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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 20, 2025

From the Partor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

A few years ago in seminary I was able to spend an entire night, with a group of my fellow seminarians, in the Church of the

Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. It was an overnight "lock in," no sleeping or eating allowed--we could walk around and pray--the doors would open again at 6:00 a.m. It is a vast church with all sorts of rooms and side chapels. There are many interesting places to pray within that church.

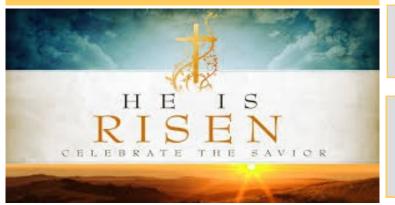
The spiritual center of the Church is the place where you can find the remains (stone fragments) of Our Lord's Tomb. Around those pieces of stone is a tomb-like room where a few people can enter and pray. I spent most of the night sitting just outside that space and looking at the empty tomb. In my prayer I heard the Lord's quiet voice: "you came here to see nothing!"

Indeed there is nothing to see there. Jesus is Risen and ascended to heaven where he lives now forever. As he told his disciples..."I am going to the Father," and... "it is to your advantage that I go away." Now, for those with Easter faith, we experience Jesus in a different way than seeing him directly: He is in the poor and afflicted, in the joyful voices of children, in the elderly who (despite their loneliness) have held onto their faith, in the person who challenges us to be better, in the monotony of our duties and work...above all in the Most Holy Eucharist--the Bread of Life.

As the tomb is emptied so the world begins to fill with the Gospel message and the power of the Holy Spirit. Have we let that message penetrate our hearts? Do I acknowledge the Holy Spirit dwells (or at least wishes to dwell!) in me? Jesus said "If you believe you will see the Glory of God." This Easter, Lord, increase our faith so that we may see you!

with Easter Faith,

Fr. Luke



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tues: NO Mass at St. John the Evangelist, 7:00 AM OCIA at St. John the Evangelist, 5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM

Wed: Men's Group at St. John, 5:30 AM
Adoration at St. John the Evangelist, 7:00 AM
Mass at St. John the Evangelist, 8:30 AM
PRINK at St. John the Evangelist, 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 Finance Council Meeting at St. Luke, 5:30 PM

Sat: Rescue Project Retreat at St. John the Evangelist, 8:30 AM

Sun: NO Mass at St. Patrick's, 7:30 AM
Mass at St. John the Evangelist, 8:30 AM
First Holy Communion Mass for 2nd grade students
at St. Luke, 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Rescue Project Retreat at SJE, April 26

- First Holy Communion Mass for 2nd grade students at St. Luke, April 27
- ቼ St. Luke Fish Fry, May 2
- First Holy Communion Mass for 2nd grade students at St. John the Evangelist, May 4
- Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion in Green Bay, May 10
- \$\footnote{T}\$ St. Luke Parish Festival, June 21

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



Bob Murphy (SJB)

John Richardson (SJE)

Duane & Gwen Kraemer's Wedding Anniversary (SL)



READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass

St. John the Evangelist ~ 8:00 AM Sunday St. Luke ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday St. Patrick ~ 7:00 AM Sunday

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025 7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 7:00 AM **NO Mass** at St. John 5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Jack & Celia Meixelsperger †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Kevin Wolosek †

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Elsie Haas †

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Mary Gust †

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for the Deceased Members of the Clem & Clara Meixelsperger Family † 5:30 PM Mass at St. John for The People of Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025
7:30 AM **NO Mass** at St. Patrick's
8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist for Harold & Bernice
Weber †
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for The First Communicants

Father Kumud will be visiting his family in India and so we will need to cancel Mass at St. Patrick's until June 1st. We are sorry for the inconvenience. All Mass intentions have been rescheduled to the next available date. Please pray for safe travels for Father. Thank you!



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald NO Issue on April 24, 2025*

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PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Luena Meister, Judy Powell, John Walsh, Marlene Dischler, Joann Schanke, Christina Litviak, Marie Neider, Greg Rieder, Kelly Feiner, Jacob Emerson, Harvey Rieder, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, and Doug Schmitz.

<u>Cemetery News</u> ~ Thanks to Mr. Weiss and to all the students who helped clean up the cemetery at St. Luke. Flowers may be put up again and remember NOT to place items in the ground around the monuments. They will get hit by the mowers.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., APR 26	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN	
Sacristan	Gwen Kraemer	Donna Slaney	
Lector	Rebecca Johnson	Barb Louis	
EM	Gwen Kraemer	Linda Thering	
Ushers	Bill Bergman Zach Thomas	Pat Slaney Mickey Snyder	
Servers	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN	

SUN., APR. 27	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE	
Sacristan	Joanne Finn	Nicole Bell	
Lector	Jan Joyce	Jim Moody	
EM	Diane Emerson	Bev Eberle	
Ushers	Keith Maxwell Steve Emerson	Ken Bindl Sue Bindl Bev Eberle	
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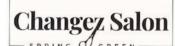
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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 21: No School - Easter Monday **MAY 4:** First Holy Communion



2025-2026 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

St. John's is an amazing place exemplifying our school's theme of "We're more than a school, we're family!" This

theme is felt throughout the building in all of our classrooms thanks to a highly qualified, caring staff. The word is out as to the great education children receive at St. John's School so it is important to register early to guarantee your child a spot for next year! Financial assistance is available.

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.

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.stjohns-springgreen.org or by liking our Facebook page – St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.



Next Religious Ed Class will be on April 23:

2nd Grade First Communion Prep Class for public school students at St. John, 6:00 PM



Christ is Risen!! Hallelujah! May the love and forgiveness of Easter refresh your marriage. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 26-27 in West Allis, WI,

June 27-29 in Rockford, IL, or September 6-7 in West Bend, WI. Visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 96
Running Grand Total: 20,618

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

APRIL 21: No School - Easter Monday

APRIL 24: School Mass

APRIL 27: First Holy Communion

MAY 1: School Mass; Bridge Building; Education Fair/Open House



THANK YOU to St. Luke staff for the time, work, and help given to make our spring program possible. A special thank you to our music teacher Ms. Joni Cross for the hard work, time and energy put into the program.

Thank you to the teachers who planned and helped with the lock-in and to the parents who chaperoned. It was a great night of fun for everyone.

MAY CROWNING ~ We will have May crowning on Thursday, May 8. Everyone is welcome to join us in the courtyard following school Mass.

EDUCATION FAIR AND OPEN HOUSE ~ St. Luke School will be hosting an Education Fair and Open House on Thursday, May 1st, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and see students' work displayed in the classrooms and hallways throughout the school. Students have put a lot of work into projects and other assignments throughout the year and it is a great way to see their growth over the course of a school year. It is a great opportunity to talk to teachers, tour the school and meet other school families. We welcome any interested and prospective families. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

METEOROLOGY PRESENTATION: Meteorologist Alex Harrington will be visiting St. Luke's on April 25. We look forward to his visit and weather presentation.

SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER PROGRAM ~ St. Luke School's school-age summer program will begin after Memorial Day and run through mid-August. If interested in enrolling your child(ren) in the summer program, please contact the school office at 608-546 -2963 or email the principal, Mrs. Mueller at diane.mueller@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, or email Mrs. Mueller at 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



SVDP Spring Donation Drop Off ~ On Saturday, April 26, St. Vincent de Paul -River Valley Conference is accepting donated household items and furniture for Drop Off at the following Pastorate parishes parking lots:

St. John - Spring Green: 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM St. Luke - Plain: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM St. Patrick - Loreto: Noon - 12:30 PM

Consider donating gently used clothing, household goods, furniture etc. These donations will assist in building our resources to help our neighbors in need in the River Valley area.

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"May our presence and care to those most in need reflect the gentleness, esteem and dignity we see reflected in the life and work of Jesus" ~ St. Vincent

> Thank you for your support and May God Bless You.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???



There will be a drive thru only Chicken BBQ dinner on April 27, 1 2025 in Plain on Park 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.



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Genesis 1:1-31

God made the heavens and the earth and it was good.

Genesis 2:15

Humans are commanded to care for God's creation.

Leviticus 25:1-7

The land itself must be given a rest and not abused.

Deuteronomy 10:14

All of heaven and earth belong to the Lord.

Psalm 24:1-2

All the earth is the Lord's.

Daniel 3:56-82

Creation proclaims the glory of God.

Matthew 6:25-34

God loves and cares for all of creation.

Romans 1:20

Creation reveals the nature of God.

1 Corinthians 10:26

Creation and all created things are inherently good because they are of the Lord.

ST. JOHN T-LOOP SYSTEM: Hello all, I wanted to add a brief addendum regarding the new t-loop system at St. John the Evangelist. While the system primarily works with certain types of hearing aids, anyone can hear the system for themselves. There are two headsets that can be borrowed. They are located in the sacristy. All you have to do is turn it on, put on the headphones, and sit in the pews, and you'll hear the system for yourself. Just make sure that you keep the pack upright so it can pick up the signal. If you don't like using those headphones, you can bring your own. As long as they are wired and use a standard headphone jack, they should work when you plug them in.

Give them a try! ~ Michael Davidson

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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. 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.