



Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate



JULY 6, 2025

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear Friends in Christ,

"The more truly we believe, the more strongly we hope and the more ardently we desire, the more generously we will receive...in our petitions we will receive more by sighs than by speech, more by tears than by words."

These words from the Office of Readings (a set of daily prayers for priests) summarize what the Catechism calls the "battle for prayer." Very seldom does prayer come without serious effort. Those are blessed moments...but the norm for us is this: prayer takes effort and struggle.

Why go through all that struggle to pray? What good comes from it? The fruits of prayer are many but perhaps the most important is an increase in faith. Again and again, we see in the Gospels that faith is a most pleasing virtue to Jesus. He has even promised us: "If you believe you will see the Glory of God (John 11:40)." We pray to strengthen our faith – that virtue which puts us in union with Christ.

To reach prayer we must first take the time. This means putting prayer ahead of many other good things: a leisurely breakfast, a morning scroll on social media, a workout at the gym...an extra hour of sleep. These are all good things (well, maybe we could debate social media) but we should set them aside for a great thing which is prayer. A good question to ask God is: what keeps me from praying? What is my stealing my prayer time?

If you wish to read more about prayer there is no better place than the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). Here are a few paragraphs which give you a sense for the profound teaching contained therein:

CCC 2725 Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposes effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the Spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christian's new life is inseparable from the battle of prayer.

CCC 2732 The most common yet most hidden temptation is our lack of faith. It expresses itself less by declared incredulity than by our actual preferences. When we begin to pray, a thousand labors or cares thought to be urgent vie for priority; once again, it is the moment of truth for the heart: what is its real love? Sometimes we turn to the Lord as a last resort, but do we really believe he is? Sometimes we enlist the Lord as an ally, but our heart remains presumptuous. In each case, our lack of faith reveals that we do not yet share in the disposition of a humble heart: "Apart from me, you can do nothing."

In prayer,

Fr. Luke

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

- (7/5) Sat & (7/6) Sun: Missionary Weekend, Fr. Joseph Michael & Fr. Alex Carmel will visit us
- (7/7) Mon: **No Mass** at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
- (7/8) Tues: **No Mass** at St. John, 7:00 AM
- (7/9) Wed: Men's Group at St. John the Evangelist, 5:30 AM
Adoration at St. John the Evangelist, 7:00 AM
PRINK at St. John the Evangelist, 9:15 AM
- (7/10) Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
KC Meeting at St. John the Evangelist, 7:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✠ Feast Day of Saints Joachim & Anne ~ Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine, July 26th
- ✠ Confirmation Retreat at St. Pat's, August 2nd & 3rd
- ✠ St. John Funfest, August 8th & 9th
- ✠ Holy Day of Obligation, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th
- ✠ Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Fields Shrine, August 15th

New Saturday Vigil Mass Schedule Beginning August 2nd

Time: 5:00 PM

Locations:

- ✠ Even Months (August, October...etc.)
St. John the Evangelist, Spring Green
- ✠ Odd Months (September, November...etc.)
St. Luke, Plain

MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND! This week the missionary priests from the Diocese of Nellore, India will be visiting us to ask for your prayers and financial support for the mission work of the Diocese in India. They are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, rehabilitation centers for lepers, education and boarding facilities for all deserving poor children, lay ministry training, and building vibrant faith communities. Fr. Joseph Michael & Fr. Alex Carmel will be with us to share information about the ministry of the Diocese of Nellore. Please join us to hear about the good work of the missionaries and the great faith of the people in the other part of the world. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Buzz Jewell, Louise Maleck, Bob Bauer, Mary Fleming, Mary Sawle, Judy Powell, John Walsh, Marlene Dischler, Joann Schanke, 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, JULY 7, 2025

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

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

5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Sister Jean Ferstl †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 ~ *St. Augustine Zhao Rong,
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Jared Karls †

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 ~ *St. Benedict, Abbot*

8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist for Bob & Carol Mack †

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025 ~ *BVM*

4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Bob Meixelsperger †

5:30 PM Mass at St. John the Evangelist for Bob Murphy †

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's for the Alvin & Maude
Ruhland Family †

8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist for Vera and
Art Larson †

10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for The People of

Saints Joachim and Anne Pastorate

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes
before each Weekend Mass

St. John the Evangelist ~ 5:00 PM Saturday 8:00 AM Sunday

St. Luke ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday

St. Pat ~ 7:00 AM Sunday

READINGS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...



Ted Blau
(SL)

Mark Colby
(SJB)



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JULY 12	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	OPEN	Jean Bindl
Lector	Rebecca Johnson	Phil Limmex
EM	Mary Schluter	Phil Limmex
Ushers	OPEN OPEN	Pat Slaney Gary Nachreiner
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SUN., JULY 13	7:30 AM ST. PAT'S	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Mary Lynn Johnson	Doreen Laack
Lector	Doug Faber	Dan Joyce	Rita Brey
EM		Diane Emerson	Bev Eberle
Ushers	Dan Amend Michelle Amend	Jeff Johnson Steve Emerson	Chuck Fenske Vicki Fenske
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Servers	Hewsten Boland Braysen Boland	Brianna McCall Charles McCall	Oliver Bell

MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN

has been

RESCHEDULED

NEW DATE:

Saturday, July 26, 2025 • 2-4pm
Wisconsin State Capitol

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Join us Wednesday evenings this summer at St. Luke's for an 8-week journey through the Bible with mediator Dave Mack. Many Christians want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. In Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, video presenter, Jeff Cavins, shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it.

Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM in St. Luke's School conference room, June 25 - August 13th. Virtual option is available! Please register for in person or virtual @ anngreynelson@gmail.com or call/text 608-459-0531.

RESCHEDULED: March for Life Wisconsin has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 26, 2025. This is due to the national mass demonstrations on the original date of the March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, June 14. In the interest of ensuring the safety of our attendees, including families with children, this joyful and peaceful march to protect every human life has been rescheduled to 2-4pm on Saturday, July 26, 2025, on the State Street steps at the State Capitol in Madison. **Please join us then to stand for life!**

More information at MarchforLifeWisconsin.org or contact Lesley Chisholm, Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director at 262-796-1111 x116 or Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org.

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

August 8 & 9: St. John's Funfest

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!" 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.



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~ 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!

SCHOOL HOURS OVER THE SUMMER ~ Over the summer, we will be in and out of the building but we will continue to check our emails. The best way to get in contact with someone over the summer is to email Allison at astroud@stjohnspringgreen.com or Jacqui at jcavagetto@stjohnspringgreen.com.

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



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ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

ENROLL TODAY!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER 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.

DID YOU KNOW? St. Luke School has a tuition assistance program for families wanting a faith-based education. This tuition assistance helps make a private school education a reality for students wanting to attend St. Luke School. For more information, contact the school office.

STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM ~ 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.

SCHOOL HOURS ~ We will be in and out of the building over the summer but will check emails regularly. The best way to contact someone over the summer is to email Diane Mueller at diane.mueller@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com or Rachel Eberle at school.secretary@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com

LITTLE LUKE DAYCARE is accepting registrations for children of all ages. Our present 3 and 4 year-olds are moving into three and four year-old school programs; therefore, we have openings for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Immediate positions are available. If interested, contact the director ashley.zimmerman@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com or call 608-546-2963.

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.



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St. Vincent de Paul truck will conduct furniture and clothing donation home pick-ups between 9:00am and Noon on Saturday, July 12th.

Please have furniture ready for pick up by placing it on your porch or in your garage. Furniture and clothing must be in good condition, clean, free of pet hair, odor, usable and saleable. Clothing should be in a bag or box.

Please note that we cannot accept air conditioners, appliances, computers or parts, TV's, pianos, tires, paint, or chemicals.

Contact Denny Olson at 608-574-3422 to schedule a pick-up. Also, we NEED "Fit Folks" to help load furniture and clothing from 9:00am to Noon on any of these dates. Just pick one or two Saturdays you could help with this mission to serve. Select any second Saturday date between now and November 8th that works for you and let Denny know.

"To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited." -St. Vincent de Paul.



"Parish Rosary Program"
(Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate)
Combined Weekly Total: 177
Running Grand Total: 22,263

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

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE AREA

Join us for an evening of family, Food and fun!

Wednesday July 9, 2025

6:00 - 7:30pm



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Loganville is hosting their 80th Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Freewill offering accepted.



75 years of Service
Spring Green Lions
Pickleball Tournament



Save The Date

Saturday, September 13th, 2025

Spring Green Veterans Park Pickle Ball Courts

9am start (Rain Date: Sunday, September 14th)

Two person teams: \$25 per person \$50 per team

100% of proceeds go to Lions' charitable projects which include:

- Wisconsin Riverway Warning Signs
- Community Food Pantry
- School projects
- Senior Christmas baskets & Holiday Movie for Kids
- Eye testing and corneal tissue transport

Registration Deadline is August 15th to receive free T-shirt

Registration No T-shirt deadline is September 1st

Event Registration and payment is available online at:

<https://www.rivervalleycommons.org/pickleball>



Scan this QR code to get the registration form:

Contact information: pamelasfinejewelry@frontier.com or (608)604-4432

Join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Pat's on August 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Afterwards we will make a pilgrimage To Our Lady of the Fields Shrine.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. John's (Week 52)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,153.00
June 28/29 Actual	\$ 3,352.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,485.00
Difference:	-\$ 1,360.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 372,000.00
YTD Total to June 30	\$ 334,060.00
Difference	-\$ 37,940.00

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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 52)

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$ 7,507.00
June 28/29 Actual	\$ 3,171.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 1,836.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 390,364.00
YTD Actual to June 30	\$ 361,537.00
Difference	-\$ 28,827.00

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
Website..... 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
Website..... 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

1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

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MUSIC DIRECTOR

Michael Davidson

588-2028 / 546-2482

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 espanol

Puedes llamarlo a 608-636-4337

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Deacon Tom Fogarty - 414-530-0868

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. 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.