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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT **MARCH 9, 2025**

Dear Friends in Christ,

The season of Lent breathes new life into our journey of discipleship. Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving deserve to be capitalized in this season! We should each take up these practices with the zeal given to us by the Holy

Spirit. I was inspired this past week by one of our parishioners, a resident at the nursing home, who reflected fondly on her experience of praying the Stations of the Cross every Wednesday of Lent at the Catholic school she attended. Those prayers and songs still remained to this day in her heart and mind. She even remembered the religious sister who wore a special veil for those devotions! These practices of piety have a way of staying with us and bringing us closer to God's love.

Prayer: Each Friday we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 4:00 p.m. (for now at St. Luke until SIE is back open). If you cannot make that time there will be booklets in the back of Church which you may use at any time of the week. Additionally we will continue to have Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday morning at SL and there will also be a day of adoration at St. Luke and St. John the Evangelist church on March 28th and 29th.

Fasting: When we experience physical hunger from fasting we are reminded of that spiritual hunger which is only satisfied by God. Traditionally Wednesday and Friday are fast days. Although we are not required to fast (except on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), we will find that our prayer life is enhanced by the practice of fasting. Fasting is spiritually powerful-lesus even said that demons are driven out by fasting. A good fast is just to take one normal meal and two small snacks throughout the day.

Almsgiving: Giving alms is a way of showing Christian love and also atoning for our sins. When we give generously there is always a little "sting," we know that it will cost us some comfort, but the rewards also should not be overlooked. God loves a cheerful giver and he rewards those who give:

Lord God, in the simplicity of my heart I have gladly given you everything.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

Other Notes:

Barring some unforeseen circumstance Our final Sunday Mass at St. John the Baptist will be March 16th and our first Mass back at SJE will be March 19th for the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This is fitting given that I've entrusted St. Joseph with the project. Thank you for your patience during the closure of SJE.

We are hiring! Parish office update: In the near future both Barb Ferguson and Diane Kraemer will be looking forward to retirement. Diane has worked at St. Luke since 1996, Barb at St. John since 2022. The time has come to seek out a full time business manager who can take on their responsibilities. Please send me any leads you may have on a great candidate!

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate is seeking a hardworking candidate to serve as our Parish Business Manager. This person is responsible for assisting the pastor in the financial administration of the parish and will work closely with the diocesan central business office. This full time position requires a keen sense of the mission of the Church and excellent administrative skill. A bachelor's degree in business administration or equivalent work experience is required. To apply please e-mail Fr. Luke Syse: fr.luke.syse@saintsja.org. For a full job description go to www.saintsja.org/jobs

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

Lenten Music Meditation at St. Luke, 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist Mill

Creek, 5:30 PM

2nd Grade First Communion Preparation Class for

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

MS/Confirmation Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM

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

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

Education Commission Meeting at St. Luke, 5:30 PM

KC Meeting at St. John, 7:00PM

Sat: St. John's Quilters Day, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

St. Luke Gala at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort,

5:30PM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

St. Luke School Gala, March 15

Mass at St. Patrick (Feast Day), March 17

Mission Night with Bishop Hying at SJE, March 26

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

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36



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:



THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



Jack & Eileen Harrington (SJB)



Helen Soeldner (SL)

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, 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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 7:00 AM NO Mass at St. John 5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. John 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Jared Karls † 5:30 PM **NO** Mass at St. John

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Reuben, Aurelia and Herb Kritz †

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Elsie Haas †

SAT., MAR. 15	4:00 PM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Rita Brey
Lector	Lauri Meixelsperger
EM	Rita Brey
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SUN., MAR. 16	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Alice Bindl	Nicole Bell
Lector	Nick Klingaman	Jeanine Radel	Jim Moody
EM		Diane Baryenbruch	Bev Eberle
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Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald Issue on March 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!

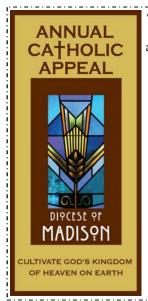


Are you thinking about becoming <u>Catholic?</u>

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.

2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



"Hope Does Not Disappoint," is inspired by Romans 5:5, which reminds us that God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. In Jeremiah 29:11, we are assured, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These scriptures remind us that our hope in God is never in vain.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports the many programs, resources and services that the Diocese sponsors, enabling us to share the transformative power of Christ's love with those who are lost, forgotten, or in need. During this Year of Jubilee, we are called to reflect on God's abundant grace, celebrate the gift of forgiveness, and shine Christ's light in the world through acts of charity and service.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Perpetual Steward Society by making a continuous monthly gift of any amount. Or consider making a pledge, payable over six months.

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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.



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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SAUK VICARIATE SPRING MEETING COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



All women of the Sauk Vicariate parishes are invited to attend the Spring meeting to hear Paul Merline share updates on development strategies in the Diocese of Madison.

Friday, April 4, 2025 St. Norbert Parish (Roxbury) 8944 County Hwy Y, Sauk City, WI 53583 It will begin at 8:30 AM with registration and continental breakfast and continue through lunch with a closing prayer at 1:00 PM. St. John will pay your registration fee. Contact Deb Tafs. Hope to see you there!



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

Combined Weekly Total: 184 Running Grand Total: 19,818

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

MARCH 12: Home & School Meeting

! MARCH 13: School Mass; Education Commission

MARCH 14: No School; Teacher In-Service

MARCH 15: Eighth Annual Gala

MARCH 19: Joint School Mass at St. John's

MARCH 20: No School Mass

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ~ St. Luke School is looking for an after school supervisor. This is a part-time! position working after school 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. This person supervises students of various grade levels and oversees snack time, homework time and indoor/outdoor play time. If interested or know someone who may be interested, please call the school office or email diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com.

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14 ~ St. Luke will not have school on Friday, March 14. This is an in-service day for staff.



* Thank you Paul and Aimee Wittmann for the donation of eggs to our hot lunch program. This is a delicious and generous gift to our hot lunch program.

TEACHER FEATURE ~ Mrs. Ashley Kubat is our second grade teacher. Mrs. Kubat came to us from the Alexandria, ! Minnesota area. She taught in a Catholic School in Alexandria for about eight years. Along with her bachelor's degree, she has a master's degree in differentiated! instruction. Mrs. Kubat has four young children attending St. Luke School and Little Luke Daycare. Thank you Mrs. Kubat!

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 Mueller or Mrs. 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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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.

Mass Intentions

St. John the Evangelist, St. John the Baptist, and St. Luke 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.



Stations of the Cross will be starting up at St. John the Baptist – Mill Creek on Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning March 12th at 5:30 PM.



RELIGIOUS ED



Next Religious Ed Classes are on March 12th: 2nd Grade First Communion Preparation Class at St. John, 6:00 PM MS/Confirmation Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM High School 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! 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.

Lenten

Concert Series

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Schedule

March 12: St. Luke - Organ March 19: St. Luke - Organ March 26: St. John - Piano April 2: St. Luke - Trumpet April 9: St. John - Brass Trio



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 35) Weekly Offertory Goal \$ 7,153.00 Mar 1/2 Actual \$ 2,825.00 ACH Weekly Average \$ 2,485.00	Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God! To Parish5-8% To Diocese1% To Charities1-4%	St. Luke's (Week 35)Weekly Offertory Goal\$ 7,507.0Mar 1/2 Actual\$ 2,513.0ACH Weekly Average\$ 2,500.0	00
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