



# Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



**MARCH 16, 2025**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**| SAINT LUKE PARISH**

**| SAINT JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST PARISH**

WITH PASTORAL CARE OF:

**SAINT BONIFACE**

**SAINT PATRICK  
LORETO**

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
MILL CREEK**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Abram put his faith in the Lord.”

To live by faith means to embrace obscurity and darkness--faith is a light that shines in the darkness. Abram (in our first reading) had every reason to doubt his Lord. He was promised descendants and land; but at this time he is over 75 years old, childless and the land he is promised is occupied by the Canannites. Yet, Abram chose to believe.

Faith pushes us into adventures which we would never consider if we lived only by our reason and will. Getting married, becoming a priest, changing a career path, having another child...facing up to a difficult situation--faith allows us to see these as adventures or challenges that will help us grow.

What exactly is faith? Ultimately it is to entrust ourselves to God and his good plan--embracing discomfort knowing that God will use it to draw us closer to himself. May the Lord grant us this grace to put our faith only in Him.

best,

Fr. Luke

### Other notes:

I look forward to celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph with both schools at SJE on Wednesday. Please note the gathering area, sacristy and cry room flooring will not be finished yet. We will begin using the Church nonetheless as everything in the Church will be complete.

Registration is now open for Totus Tuus - A weeklong summer youth program. Parents: you may register online with this QR code.



Dear St. John's Parishioners,

Thank you for your support of our offertory campaign this past fall. Included below are the results of this effort. As the year progresses I am happy to see that we are outpacing last year's offertory contributions even though we have had our church closed now for eight weeks. I am eager to return to worship our Lord Jesus in our beautiful church. My goal is to have every baptized Catholic committed to Sunday Mass so they can know, love and serve Jesus Christ. Your continued commitment to the Sunday offertory allows us to keep knowing, loving and serving Christ and getting others to join us! Thank you very much.

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

Results of St. John's Fall Campaign:

To Know, To Love, To Serve

### SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Mon: Happy St. Patrick's Day  
Feast Day Mass at St. Patrick's, 6:30 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  
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  
MS/Confirmation Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM
- Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM  
Education Commission Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM  
Finance Council Meeting at St. John, 6:30 PM
- Fri: Stations of the Cross, St. John the Evangelist, 4:00PM
- Sat: Mass at St. John the Evangelist, 5:30 PM

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ 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
- ✠ Confirmation Sponsor Retreat at St. Patrick, April 6
- ✠ First Communion Retreat at SJE, April 12

### READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9

### THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



**Leo & Anita Bindl  
(SJB & SJE)**

**Sister M. Leonella, OP  
(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

Luena Meister, Judy Powell, 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.

For Those Who Have Died: Jerry Liegel, Magdalene Lomasney

**\$21,709.92**

in additional offertory  
commitments  
(contributions not  
yet realized)

**\$4,520**

committed in  
one-time gifts

**47%**

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from those actively  
supporting the parish

**9**

additional electronic  
giving participants



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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025 ~ *St. Patrick, Bishop*  
7:00 AM **NO** Mass at St. Luke  
6:30 PM Mass at St. Patrick for Brenda Faber †

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 ~ *St. Cyril of Jerusalem,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
7:00 AM **NO** Mass at St. John  
5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Elsie Haas †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 ~ SAINT JOSEPH,  
SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Arthur Denman †

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025  
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Harry, Anita, & Larry Frank †

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025  
8:30 AM Mass at **St. John**

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025  
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Members of the Michael J.  
& Marie Liegel Family †  
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for George & Joan Buringa †

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for Bill Brown †  
8:30 AM Mass at **St. John the Evangelist** for The People of  
Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate  
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Aaron Anderson †

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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 and St. Luke CCW groups will pay your registration fee.  
Contact Deb Tafs or St. Luke Parish Office  
Hope to see you there!



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAR 22	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lori Ederer	Jean Bindl
<b>Lector</b>	Lynae Schott	Diane Baryenbruch
<b>EM</b>	Lynae Schott	Diane Baryenbruch
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Mueller Alice Ruhland	Mickey Snyder Pat Slaney
<b>Servers</b>	Finn Oppert OPEN	OPEN OPEN

SUN., MAR. 23	7:30 AM ST. PAT	8:30 AM ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sheila Drea	Terri Larson	Ann Nelson
<b>Lector</b>	Lenny Schaub	Andy Sgrignoli	Bob Gates
<b>EM</b>		Dan Joyce	Bob Gates
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Huebsch Joyce Huebsch	Ralph Liegel Tom Slaney	Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske
<b>Greeter</b>			Doug Schmitz
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## AN HOUR WITH JESUS In the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**My LORD  
Jesus Christ,  
Who remain  
night and day in the  
Blessed Sacrament,  
full of pity and of love,  
awaiting, calling and  
welcoming  
all who come to  
visit You,  
I believe that  
You are present  
here in the Altar**



**Date : March 28, 2025**

**Venue : St. John the Evangelist, Spring Green**

**Time : 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Date : March 28 and 29, 2025**

**Venue : St. Luke Catholic Church, Plain**

**Time : 6:00 pm to next day 3:00 pm**

<https://japastorate.flocknote.com/signup/203817>



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## ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

**MARCH 19:** Joint School Mass with St. Luke @ St. John's

**MARCH 24-28:** No School (Spring Break)

**APRIL 16:** Spring Program, 1:30 and 6:30 PM

**APRIL 18 & 21:** No School (Easter)

### SPRING PROGRAM

St. John's Spring Program will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 1:30 and 6:30pm in St. John's Parish Center. This is a great opportunity to see what our students have been learning in music class. You won't want to miss it!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S FUNFEST!

Funfest this year will be on Friday evening, August 8th and all day Saturday, August 9th. We have exciting events planned for both children and adults. Funfest is the school's major fundraiser so plan on coming out to support our school!

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

**Combined Weekly Total: 144**  
**Running Grand Total: 19,962**

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



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:



## ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

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

**MARCH 20:** No School Mass

**MARCH 21:** End of 3rd Quarter

**MARCH 24-28:** No School (Spring Break)

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/ DAYCARE WORKER

~ 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. This position may be combined with working in Little Luke Daycare to make a full time position. If interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact [diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com](mailto:diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com).

**TEACHER FEATURE** ~ Meet Mrs. Becca Oppert, our third and fourth grade homeroom teacher. Becca received her bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point and double majored in elementary and special education. Mrs. Oppert has been at St. Luke's for 7 years. Prior to St. Luke's, she taught 6 years in the Platteville School District. Even though she is the homeroom teacher for grades 3 and 4, her focus is on teaching the core subjects of reading and math to third grade.

**SPRING PROGRAM** ~ St. Luke's Spring Program is Tuesday, April 15. There will be a 1:30 and 6:30 performance.



Thank you to everyone who donated goodies for our Home and School Bake Sale and to those who purchased items.

**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, or email Mrs. Mueller at [diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com](mailto: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 or 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](http://www.stlukes-plain.org).

### 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](mailto:marie.lins@madisondiocese.org).



## 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.



**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.

## RELIGIOUS ED



**Next Religious Ed Classes are on March 19th: MS/Confirmation Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM**



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.



There will be a drive thru only Chicken BBQ dinner on April 27, 2025 in Plain on Park View Ave across from the tennis courts/pool, from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM or until sold out. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, beans, cookie and roll. 50/50 Raffle -\$5 All proceeds will go towards improvements For the Westbrook Hills Golf Course.

## the RESCUE project



Watch the trailer

- WHY IS THERE SOMETHING RATHER THAN NOTHING?
- WHY IS EVERYTHING SO MESSED UP?
- WHAT, IF ANYTHING, HAS GOD DONE ABOUT IT?
- WHAT IS MY ROLE IN THIS?

join one of our groups to discuss these questions & the greatest story of our lives.

The Rescue Project is a video series with a dynamic presentation of the gospel message by Fr. John Riccardo followed by a facilitated discussion.

**STARTING MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> -5<sup>TH</sup>**

SUNDAYS - 8:30am @ St Patrick  
MONDAYS - 7:00pm @ St Luke  
TUESDAYS - 6:30pm @ St John  
WEDNESDAYS - 8:15pm online (zoom)



Register online

**LENT 2025 : SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE**

## Lenten Concert Series

Wednesdays in Lent from 1-1:30PM at  
St. John, Spring Green  
and  
St. Luke, Plain

These 30 minute programs are free and open to the public. No offering will be collected. It is requested that all applause be withheld.

### 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 36)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
Mar 8/9 Actual	\$ 3,981.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00

Difference: - \$ 687.00

Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 257,508.00
YTD Total to Mar 9	\$ 226,266.00

Difference - \$ 31,242.00

*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 36)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
Mar 8/9 Actual	\$ 3,614.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00

Difference: -\$ 1,393.00

Total Goal YTD	\$ 270,252.00
YTD Actual to Mar 9	\$ 237,643.00

Difference - \$ 32,609.00

# 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

Rectory/Parish Office..... 588-2028  
Parish Fax..... 588-2648  
Parish Email..... [barb.ferguson@saintsja.org](mailto:barb.ferguson@saintsja.org)  
Website..... [www.saintsja.org](http://www.saintsja.org)  
Parish Center/Kitchen..... 588-2229  
Pastoral Council President: Dave Mack..... 459-0680  
St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference .... 546-2482

### ST. JOHN SCHOOL

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

### ST. JOHN CEMETERY

Cemetery Sexton: Roger Kolan..... 588-2103

## 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](mailto:heather.faber@saintsja.org)  
Website..... [www.saintsja.org](http://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

[fr.luke.syse@saintsja.org](mailto:fr.luke.syse@saintsja.org)

1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

#### PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Kumud Chandra Nayak

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[fr.kumud.nayak@saintsja.org](mailto:fr.kumud.nayak@saintsja.org)

1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Michael Davidson

588-2028 / 546-2482

[michaeldavidson84@gmail.com](mailto:michaeldavidson84@gmail.com)

#### 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

[tjohnf52480@gmail.com](mailto:tjohnf52480@gmail.com)

#### 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](http://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](mailto:marie.lins@madisondiocese.org).