

Saints Joachim & Anne Pastorate

WEEKLY BULLETIN

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we begin our celebrations of First Holy Communion. Do you remember your First Holy Communion? As we see the children and their love for Jesus in the Eucharist, are we inspired to keep up our piety? A good genuflection, a reverent sign of the Cross, a daily visit to the Eucharist each day...these are the little habits of child-like eucharistic piety that renew our Love for God.

There is no greater grace than to receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist! Pope Benedict called the Eucharist the "banquet of the reconciled." If we have heard the Gospel message of love and repented of our sins, we can then approach the banquet. After being reconciled with the Lord in the sacrament of confession, we can make a fruitful communion. St. Paul gives us a loving warning in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

"So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29)."

This teaching gives us a holy fear and humility before the Eucharistic Lord. Examining ourselves--which is difficult to do--will lead us to be reconciled and confidently approach the banquet. There is an old saying that we ought to "treat sacred things in a sacred way." May the Lord grant us a "sense of the sacred" before the Eucharist--it is truly Him! May we always treat Him with responsible love.

in prayer,

Fr. Luke

This week making their first holy communion at St. John:

Maddon Makarowski

Jack Stanek

Carter Heckendorf

Jaxon Strook

Margarette Robinson

Eloise Feigl

Everett Aron

Cecily Haas

Charlotte Harris

Kaitlynn Hunter

Ryan Johnson

Bennett Klein



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sun: First Communion at St. John, 10:30 AM
- Tues: Choir Rehearsal at St. John, 6:00 PM
- Wed: Men's Group Meet at St. John, 5:30 AM
Adoration at St. John, 7:00 AM
Prink the Word at St. John, 9:15 AM
MS/HS Faith Formation, 6:45 PM
- Thurs: Adoration at St. Luke, 7:00 AM
SVDP Meeting at St. John, 5:30 PM
- Fri: May Crowning at St. John, 8:30 AM
St. Luke Fish Fry, 5:00 PM
- Sat: Mass at St. John the Baptist of Mill Creek, 9:00 AM
First Communion Practice at St. Luke, 9:00 AM
- Sun: First Communion at St. Luke, 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- ✚ First Annual Summer Pilgrimage, June 21-23
- ✚ St. Luke Parish Festival/Raffle Drawing, June 22
- ✚ St. John's Funfest, August 9 & 10

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes before each Weekend Mass
 St. John ~ 5:00 PM Saturday & 8:00 AM Sunday
 St. Luke ~ 3:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday
 St. Patrick ~ 7:00 AM Sunday
 St. John the Baptist Mill Creek ~ 8:30 AM First Saturday of the Month

READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17

THE LIGHTS THIS WEEK BURN FOR ...

St. Luke's Sanctuary Lamp
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 Deceased Members of the
 Dave & Alice Dischler Family



St. John's Sanctuary Lamp
 In Memory of
 Vern Liegel

St. Pat's Sanctuary Lamp
 In Honor of
 A Special Intention



PRAY FOR THE SICK & SUFFERING

Darlene Murphy, Kelly Feiner, Jacob Emerson, Harvey Rieder, Bonnie Fingerhut, Sister Jean Ferstl, Shelly Alt, Michael Whitcomb, Tony Anday, Doug Schmitz, Lexi Norton, Miles Bishop, and Cyndi Anliker.

Those who have died: Dorothy Frank and Mary Gust

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE PASTORATE

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024 ~ *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Duane A. Meixelsperger †

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 ~ *St. Pius V, Pope*
 8:30 AM **NO Mass** at St. John
 5:15 PM Mass at St. Luke for Leon Hausner †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 ~ *St. Joseph the Worker*
 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Michael Anding †
 10:45 AM Mass at St. Luke for Sue Dietl †

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 ~ *St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
8:30 AM Mass at St. Luke for Ralph & Anne Ruhland †

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 ~ *Sts. Philip and James, Apostles*
 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for Dora Mary Haskins †

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist for Rev. Bernard "Bud" Kurz
4:00 PM Mass at St. Luke for Diane Brent †
5:30 PM Mass at St. John for Vern Liegel †

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024
 7:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick for the Deceased Members of the Schutz Family †
 8:30 AM Mass at St. John for the People of Sts. Joachim & Anne Pastorate
10:00 AM Mass at St. Luke for those receiving their First Holy Communion

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., MAY 4	4:00 PM ST. LUKE	5:30 PM ST. JOHN
Sacristan	OPEN	Robert Baird
Lector	Melissa Thomas	Donna Slaney
EM	N/A	Donna Slaney
Ushers	Donna Ochsner OPEN OPEN OPEN	Pat Slaney OPEN OPEN OPEN
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SUN., MAY 5	7:30 AM ST. PATRICK	8:30 AM ST. JOHN	10:00 AM ST. LUKE
Sacristan	Sheila Drea	Joanne Finn	Marty Gates
Lector	Sheley Scallon	Howard Marklein	Jim Moody
EM		Sara Shackleton	N/A
Ushers	Jim Huebsch Joyce Huebsch	Ralph Liegel OPEN OPEN OPEN	Ken Bindl Susan Bindl OPEN OPEN
Greeter			Doug Schmitz
Servers	Braysen Boland Hewsten Boland	William Hagmann	Jack Nelson Isaac Faber



Next Religious Ed Class MS/HS Faith Formation Class at St. Luke, 6:45 PM Wednesday, May 1st.



Join us for a small group series

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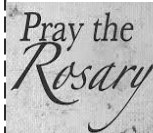
Draw closer to Jesus and His love and grace during the Easter season with this beautiful video study created by the National Eucharistic Revival. Take time to make new friendships with others in our pastorate as we seek to grow deeper in our faith! Contact Marie Lins at marielins@hotmail.com or 608-469-3982 with any questions.



"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." Learn how your marriage can bear fruit on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on May 4-5 in Muskego, WI or August 3-4 in Wisconsin. For more info go to: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.



Congratulations to Kevin & Janeen Eberle on 40 years of marriage!
 May God continue to bless your love!



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

Combined Weekly Total: 181
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APRIL 28: First Communion Mass at 10:30 AM
MAY 10: Pastries for Parents
MAY 17: Lil Hawks Track & Field Day
MAY 22: End of Year Field Trip to White Mound
May 23: Last Day of School



SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER ~

In an effort to foster a lifelong relationship between alumni and our school, we sent out over 1,000 letters to parishioners and alumni to share the great things happening at St. John's. If you receive a letter in the mail for your child from us, please make sure they receive it and contact the school or parish office with his/her correct mailing address. If you believe you should have received the newsletter and did not, please let us know so we can get you on the list for future mailings. A successful alumni drive will help ensure our amazing St. John's School is around for years to come.

TUITION GRANT AWARDED TO ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL ~



St. John's School was awarded a grant by the Diocese of Madison Foundation to be used for tuition assistance for families in need. Anyone that wishes to enroll their child at St. John's and needs help paying the full tuition can apply for assistance online when completing their child's enrollment.

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ENROLLMENT UPDATE FOR 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

3K: At Capacity ~ Wait list
4K: Nearing Capacity ~ Few Remaining Openings
5K - 4th Grade: Limited Capacity
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 9th and all day Saturday, August 10th. 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!

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!

Just a reminder that you can drop off your aluminum cans in the bin behind church. The amount we receive from the recycling center goes right into the school budget! It REALLY does make a difference!



NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE! Visit our website at www.stjohns-springgreen.org for more information regarding our fantastic faculty, curriculum, special events, and enrollment. See for yourself all the GREAT things happening at St. John's School by liking our Facebook page - St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 29: Culver's Share Night
APRIL 30: Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip to Cave of the Mounds
MAY 2: Education Fair
MAY 13: Spring Program 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM

EDUCATION FAIR ~ St. Luke's Education Fair is Thursday, May 2, 5:30 - 7:00 PM. We invite everyone to come 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.



LET CULVER'S DO THE COOKING FOR YOU! ~ Visit Culver's in Spring Green on Monday, April 29th, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM and a percentage of the sales will go to St. Luke School. Donate while you dine - what a great way to support St. Luke's!



St. Luke School is looking to hire teachers for kindergarten, second grade, and upper elementary and middle school math for the 2024-2025 school year. If interested or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office at 546-2963.

IT'S FACTS TIME! It is time to enroll and re-enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. We are accepting registrations in all grade levels, 3PK - 8. St. Luke School offers small class size, spacious classrooms, before and after school programs, over 155 combined years of experienced teachers, and a faith-based education. Tuition assistance is available. Call the school office, 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.

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

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.



THANK YOU to all who donated and/or made purchases at St. John's April Bake Sale. \$455.00 was deposited! The final bake sale for this church year will be May 18 & 19 and ALL parishioners are asked to donate for this final bake sale.



Deepen Your Faith with the *Catholic Herald*
Issue for May 2, 2024

Bishop Donald J. Hying connects with his flock every issue through his "From the Bishop's Desk" column. As ordinations approach, this week's paper highlights Vocations.

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

SVDP RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE



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

On the weekend of May 4 & 5, SVDP Vincentians will hand out empty grocery bags to St. Luke, St. John, and St. Patrick parishioners to collect much needed items for the Spring Green Food Pantry. Please return filled bags to church on the weekends of May 11 & 12 and May 18 & 19.

Items needed: Peanut Butter, jelly, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, pancake mix, beef or chicken cup soups, Ravioli or Spaghetti O's. Please no expired food items. Personal Hygiene items: Diapers and Pull-ups in sizes 5-6 and 7.

Cash donations and checks are welcomed and appreciated, as monetary donations go toward purchasing food from Second Harvest. Please write check to SVDP-River Valley Conference. Drop monetary donations in designated basket at church.

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

Thank you for your generous support. God Bless!

For questions: contact Joan Zahalka (651-324-3068) or Rick Zahalka (715-415-1593)

Stations of the Cross at St. John the Baptist/Mill Creek will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM.



St. Patrick's Organ Repair

We recently had a service call for the organ at St. Patrick's and the cost was \$1200. We have a donor who has pledged \$500. We will take up a second collection on Sunday May 5th to help pay for the remainder.



Sanctuary Memorial Lights ~ St. John, St. Luke, and St. Pat have openings in 2024! 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.



Prayer Shawls - A reminder that prayer shawls are available for anyone you may feel is going through a serious illness or emotional time and could use the extra prayers and comfort. You can contact St. John's Parish Office 588-2028 or St. Luke's Parish Office 546-2482.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA???



Baccalaureate Service

The River Valley High School Class of 2024 Baccalaureate ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. All seniors who wish to participate are asked to wear their graduation gowns and be present at 6:40 PM. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the cafeteria to honor the seniors. All family members and friends of the seniors are invited to attend.

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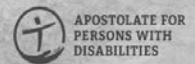
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"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."
Mt 18:5.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>St. John's (Week 43)</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Maint.</u>
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Apr 20/21 Actual	\$ 5,552.00	\$ 445.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,496.00	\$ 52.00
Difference:	+\$ 123.00	-\$ 80.00
Envelope Goal YTD	\$ 340,775.00	\$ 24,811.00
YTD Total to Apr 21	\$ 268,090.00	\$ 11,293.00
Difference	-\$ 72,685.00	-\$ 13,518.00

Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God!
 To Parish5-8%
 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 Parish Office for details.

<u>St. Luke's (Week 43)</u>	
Total Weekly Goal	\$ 7,405.00
Apr 20/21 Actual	\$ 3,288.00
ACH Weekly Average	\$ 2,500.00
Difference:	-\$ 1,617.00
Total Goal YTD	\$ 318,415.00
YTD Actual to Apr 21	\$ 272,375.00
Difference	-\$ 46,040.00

*This now includes weekly envelopes and weekly offertory basket collection!!

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@pastorate6.org
Website..... 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@pastorate6.org
Website..... 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

58280 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

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fr.luke.syse@pastorate6.org
1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Kumud Chandra Nayak

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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 the parish offices. First time parents are required to attend a baptism preparation program before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.