



# Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



MAY II, 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| SAINT JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST PARISH

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MILL CREEK

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MAY 11, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

In light of the forthcoming merger of St. Luke and St. John parishes next year—with the additional rural churches of Mill Creek, Lime Ridge and Loreto, the time has come to establish a Pastoral Council. Soon after arriving I established the transition team to replace both pastoral councils. That group has done some great work in bringing us together as a Pastorate. Now we will be phasing out the transition team and establishing a Pastoral Council which will bring us through the actual merger and beyond. The Diocese of Madison recommends all parishes have a pastoral council although canon law would require only a finance council. I am of the school that a pastoral council is indeed useful in parish life. This description comes from the Diocese:

**“The mission of the Pastoral Council is to assist the pastor in identifying and understanding important matters that affect the life of the parish, to gather the thoughts and ideas of the community, and discuss them with the pastor as together they seek the good of the parish.”**

**To establish the council, I will take the following steps :**

- 1) Collect nominations: in paper on the last two weekends of May, or by e-mail to me.
- 2) Notification: nominees can accept or decline
- 3) Meeting with Transition Team to discern who is selected.

(At our most recent transition team meeting it was decided that selection by Discernment would be simpler and easier than by ballot. It is hard to conduct a vote in the summer months when parishioners are often on the move.)

**I am seeking nominations for the following spots on the Pastoral Council:**

- 1) Council Chair (officer)
- 2) Vice-Chair (officer)
- 3) Secretary (officer)
- 4) Mission Representative (Chair of Go Make Disciples Team)
- 5) Buildings and Grounds Representative (Chairs the Buildings and Grounds Committee)
- 6) Schools Representative (attends both Education Commission meetings)
- 7) Parish Life Representative (fundraisers and festivals)
- 8) Human Concerns Representative (elderly, homebound, nursing home, grief support)
- 9) Parish Secretary Trustee (ex-officio member)

Please prayerfully discern if God might be asking you to join our Pastoral Council. We will meet at least six times per year, but not more than ten.

Nominations will be collected during the Masses on the last two weekends of May. You may also nominate yourself or someone else by simply sending me an e-mail.

best regards,

Fr. Luke

### SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

- (5/11) Sun: Happy Mother's Day
- (5/13) Tues: **NO Mass** at St. Luke, 5:15 PM  
Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
- (5/14) Wed: Men's Group at St. John, 5:30 AM  
Adoration at St. John the Evangelist  
Mass at St. John the Evangelist, 8:30 AM  
PRINK at St. John the Evangelist, 9:15 AM
- (5/15) 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
- (5/17) Sat: Alan Truethardt and Mary Martin Wedding, 11:00 AM  
No Bake Sale at St. John the Evangelist
- (5/18) Sun: **NO Mass** at St. Patrick's  
Mass of Blessing for Graduating High School students at St. Luke, 10:00 AM  
UW Baraboo Choir Concert at St. Luke, 3:30 PM

### LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ Mass of Blessing for Graduating High School students at St. Luke, May 18
- ✠ UW Baraboo Choir Concert at St. Luke, May 18
- ✠ St. Luke Parish Festival, June 21

CLASS OF 2025

**Graduating High School Seniors**

MASS, BLESSING, AND FELLOWSHIP

**SUNDAY MAY 18**

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

10:00 AM

COME AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING AS YOU BEGIN A NEW JOURNEY IN YOUR LIFE!

PLEASE EMAIL [KAMICLARY@SAINTSJA.ORG](mailto:kamiclary@saintsja.org) IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR THAT WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorale



### PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

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.

Next weekend, May 17 & 18th, we will be conducting the National Combined Collection in our parish. This collection combines the following individual collections: Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development, Catholic Communications Campaign, Catholic Home Missions, Catholic University of America, Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your help and support are critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope will be inserted into the bulletin next weekend for your donation. Thank you.



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

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 ~ *Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr*

7:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for Bertilla Bergman †

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 ~ *Our Lady of Fatima*

7:00 AM Mass at St. John "In Thanksgiving by Richard and Jeanette Limmex for their 69th Wedding Anniversary"  
5:15 PM **NO Mass** at St. Luke

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 ~ *St. Matthias, Apostle*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 ~ *St. Isidore*

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Jerry Pulvermacher †

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Eleanor and Eugene Rock †

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Russell & Irene Schweiss †

5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Larry, Tanner and Joe Batz †

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

7:30 AM **NO Mass** at St. Patrick's

8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Dorothy McCluskey †

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAY 17	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
<b>Sacristan</b>	Rita Brey	Jean Bindl
<b>Lector</b>	Lauri Meixelsperger	Mickey Snyder
<b>EM</b>	Rita Brey	Mickey Snyder
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Mueller OPEN	Pat Slaney OPEN
<b>Servers</b>	Finn Oppert OPEN	OPEN OPEN
SUN., MAY 18	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mary Lynn Johnson	Marty Gates
<b>Lector</b>	Howard Marklein	Bob Gates
<b>EM</b>	Dan Joyce	Bev Eberle
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Johnson Todd Hogan	Bev Eberle OPEN
<b>Greeter</b>		Douglas Schmitz
<b>Servers</b>	William Hagmann OPEN	Isaac Faber OPEN



**What Anniversary are You Celebrating in 2025?** Bishop Donald Hying will be recognizing married couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage and the first 3 years of marriage. This event is by invitation only, on August 24th at St. Francis Xavier in Cross Plains.

The event will start at 2:00 PM with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a cake and coffee reception.

Please notify St. John's Church by calling 608-588-2229 or St. Luke's Church by calling 608-546-2482 **by May 16th** that you will be celebrating your Special Anniversary in the calendar year of 2025 and your name will be submitted to the Bishop's office.



Blessings of Joy on Your Child's Baptism

Congratulations to the Heiser Family on the Baptism of their son, Felix.



Special blessings on Lucas Fiene & Molly Schluter who were united in married at St. Luke Church on May 3rd. May God Bless your marriage!



Congratulations to Richard and Jeanette Limmex on their 69th Anniversary! May God continue to bless you with happy memories of a lifetime together.



**Next Religious Ed Class will be on May 21:  
Confirmation Faith Formation at St. Luke, 6:45 PM**



## THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



**Delbert & Charlotte Dodge (SJB)**

**Robert Murphy (SJE)**

**Dean Blau (SL)**



## 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



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## ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

**MAY 15:** Lil' Hawks Track & Field Day

**MAY 22:** White Mound Field Trip

**MAY 23:** Last Day of School

**FUNFEST RAFFLE TICKETS** ~ Funfest raffle tickets are available to pick up in the back of the church, along with instructions for where to return your sold tickets and money. As you may already know, Funfest is our school's largest fundraiser and we need your help selling as many raffle tickets as possible. Thank you for your continued support of our school. It is much appreciated!

### **2025-2026 ENROLLMENT UPDATE:**

3K: At Capacity - Wait List

4K: At Capacity - Wait List

5K - 4th grade: Limited Availability

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.



### **EXPERIENCED AND DEDICATED TEACHERS AT EVERY GRADE LEVEL**

~ 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. We have experienced teachers averaging over 16 years in education and 8 years of teaching at St. John's!

**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](http://www.stjohns-springgreen.org) or by liking our Facebook page – St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.

There will be **NO** bake sale at St. John the Evangelist on May 17-18.



### **Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald** *Issue on May 15, 2025*

Graduations at our Catholic schools are featured in this week's *Catholic Herald*. No matter the season, the *Catholic Herald* is the place to keep up with what's going on across the diocese.

It's easy to get the *Catholic Herald* print or e-edition in your home...just contact the parish office!!

## ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

**MAY 13:** Field Trips for 3K/4K/5K and 3rd/4th; Culver's Share Night

**MAY 14:** Home & School Meeting; Rosary in Church at 8:30 AM

**MAY 15:** School Mass; River Valley Lil' Hawks for Grades 1-4

**MAY 16:** Field Trip for Grades 1 & 2

**MAY 20:** Field Trip for Grades 5-8

**MAY 22:** School Mass

**MAY 27:** St. Luke's Track & Field Day

**MAY 29:** Last Day of School; Graduation Mass



### **2025-2026 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

~ St. Luke School offers a faith-filled and nurturing environment that provides spiritual, academic, and social growth for its students. We have highly qualified, caring, and dedicated teachers at every grade level. Financial assistance is available.



### **LET CULVER'S DO THE COOKING FOR YOU!**

Visit Culver's in Spring Green on Tuesday, **May 13th, from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM** and a percent of the sales will go to St. Luke School. Donate while you dine - what a great way to support St. Luke's!

**ITEMS WANTED** ~ We are looking for the following items to help enhance our school-age summer program: Crayola markers, paper plates, Play-doh, floor puzzles, outdoor sand toys such as trucks, buckets and shovels. Items may be dropped off at the school office. Thank you!



### **HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

~ Thank you Home and School for the week-long celebration of our teachers. The food was delicious and the gifts were truly appreciated.

### **LINDA PAULUS AND SHAW SANDER**

~ Thank you for all the delicious pastries that were made to celebrate our parents on "Pastries with Parents".

**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 refer a family that enrolls two students you will receive a \$200 credit or 10 volunteer hours, three students receive a \$300 or 15 volunteer hours, etc. If you know anyone who would like a personal tour, please call the school office at 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 new website at [www.stlukes-plain.org](http://www.stlukes-plain.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Golf Outing**  
**Spring Green Municipal Golf Course,**  
**Sat. June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm**

**Cost: \$35 course member/ \$50 non-member**  
**Included: Lunch, beverages throughout the event,**  
**hole prizes**  
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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



### SVDP 2025 Spring "FILL THE BAG" Food Donation Drive for the Spring Green Food Pantry *Your donation can help beat hunger in the RV area.*

This weekend, SVDP Vincentians will hand out empty grocery bags to parishioners at St Luke and St. John parishes to collect much needed items for the Spring Green Food Pantry. Please return filled bags to church on the weekend of May 17 & 18.

**Items needed:** Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, canned tuna, fruit snacks, pancake mix, syrup, Sloppy Joe mix, personal hygiene items and paper products. **Please no expired food items.**

*Your donation can help alleviate hunger in the RV area.*

Cash donations and checks are welcomed and appreciated, as monetary donations go toward purchasing food from Second Harvest. Write check to SVDP-River Valley Conference. Drop monetary donations in designated basket at church. Thank you for your support to help others. May God Bless You!

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*

For questions, contact Joan Zahalka at 651-324-3068.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???



**Calling all current middle school boys!** Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 16 - Wednesday, June 18 to St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary, WI for three days of field Olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, and making new friends! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Register by June 9 at [www.stlawrence.edu/retreat](http://www.stlawrence.edu/retreat).

*Thank you!*

**With Deepest Gratitude:** The family of Carol Lins extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make her funeral a beautiful, meaningful tribute to her life. We are especially grateful to Fr. Luke Syse, Fr. Ray Dischler, and Michael Davidson for their thoughtful and comforting service.

We also deeply appreciate all those who generously brought salads and desserts and the dedicated parish members who worked to prepare and clean up after the luncheon.

Finally, thank you to everyone who offered their prayers, support and condolences during this difficult time. Your kindness and presence have meant more than words can express.

*With love and appreciation ~ The family of Carol Lins*



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:



### Plain Lions Hosting 11th Annual Brat Stand:

Fundraiser for Occupaws on May 30 and 31, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Occupaws is a team of volunteers who raises guide dogs for the vision impaired. Proceeds will pay for the cost of raising and professionally training the puppies. The brat stand will be next to the Mobile station on Hwy. 23. Occupaws thanks the Lions members and communities for their continued support and donations.



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

Combined Weekly Total: 108  
Running Grand Total: 21,226

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

**Cemetery News** ~ Christmas decorations in the St. Boniface, St. Patrick, and Our Lady of the Fields cemeteries must be removed by May 15, 2025. Decorations not removed will be disposed of by cemetery staff.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### St. John's (Week 44)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
May 3/4 Actual	\$ 2,650.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00

Difference: - \$ 2,018.00

Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 314,732.00
YTD Total to May 4	\$ 280,666.00

Difference - \$ 34,066.00

### 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 44)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
May 3/4 Actual	\$ 2,705.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00

Difference: - \$ 2,302.00

Total Goal YTD	\$ 330,308.00
YTD Actual to May 4	\$ 282,147.00

Difference - \$ 48,161.00

# 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)  
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  
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

546-2482 / 588-2028

[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).