We are a Eucharistic Community called together to celebrate our Catholic faith. As a welcoming community of God, our mission is to provide an environment that enriches our spiritual, personal and social growth through prayer, education, outreach and fellowship.

- Joint Parish Mission Statement
## ST. JOHN MASS
Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am

### ST. JOHN OFFICES
- Rectory/Parish Office: 588-2028
- Parish Fax: 588-2648
- Parish Email: stjohnspringgreen@gmail.com
- Website: www.stjohnspringgreen.com
- Parish Center/Kitchen: 588-2229
- Pastoral Council President: Phil Limmex: 588-2820

### ST. JOHN SCHOOL
- School Office: 588-2021
- School Website: http://stjohns-springgreen.org
- School Principal: Terrie Feigl: 588-2021

### ST. JOHN CEMETERY
- Cemetery Sexton: Roger Kolan: 588-2103

## ST. LUKE MASS
Saturday 4:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

### ST. LUKE OFFICES
- Rectory/Parish Office: 546-2482
- Parish Fax: 546-2616
- Parish Email: stlukesplain@charter.net
- Website: www.stlukesPlain.com
- Church Kitchen: 546-2800
- Pastoral Council President: Ron Towle: 546-2417

### 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: 546-2603
  Cell: 608-963-8163

## JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION

### PASTOR
Fr. John A. Silva
546-2482 / 588-2028
1270 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain, WI 53577

### MUSIC DIRECTOR
Michael Davidson
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michaeldavidson84@gmail.com

### COORD. OF REL. ED.
Angie Pulvermacher / 574-1880
Wednesday Night Phone: 546-2963
angie.pulvy@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

### SACRAMENTS

#### Penance/Reconciliation
Private Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM before Mass at St. Luke's and Sundays at 8:00 AM before Mass at St. John's. Communal celebrations are scheduled during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

#### 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.

#### Anointing of the Sick
Individual celebrations can be arranged by calling the parish office.

#### Communion for the Sick
We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.

### New Parishioners
We welcome you to our parish family. Please stop by or call the parish office for information about registering as parish members.

### Ministerzo Hispano / Hispanic Ministry
Padre Osvaldo Briones
obriones@slsonline.org Phone: 608-643-2449 ext.234
The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge during this brief but important season of the liturgical year. Recall from last week that the purpose of this season is reflection on and preparation for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder of that God has already triumphed over sin and death and that we, His faithful disciples, will live in the light of His glory one day. “Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God… For God has commanded that every loft mountain be made low… that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God… for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.”

Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure now.

In the Second Reading, the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, Paul gives us a pep talk as we make our stewardship journey, and we modern-day disciples can take heart in his words. He tells us, “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Paul reminds us of two important realities that should greatly encourage us. First, that the stewardship way of life is very much a journey. We don’t have to have every aspect of our life perfectly nailed down; we are all “works in progress” called simply to take one step at a time closer to Christ. Second, it is God who started this good work in us — on the day of our Baptism — He cares deeply about this journey of ours and He will give us all the grace and strength we need to stay faithful to Him and continue growing in love and imitation of Christ.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. Through John, we are told how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

~ PLEASE NOTE CHANGE ~

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24
9:30pm Choir Program ~ 10:00pm Mass will be at St. John’s Church

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25
8:30am Choir Program ~ 9:00am Mass will be at St. Luke’s Church

Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests - Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests Collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests’ welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelope attached to this bulletin. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese! Thank You.
**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018**  
No Mass at either Parish

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**  
5:15 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Darlene Connors

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018**  
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Norm Kraemer  
9:30 AM—Mass at The Meadows for Phyllis Dearborn & James Dischler  
10:00 AM—Word & Communion at Greenway Manor

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018**  

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018**  
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Fr. John Auby

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018**  
4:00 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Mary Boettcher  
5:30 PM—Mass at St. John’s for Harlan & Florence Sprecher

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018**  
10:00 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Rosemary Pulvermacher

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18  
These readings can be found in the back of the *Gather* book, # 999

**SUN., DEC. 16**  
8:30 AM ST. JOHN  
10:00 AM ST. LUKE  
**Sacristan** Joanne Finn  
Marty Gates  
**Leader of Prayer** Nancy Maxwell  
Mary Ann Tubb  
**Lector** Howard Marklein  
Susan Thering  
**Euch. Min. (Body of Christ)** Rhonda Mayne  
Sue Wickman  
Susan Thering  
Kathy Nachreiner  
**Ushers** Matt Limmex  
Keith Maxwell  
Ron Bauer  
Dave Buchanan  
Alice Ruhland  
**Greeters** Howard & Darlene Murphy  
Ushers  
**Cantors/Music** Meg Aspinwall  
Linda Paulus  
Michael Davidson  
**Servers** Isaiah Olson  
Chris Olson  
Brady Myers  
Jack Myers

**CONFESSIONS**

Next Reconciliation will be December 15, St. Luke’s 3:30 PM and December 16, St. John’s at 8:00 AM. Please call either parish office to schedule an appointment.

**MEMORIAL LIGHTS**

- **St. John’s Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Ruth & Everett Wood**
- **St. Luke’s Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Wanda Liegel**

**ST. JOHN’S/ST. LUKE’S WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sun:** Anti-Human Trafficking Speaker at St. John’s, 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
- **Mon:** Gala Meeting at St. Luke’s, 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
- **Tues:** Men’s Group Meeting at St. John’s, 5:30 - 6:30 AM  
  Adult Choir Practice at St. Luke’s, 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
  KC Meeting at St. John’s, 7:00 - 10:00 PM  
- **Wed:** Religious Ed for Grades 1 - 8 at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
- **Thurs:** Christmas Program at St. Luke’s, 1:30 & 6:30 PM  
- **Fri:** Reconciliation at St. John’s for Grades 3-5, 9:15 - 10:15 AM  
- **Sat:** Confirmation Students volunteer at the Multi-Cultural Center  
  CCW Bake Sale at St. John’s, (M-Z)  
- **Sun:** Decorate both Churches after 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **St. John’s School Christmas Program, December 18th**
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, December 14: 8:30 AM Mass led by Kindergarten & Grade 4
Friday, December 14: Reconciliation after Mass for Grades 3-5
Friday, December 14: Students will be making gingerbread houses
Monday, December 17: Deadline for Matching Funds for STEM
Tuesday, December 18: Christmas Program at 1:30 & 6:30 PM

St. John the Evangelist School Endowment Fund “Light of the Future” Tree - St. John’s School is again having a “Light of the Future” tree to benefit the school’s Endowment Fund. Lights for the tree may be purchased for $2.00 each. The tree will be set up in the church greeting area and will be lit on Christmas Eve. The deadline for submitting names is Thursday, December 20. You may pick up a form at the Scrip table or the school office. A sheet of “gift cards” that you may enclose in greeting cards is also available. You may also print a copy from our school website, www.stjohns-springgreen.org. Please put your completed form along with $2.00 per name in the collection basket or deliver it to the school office. Please mark the envelope “St. John’s School - Light of the Future Tree.”

Matching Funds for STEM!! - An anonymous donor is willing to match up to $500 in donations made directly to St. John’s School. The teachers at St. John’s would like to use these donations to incorporate more hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities into their science and technology curriculum. It would be our wish to be able to purchase STEM activities at every grade level. Donations should be made directly to the school by Monday, Dec. 17th. Please help make our teachers’ wishes for hands-on activities to boost our curriculum come true!

Bake Sale - On Dec. 18th, the day of our Christmas Program, Home and School would like to have a bake sale. If you would like to donate some homemade holiday cookies, or any other type of baked goods, please deliver them to school or church the morning of Dec. 18th. We will have items for sale before and after the 1:30 and the 6:30 performances. Thank you for helping with this fundraiser.

Christmas Program - St. John’s School Christmas Program, “An Unplugged Christmas” will be on Tuesday, Dec. 18. There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30 and an evening performance at 6:30. EVERYONE is welcome!

Gifting That Gives Back - Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for St. John’s School with the Holiday Gift Guide. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands, including Best Buy, Amazon, Nordstrom, The Home Depot, & more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents, or to use them to buy your gifts—our school earns with every gift card purchased. It’s simple, it’s thoughtful, and it’s truly the gift that keeps on giving. A limited number of copies of the Holiday Gift Guide are available on the scrup table at church. You may also view and shop the gift guide at ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide. SCRIP is available at the pharmacy, at school during the week & after Mass on the weekends. SCRIP can also be purchased on-line at shopwithscrip.com. If you have questions, please call Shannon Hagmann, 608-574-9112 or Joni Wilson, 608-574-6992.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK…
Brielle Grant, Grade 4

Congratulations to Brielle Grant, this week’s Star Student! “I like St. John’s School because I get to learn new things every day. I have always had nice teachers. Also, being able to serve at Mass is fun.”

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, December 10: Gala Meeting
Thursday, December 13: Christmas Program at 1:30 & 6:30 PM
Monday, December 17: Holiday Hat Day
Tuesday, December 18: Christmas Colors Day
Wednesday, December 19: Ugly Colors Day & Caroling
Thursday, December 20: Last day of school before break

Christmas Music Program - St. Luke School will be having their Christmas Music Program on Thursday, December 13. There will be an afternoon performance at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the singing and instrumental music.

Home and School 50/25/25 Raffle – St. Luke Home and School Association is sponsoring a 50/25/25 raffle. The drawing will be held December 13 after the evening Christmas Program performance. Tickets are $2.00 each or 6 for $10.00 and can be purchased from school families or from the school office. Proceeds go to Teacher Wish Lists which helps teachers purchase additional items needed in the classroom.

Dream Year Tickets – This year’s Gala will be raffling off a Dream Year Package. The package includes a year’s free tuition, a yearbook, a picture package from Lifetouch, and two volunteer hours. Tickets are $25 each and will be sold at the Christmas Program on Dec. 13.

Bright Lights – Reserve a light for yourself or a special person, living or deceased, to shine bright on the Christmas trees surrounding the Nativity scene in front of St. Luke Church during the holiday season. Each light purchased is $2.00 and will go toward the St. Luke School Endowment. Remembrance cards are available at the school office. Thank you for your continuous support!

Lucky Luke Calendar Raffle Winners:
November 26 – December 2: Alyana Bee, Heather Mendygral, Cathy Lins, Bob & Marty Gates, Dorothy Shanahan, Paula Bauer, Lucille Herbrand. All are $50 Winners!

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ST. LUKE’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK…
Alyssa Nachreiner, Grade 4

“I like Saint Luke School because I like going to church. I like to do all of the subjects. And I like helping all of the teachers. I like to do a lot of math.”
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEXT Religious Education Classes**
Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 PM
Grades 1-8 at St. Luke’s School

**Anti-Human Trafficking Speaker-Sunday, December 9th**
5:30 - 7:00 PM at St. John's Parish Center
Barbara Sella, Associate Director for Respect Life & Social Concerns at the Wisconsin Catholic Conference will speak & present a screening of ‘Chosen’, a documentary of how two teenage girls were tricked into trafficking. She will share:
- how we can recognize the signs of domestic minor sex trafficking
- what we can do to protect our children & their peers
- What actions we can take to stop human trafficking

Her message will be directed to teens and parents - Please invite your friends & neighbors. Everyone is Welcome!

Freshmen Confirmation Class & Sophomore, Junior, & Senior Discipleship Classes are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, December 15th
Confirmation Students volunteer at the Multi-Cultural Center

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS ~**
- Purchase a Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one in 2019. Call either parish office to schedule. Cost is $20 for one week.

**St. Luke’s Book of Intercessions:**
St. Luke now has a Book of Intercessions, similar to St. John, which is located in the entrance of Church. So that it can be used for multiple years, there are no months/years printed. The book begins with the First Sunday of Advent (December), and goes through the church year, ending with the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. (November) In the back of the book, there is also a section for the annual Feast Days. Just record your intercession in the particular section of the book. An example would be “For a successful surgery for my son”, or “In memory of my mother’s death.” You can include the actual name or choose not to. When the Petitions are read at our weekend Masses, we will include a new Petition that reads: “For those that have asked for our prayers in our Book of Intercessions”. If you have questions on the use of the book, please call the parish office at 546-2482.

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA??**

Spring Green Chamber’s Country Christmas will be held through Sunday, December 16. Please check out the Chamber’s website, www.springgreen.com for more information.

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI invites you to their up coming events: On December 31-January 1st they are having a New Year’s Eve Retreat. This one-night retreat begins with an evening meal and includes a Holy Hour of Adoration, a late night social to count down to the New Year and Mass on New Year’s day. Cost is $95. On January 11th - 13th, they are having a 12-Step Serenity Retreat. Ken Fasbender will facilitate this retreat built around the 11th Step. The retreat is open to all who participate in the 12-step program. Cost is $190, scholarships are available. For more information on either retreat please call St. Anthony’s at 715-443-2236.

First United Methodist Church, Baraboo - is hosting their 15th annual free Baraboo Area Community Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 25 at 12:00 noon. While there is no cost for the meal, a free-will offering will be accepted to help cover expenses. To place a reservation to attend the dinner, please call (608) 448-6238 on or before Friday, Dec. 21. To volunteer or make a donation of cash or food toward the dinner, please call the First United Methodist Church at (608) 356-3991.

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Loganville - invites you to a forum on January 9, 2019 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM, which will be discussing “Stress Among the Farming Community & Suicide”. Lunch will be served from 12:00 - 1:00 PM, with the forum beginning at 1:00 followed by open discussion. A free-will offering to help cover expenses is appreciated. If you have questions or would like more information call Dale Meyer, (608) 434-5432.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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