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- Joint Parish Mission Statement

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Today’s Gospel is drawn from Matthew 5 and it offers suggestions as to what we must do to be His follower, how we need to live out our Christian commitment and vocation.

The First Reading from Isaiah really could serve as an introduction to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Isaiah opens with this statement: “Thus says the LORD: ‘Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn’.” The reference to light at the end is particularly important as it connects directly with our Gospel Reading today.

In the Church we speak of sins of omission and sins of commission. Sins of omission, of course, are failing to do what we should do. Isaiah (and the Lord for that matter) would say that failing to feed the hungry and failing to shelter the oppressed are sins of omission, something we should do but may not. Sins of commission on the other hand describe things we did but should not have. We have often stated what stewardship means, which means doing something that reflects our values and our understanding of giftedness and gratitude. However, we must also take care not to do some things. We may tend to think more in terms of our sins of commission, things we have done which are not proper, but sins of omission can be equally immoral.

We probably think of St. Paul as a man of strength and convictions and total dedication to what he was doing. However, in today’s Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians, he reveals weaknesses and failures on his part. He says, “I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom.” His point is that his strength and his confidence and his wisdom are all based upon Jesus Christ, on nothing he is and nothing he has done. That is at the base of what stewardship is, our acceptance that what we are and what we can accomplish are due completely to the Lord.

Paul’s total faith was dependent upon the Holy Spirit. Paul knew that and embraced that reality. Many of us are what we call self-reliant. Without recognizing our need for the power of the Holy Spirit we fail to be the disciple to which Jesus has called us. Those who are reliant upon the wisdom of humans rather than the wisdom of God are most likely doomed to failure. There is a popular saying in today’s culture that goes something like this, “As for me and my household we serve the Lord.” That would fit with Paul’s message in today’s reading. He implies that if we are drawn to the Lord by the wisdom of others, we can also be drawn away from the Lord by the wisdom of others. We need to seek and follow the Wisdom of God.

The Gospel from St. Matthew emphasizes how we need to be like salt and light. Those are references directly from Jesus. When Jesus says, “You are the salt of the earth,” He is telling us that just as salt gives flavor to things, we, too, as disciples can do something similar. Salt serves many purposes. The one we probably think of most often is that it flavors things, but it also preserves. Salt has been used for centuries to preserve food, especially meat. Salt is an antidote for decay. Salt is essential for life in this world, just as faith in Christ is essential in the next.

Finally, Jesus reminds us that we are to be the Light of the World reflecting His Light. The purpose of light is to illuminate and expose things. If it is “hidden under a basket,” it has no use at all. We must seek ways to let our light shine brighter. Jesus never tells us that we must “become” salt or light. He tells us that we are those things. Are we fulfilling that responsibility? That is our challenge, and our call.

**ATTENTION ONLY TWO MASSES**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Bishop Hying will be celebrating Mass with us as follows:

- **Saturday, March 7th at 4:30 PM at St. Luke’s** (No Mass at St. John’s that day)
- **Sunday, March 8th at 9:30 AM at St. John’s** (No Mass at St. Luke’s that day)

Reception to Follow in Parish Halls after Masses

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**Welcome to our new members in 2019/2020: St. John’s:** Jesse, Rebecca, & Iris Weidner, Jon & Kathryn Spansail, Kellen, Megan, Reina & Isabella Beauchesne, Connie McElree, Brian, Kelly & Allison Gorell
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
No Mass at either Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020
5:15 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Ernest Floerke

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Tony Prem
9:30 AM—Word & Communion at The Meadows
10:00 AM—Mass at Greenway Manor for the Needs of the Elderly

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Dean, Clete & Keith Alt

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Norm Kraemer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020
4:00 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Virginia Kraemer Fleming
5:30 PM—Mass at St. John’s for Michael Anding

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for an Increase in Faith in Teens and Young Adults

CONFESSIONS

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

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

St. Luke’s Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Harold, Anita & Larry Frank

ST. JOHN’S/ST. LUKE’S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun: Confirmation Class at St. Luke’s, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Sanctus Class at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Tues: Adult Choir Rehearsal at St. Luke’s, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
KC Meeting at St. John’s, 7:00 - 10:00 PM
Wed: Experience St. John’s School, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Religious Ed Classes at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Home & School Meeting at St. John’s, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thurs: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at St. John’s, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Fri: No School, Teacher In-Service Day
Sat: Quilting at St. John’s Parish Center, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sat/Sun: Hospitality at St. John’s after Masses
Sun: Confirmation Class at St. Luke’s, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Sanctus Class at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., FEB. 15
4:00 PM ST. LUKE
5:30 PM ST. JOHN

Sackristan Lucille Herbrand
Leader of Prayer Melissa Liegel
Lector Jenna Wipperfurth
Euch. Min. (Body of Christ) Mary Ann Tubb
John Dischler
Carol Patterson
Ushers Ann Ryan
Joseph Ryan
Tim Ryan
Ed Ederer
Greeters Ushers
Bill Hunter
Mary K Hunter
Cantors/Music Michael Davidson
Michael Davidson
Luci Ramthun
Michael Davidson
Servers Macie Schluter
Tessa Schluter
Stephanie Limmex
Adriane Limmex

SUN., FEB. 16
8:30 AM ST. JOHN
10:00 AM ST. LUKE

Sackristan Mary Lynn Johnson
Leader of Prayer Jan Joyce
Lector Dave Mack
Euch. Min. (Body of Christ) Dave Mack
Ushers Jeff Johnson
Brett Baryenbruch
Jay Crook
Todd Hogan
Greeters Art Carlson
Lorraine Carlson
Cantors/Music Tim Bindl
Michael Davidson
Servers Marliane Hagmann
Aaron Fredrick

UPCOMING EVENTS

♦ Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend, Feb. 22/23
♦ Ash Wednesday, February 26
♦ St. Luke’s Gala, March 14

Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a. 27-28, 33-34a, 37
These readings can be found in the back of the Gather book, # 1107
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, February 12: Experience St. John’s Night, 6:00-7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 12: Home & School Meeting, 6:30 PM
Friday, February 14: No School for Students—Teacher In-Service
Wednesday, February 19: Education Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM

Experience St. John’s Night - On Wednesday, February 12, from 6:00-7:00 PM St. John’s School will be open to the community to tour our beautiful building and meet our fantastic staff. Please encourage any families you think may be interested in enrolling their child at St. John’s to stop by. Refreshments will be served and students will be on hand to demonstrate our new STEM activities as well as the new Interactive Displays. New families also may call to set up a time to visit a classroom during the school day as well.

Culver’s Share Night - Buy a Culver’s gift card from our Scrip program (Culver’s donates 10% of the value of the gift card to St. John’s) and then use it Tuesday, February 18th between 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Culver’s will generously donate another 10% of sales to St. John’s School. This means that for every $10 purchase that night, St. John’s School will receive AT LEAST $2! The greater amount of sales will result in a greater donation to our school.

School Cook Position Open for Next Year - Sandy Crist has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this school year. She plans to move to Milwaukee to be closer to her family. If you would be interested in applying to be our cook for next year, please call school at 588-2021. Sandy is willing to train anyone who is hired to replace her. We will miss Sandy greatly!

Do Your Shopping with SCRIP! – Gift cards make great gifts, and purchasing them through SCRIP will help our school! Gift cards for Target, Kohl’s, Walmart, Amazon.com, and area restaurants are usually in stock. We can order cards from many other stores and restaurants as well. If you’re shopping in a store or online, SCRIP can be used to pay for your purchases, too. SCRIP is available at the pharmacy or at school during the week and after Mass on the weekends. If you have questions about SCRIP, please call the school at 588-2021.

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK...
Raya Harris ~ Grade 2

Congratulations to Raya Harris, this week’s “Star Student!” “We have wonderful teachers at St. John’s. My friends are always kind and everyone encourages me when I am sad. I really like art because we were able to make models of buildings in the Spring Green area. We used the models to make a mini village and coded mini cars to drive to the different buildings. I also like being able to go to church.”

Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald - Feb. 13
Each week on its Entertainment page the Catholic Herald highlights TV and Radio Programs to help make viewing choices easier and provide ideas for fun, family-friendly shows, concerts, and activities to attend around the Diocese.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday, February 13: 8:30 AM Mass led by Grades 5 & 6
Friday, February 14: No School for Students—Teachers In-Service Day

THANK YOU - to St. Luke’s Home and School Association for sponsoring an all-school field trip to Cascade Mountain. It was a terrific way for our students to be in the great outdoors, mix with students of different grade levels, and laugh together as a school family. What a wonderful way to end National Catholic Schools Week! Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW? Students in grades 3-5 have been spending an hour after school on Tuesdays at Crazy 8s Math Club. The club runs for 8 weeks. Students get a snack after school and then participate in fun math activities. Students have: explored shapes through Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry; tossed rubber dice in Bouncy Dice Explosion; solved puzzles in Spy Training; helped farmers with area of pastures in Cowabunga. Ask a student about Crazy 8s Math Club.

COMING SOON! St. Luke’s Third Annual Gala is Saturday, March at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort in Spring Green. This year’s buffet dinner is featuring prime rib and chicken parmesan. Join us for a fun-filled evening and support St. Luke School at the same time. There will be silent and live auction items. To purchase tickets go to biddingforgood.com/stlukecc. Check out St. Luke’s Facebook page to get a sneak peek at auction items.

THANK YOU – to Dave Lins and Connie Alt for all the time, work, and commitment put into helping apply and fulfill all the requirements associated with receiving the Department of Justice Safety Grants.

GET YOUR TICKETS! – Tickets for the ’69 Chevelle are on sale at the School and Parish Offices. Tickets are also available at Ring’s Bar. Visit the school website, www.stlukes-plain.org to see pictures of the car. There is 1 in 1000 chance to win!

ST. LUKE’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Serena Ryne~ Grade 4

“I like St. Luke School because the teachers are fun. I really like art because the projects are fun. I enjoy math club because I like the games we play and I like jumping rope at recess. I like math class because I really like dividing.”

Extraordinary Minister Training - Sacred Heart, Reedsburg will be hosting a training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 16th following the 10:30 AM Mass. The class will begin at 11:45 AM in the church. Go to the following link to register: https://madisondiocese.org/emhc
**ST. JOHN’S FALL DINNER QUILT**

Please Mark Your Calendars ~ It is that fun, creative time of year again! Work will begin on St. John’s Fall Dinner Quilt on **Saturday, February 15** starting at 9:00 A.M. in the parish center. We need cutters, pressers, sewers, runners and more. Lunch will be potluck. Feel free to bring a dish to share. Besides the Fall Dinner Quilt, we will be sewing some other squares for another project so plenty of sewing for everyone. The second work session is scheduled for **Saturday, February 29** at 9:00 A.M. Remember, many hands make for light work as we make this beautiful quilt come to life. For more information please call Linda Thering at 588-7088; Marsha Grant at 588-2730; Jan Spredemann at 588-3660, or Arlene Peterson at 588-0268.

Matthew Kelly’s “Amazing Possibilities Tour” is coming to Wisconsin. Join the bestselling author for an unforgettable and energetic evening designed to help you recognize the amazing possibilities God has planned for your life! To get your ticket go to www.dynamiccatholic.com.

**ST. LUKE’S SOMMERFEST FESTIVAL**

St. Luke Sommerfest is set for **SUNDAY, JUNE 14**. The raffle committee is in the process of collecting prizes for the raffle ticket. If you would like to donate a gift certificate, item or cash donation, please call Diane Kraemer at 546-2482. Thank you!
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**ST. JOHN MASS**
Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am

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**ST. JOHN SCHOOL**

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

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

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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.

**SACRAMENTS**

**PENANCE/RECONCILIATION**
Private Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 3:30 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.