$ 2,500.00
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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

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