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 6:00pm & 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 4:30pm & Sunday 10:00am

ST. LUKE OFFICES
Rectory/Parish Office.......................... 546-2482
Parish Fax ........................................ 546-2616
Parish Email .................................... stlukesplain@charter.net
Website ........................................... www.stlukecatholicchurchplain.com
Church Kitchen .................................. 546-2800
Pastoral Council President: Ron Towle .......... 546-2817

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

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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

SCHEDULING EVENTS
All parish activities or meetings need to be scheduled on the parish calendar. Please call the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Wednesday - Noon

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.

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.

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.
Part of the beauty of stewardship spirituality is its simplicity and practicality. It can be summed up in the brief phrase, “All I have is a gift from God and I must make a grateful return to Him for all He has given me.” In making this return, we consider three areas that cover the primary aspects of daily life — Time, Talent, and Treasure.

So simple that even our youngest parishioners can grasp the concept.

But simple does not necessarily mean easy. And simple does not mean shallow.

Today’s readings invite us to look into the truth of what a stewardship way of life is all about. These readings also reveal how this spirituality and way of life require the commitment of our whole being to God. It is anything but easy or shallow. But it is indeed the way to lasting intimacy with God and the path to eternal salvation. It points us to seek after higher things — the wisdom of God and Heaven itself.

Our First Reading speaks of the value of wisdom. “I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.” We are told that God’s wisdom is more precious than any earthly riches or power and that when we possess this gift of wisdom — of seeing things and life as God sees them — we possess “all good things” and “countless riches.”

Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, shows us a way to obtain such wisdom — it is available to us right in the Scriptures. “Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.”

The Scriptures are the living Word of God. Every time we approach them in a spirit of prayer, they will speak to us. A passage that we ponder one week can take on entirely new meaning for us in another week. It is God’s living message and it has the power to speak to each of us personally based on our needs at a given moment. It is so simple! God’s wisdom is right there for us. All we need to do is commit some daily Time to seeking it.

The Gospel Reading from Mark is one of the better known passages in the Gospel — the story of the rich young man who went away sad after rejecting Jesus’ wisdom on how to obtain eternal salvation. This passage reminds us that while a stewardship way of life may be simple to understand, it is not easy to live out. In response to the man’s question on what he must do to obtain salvation, Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. The man replies that he has always done this much. But he suspects (rightly) that there is more to being a disciple of Jesus than just following the external rules. Jesus lovingly confirms this, telling him, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

We are called to be so much more than rule-followers; we are called to be Christ followers. A stewardship way of life asks us to look at three simple, practical areas — Time, Talent, and Treasure. But it asks us to commit to them from the depths of our being. Only then can we truly be free to follow Christ. Only then do we obtain the countless riches of God’s wisdom and a path to eternal life.

Special Blessings on our Parish Centurions who celebrated their 100th birthday in 2018:

Agnes Dietl on June 30th

MASS TIMES: I have been contemplating changing Mass times on Saturday night because it gets dark earlier and colder at night during the winter. I would like to do a trial run of having both Masses 30 minutes earlier on Saturday. This trial run will start the Saturday after the time change in the fall (November 10, 2018) and change back the Saturday after Daylight Savings Time in the spring (March 9, 2019). Please mark your calendars accordingly!!

4:00 PM at St. Luke’s and 5:30 PM at St. John’s
**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018  
**No Mass at either Parish**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018  
5:15 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Elmer, Frieda & George Soeldner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018  
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Norm Kraemer  
9:30 AM—Mass at The Meadows for Deceased Members of the Windmeiser & Kolan Families, Gene Dischler & Michael Anding  
10:00 AM—Word & Communion at Greenway Manor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018  
8:30 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Duane Nachreiner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018  
5:30 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s to celebrate The Feast Day of St. Luke

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018  
4:30 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for George Brey  
6:00 PM—Mass at St. John’s for the People of Sts. John & Luke

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018  
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Robert Lins  
10:00 AM—Alumni Mass at St. Luke’s for Norm Kraemer

**CONFESSIONS**

Next Reconciliation will be October 20 at St. Luke’s 4:00 PM and October 21 at 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 Elmer, Frieda & George Soeldner**
- **St. Luke’s Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Norm Kraemer**

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

- **Sun:** Fall Dinner at St. John’s, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
  Confirmation Class for Freshman at St. John’s, 5:30 - 8:30 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  
  St. Luke’s Finance Meeting at St. Luke’s, 6:00 PM

- **Wed:** Confirmation Interviews at St. Luke’s Rectory, 4:00 - 8:00 PM  
  RE Classes for Grades 1st - 8th at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

- **Fri:** Grandparent’s Day/Mass at St. John’s School Dance at St. John’s Parish Center, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

- **Sat-Sun:** Fellowship after all Masses. CCW Bake Sale at St. John’s, M-Z Confirmation Retreat at Camp Gray  
  *Feed My Starving Children* Soup Kettles at all Masses  
  St. Luke’s Alumni &School Celebration, with a School Open House and a “Sundae” Bar in Church Hall following Mass

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

- **SAT., OCT. 20**  
  4:30 PM—ST. LUKE  
  6:00 PM—ST. JOHN

  - **SACRISTAN:** Lucille Herbrand, Donna Slaney
  - **LEADER OF PRAYER:** Ann Ryan, Donna Slaney
  - **LECTOR:** Rita Brey, Sandy Paulsen
  - **EUCH. MIN. (BODY OF CHRIST):** Donna Ochsner, Bob Schweiss, Connie Schweiss, Pam Liegel
  - **USHERS:** Dan Bindl, Tim Ryan, Brian Frank, Pat Schweitzer, Walt Liegel, Marcus Kraemer, Alex Kraemer, Pat Slaney
  - **GREETERS:** Ushers, Jo Gruber, Donna Gruber
  - **CANTORS/MUSIC:** 8th Grace, Kristin Brickl, Luci Ramthun, Lisa Montelbano
  - **SERVERS:** Christine Yanke, Daniel Yanke, Isaac Limmex, Leah Makarowski

- **SUN., OCT. 21**  
  8:30 AM—ST. JOHN  
  10:00 AM—ST. LUKE

  - **SACRISTAN:** Joanne Finn, Carrie Dischler
  - **LEADER OF PRAYER:** Student, Student
  - **LECTOR:** Student, Student
  - **EUCH. MIN. (BODY OF CHRIST):** Karen Shelton, Kathy Nachreiner, Allen Ring, Susan Thering
  - **USHERS:** Joseph Day, Troy Day, Bob Gasper, Todd Hogan, Bev Eberle, Dave Buchanan, Norm Ruhland, Ken Bindl
  - **GREETERS:** Students, Ushers
  - **CANTORS/MUSIC:** Tim Bindl, Lauri Liegel, 8th Grace, Kristin Brickl
  - **SERVERS:** Student, Student, Student, Student

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Fish Fry & Bake Sale at St. Luke’s, November 2
- All Souls’ Day Candle Lighting at both cemeteries, November 2 - 6:00 PM at St. Luke / 7:00 PM at St. John

**Readings for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

These readings can be found in the back of the *Gather* book, # 1177
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, October 19: Grandparent’s Day
Friday, October 19: Family Dance 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, October 21: 8:30 AM Children’s Mass

Join Us for St. John’s Annual Fall Dinner - This year, St. John’s students created the centerpieces for the Fall Dinner. These centerpieces will also be on display for Grandparents’ Day and at the Silent Auction. They will be available for purchase the night of the Silent Auction. Please join us for dinner and help support this parish fundraiser.

Grandparent’s Day - St. John’s students have the privilege of inviting their grandparents to come and visit them Friday, Oct. 19. Guests are invited to an Open House at the school at 9:30 a.m. The children will perform a musical program at 10:30 a.m. in the church. This will be followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m. and a delicious dinner in the parish center. Volunteers are needed to help serve the lunch and clean up. Please contact the school office if you can help.

Dancing with the Stars” Family Dance Night! - Mark your calendar! St. John’s Home & School is sponsoring a Family Dance Night on Friday, Oct. 19. A DJ from Sound & Light will be there to provide the entertainment. The dance will be in the Parish Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be snacks and FUN for all. Children need to be accompanied by a parent.

Silent Auction - Mark your calendars for this year’s Silent Auction to be held on Wednesday, November 14. This is a fun ladies event, and a perfect time to begin your Christmas shopping!

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, October 17: Gala Meeting at 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 21: 10:00 AM Children’s Mass/Alumni Celebration

THANK YOU – to the Plain Fire Department for picking up our 5K students in the fire truck and for the tour of the fire station. Thank you also for the demonstration during Fire Prevention Week.

THANK YOU – to everyone who helped make Grandparent’s Day possible!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the grant committee for submitting round two of the DOJ School Safety Grant. We are pleased to announce that we received another $10,000 which will go toward staff training, safety ladders for the classrooms and entry doors.

OCTOBER IS ROSARY MONTH - The school will be leading the rosary on Wednesday, October 24, at 10:30 AM in the Courtyard. Anyone is welcome to join us!!

ATTENTION ALL ST. LUKE SCHOOL ALUMNI … The 10:00 am Mass on October 21 will be an All-School Alumni Mass with an Open House and Ice Cream Sundae’s in the church hall after Mass! School historical displays will also be featured. Please spread the word to your classmates and other Alumni! Thanks!!

OCTOBER 18 - THE FEAST DAY OF ST. LUKE…We will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Luke with a Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Luke’s, followed by fellowship!! Please plan to join us.

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK…
Harrison Hauden, Kindergarten

"What I like best about school is Superkids because, after we read the story, we do fun stuff like paint, cook, and smell the trash (the most recent Superkid story was “Golly the Dog”). I like playing with my friends at recess. Family D.E.A.R. time, I also like, because big kids read to me and I get to eat lunch with them. I think Father John is funny because he makes me laugh sometimes at Mass and it’s cool when I get a high five from him. Father John is very smart. I like to see my friends everyday at school, and recess is great because the older kids play with the younger kids."

ST. LUKE’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK…
Macie Schluter, Grade 4

“I am proud that I am the 4th generation in my family to attend St. Luke’s. I like St. Luke’s because the teachers are very helpful, kind and smart. I like to see my friends everyday at school, and recess is great because the older kids play with the younger kids.”

ST. JOHN’S FALL DINNER

St. John’s 16th Annual Turkey and Ham Fall Dinner is being held this Sunday serving from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Cost: $10.00 for ages 13 and up; $6.00 for ages 5–12; free for ages 0–4! Ted Frank will provide entertainment and there will be refreshments in the garden area behind the church. Carry-outs are available. Please join us!

Respect Life Banquet: The annual Sauk County Respect Life Banquet will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at GraceWay Church, 65 13th Street, Prairie du Sac. This year’s speaker is Pastor Paul Shirek, senior pastor of Faith Christian Church in Mauston. Meal provided by TJ’s Catering, $12 Adults, $9 Teens. Contact Becca Oppert for tickets at (608) 370-3008 or beccae23@gmail.com.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NEXT Religious Education Classes**  
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 - 6:30 –7:30 PM  
at St. Luke’s for all 1st - 8th Grades

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**  
Sophomores, Juniors, Mentors  
Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 5:30 to 8:30 PM at St. Luke’s

**Confirmation Interviews:**  
Wednesday October 17th & 24th  
4:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Luke’s

**Feed My Starving Children SOUP KETTLE COLLECTION**  
Saturday & Sunday, October 20/21 after all weekend Masses. Students will collect your monetary donations which will help pay for the food we will be packing at Prairie du Sac for Third World Countries.

**More Faith Building Opportunities:**

* *Dynamic Catholic Event - "Find Your Greatness"*  
Saturday - October 20th 9:00 - 1:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, Wisconsin Dells. Get your tickets at DynamicCatholic.com

* *Made for More* - Wednesday, October 24th at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee. "Where do we come from and where are we going?" - get tickets at: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-waunakee-wi-tickets-4566695104](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-for-more-waunakee-wi-tickets-4566695104)

* *TEC (Together Encountering Christ) Retreat #174, St. Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells* - Please join Fr. Eric Sternberg & Fr. Greg Ihm on October 26 - 28th at a retreat especially designed to help Catholics grow in love for Jesus, our Catholic Church, and our neighbors. It is an amazing experience for anyone over 15 years of age. Youth who are preparing for confirmation and those adults in the RCIA program have benefited greatly from their TEC experience. Contact Jeff Jackson at (608) 778-6027 or jeffjackson@gmail.com for more information.

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

The Catholic Charities’ Faith in Action Celebration is our annual event in the Diocese of Madison to award faith in action and raise awareness about our 25+ programs. All are invited to attend our 23rd annual event recognizing servant leaders, celebrating our volunteers and participants, and awarding faith in action! It will be held on Thursday, November 8th at the Madison Marriott West, 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton. Registration & Cash bar from 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, and Awards Presentation at 7:00 PM. Contact Bridget Wittwer at (608) 826-8094 or bwittwer@ccmadison.org.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA????**

**St. Joseph’s, Baraboo** - is having an all you can eat Fish Fry on Friday, October 12 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the School Gym, 310 2nd Street, Baraboo. Beer Battered or Baked Cod, potatoes, baked beans, desserts.

**Holy Angels Family at Holy Family, LaValle** - has rescheduled their Chicken & Biscuit Supper for Tuesday, October 16 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM due to flooding.

**St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Loganville** - is having their annual Chili Supper and bazaar on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM.

**CAL Center, Reedsburg** - presents OH WHAT A NIGHT! - a musical tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, on Friday, October 19th at 7:00 PM. Adults $30, Students $25. Call box office 768-8928 ext 1190.

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**St. Norbert’s Fall Harvest Breakfast** - will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM at St. Norbert’s Church, Roxbury.

**LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR**

**RAFFLE WINNERS:**  
October 1-7: Steve Meise, John & Jackie Jewell, Finnelly Oppert, Mary Prem, Gregory Alt, Roberta Iliff, Luanne Laubmeier  
All are $50 Winners!

**Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald - Oct. 18th**

Each week the Catholic Herald features a calendar that includes upcoming events in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the diocese. This week the Catholic Herald includes a Senior Focus section that addresses issues pertinent to senior citizens.

**Parish Disability Liaison**

etiquette and hospitality for persons who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing (HOH):

- Background noises are a problem for people who are HOH. You may need to turn off radios and air conditioners
- Don’t be afraid of interaction. There is nothing worse than being left out and ignored.
- Offer assistive listening devices if available; have a note pad and pen available

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Diane Baryenbruch at 588-2307.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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