WEEKLY BULLETIN

JANUARY 5, 2020

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord. The Solemnity of the Epiphany was traditionally celebrated on January 6 (the 12th Day of Christmas), but in the United States the Bishops have opted to move the celebration to the Sunday between January 2 and 8.

For many years now in the English-speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ’s divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King “who is come with great power and majesty.”

As we might expect our readings for this glorious day reflect the wonder of this Epiphany. Our First Reading from that incredible prophet Isaiah illustrates the special nature of this day: “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.”

Christ is the Light of the World and today is a day that emphasizes this. Initially we, each of us, receive that Light, but then we are called to share that light, to reveal it to others, just as the Magi did. We cannot shine until we accept and receive that light. That is what discipleship is all about. Now is a time when each of us must “arise and shine.”

St. Paul is called by some the Apostle to the Gentiles. The word “gentile” is one we hear often, but we may not completely grasp its meaning. The word “Gentile” is an English translation of the Hebrew word goyim and the Greek word ethne (“nations, people”). The Latin vulgate translated these words as gentilis, and this word was carried over into English as “Gentile.” Basically the term refers to a person who is not a Jew. In that sense almost all of us are Gentiles.

The importance of Epiphany is that the Magi from the East were most definitely Gentiles. Yet, they, representing all of us to a certain extent, recognized, accepted, and acknowledged Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Epiphany brings us all into the fold in terms of Jesus’ divinity and saving grace. St. Paul makes it clear in today’s reading, as well as in his letter to the Ephesians (who were also Gentiles), that “Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ through the gospel.”

Our Gospel Reading is the story of the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus as reported in Matthew. It is interesting to note that this particular story is only reported in the Gospel of Matthew, not in the other three. Much is made of the gifts that were presented to the Christ child, but those may be secondary to other aspects of the story. It may well be that they initially went to the palace of Herod because that is where they might expect to find the newborn King. However, it soon becomes clear to them that neither is the Lord there, nor is it likely He would be there, so they continue their trek.

Yes, when they arrive at the place of Jesus, they present gifts, but more important they humbly worship Him. It must have been a strange sight indeed to see these holy and royal men bow down before a child. As pointed out by many this story really does manifest the arrival of Christ the Savior. He appears first to the Jewish people as represented by the shepherds, then to the Gentile. He appears first to the humble and unlearned, and then to the royal and educated. He appears first to the West, and then to the East. We need to share in the wonder of the Magi, and we need to join them in honoring and worshiping the Lord.
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
  No Mass at either Parish
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020
  No Mass at either Parish
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
  8:30 AM — Mass at St. Luke’s for Kathleen Sorge
  9:30 AM — Mass at the Meadows for Jared Karls
  10:00 AM — Word & Communion at Greenway Manor
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020
  8:30 AM — Mass at St. John’s for Dean Alt
  9:30 AM — Mass at the Meadows for Jared Karls
  10:00 AM — Word & Communion at Greenway Manor
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020
  8:30 AM — Mass at St. John’s for Margaret Fargen
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020
  4:00 PM — Mass at St. Luke’s for George Brey
  5:30 PM — Mass at St. John’s for Mark May
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020
  8:30 AM — Mass at St. Luke’s for Tony Prem
  10:00 AM — Mass at St. Luke’s for Harold, Anita & Larry Frank

CONFESSIONS

Next Reconciliation will be January 11 at St. Luke’s, 3:30 PM
and January 12 at St. John’s, 8:00 AM.
Please call either parish office to schedule an appointment.

MEMORIAL LIGHTS

St. John’s Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of Shirley Hess & Family
St. Luke’s Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of George Brey

ST. JOHN’S/ST. LUKE’S WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon: School resumes at St. John’s
Tues: Adult Choir Rehearsal at St. John’s, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Wed: Religious Ed Classes at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
    Home & School Meeting at St. Luke’s, 6:30 PM
Sun:  Take down Christmas Decorations after Masses
     Confirmation Class at St. John’s, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
     Sanctus Class at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Celebration of First Reconciliation at St. John’s, January 14
◆ KC Christmas Party at St. John’s, January 18
◆ Catholic Schools Week, January 26 - February 1
◆ St. Luke’s Fish Fry, February 7
◆ St. Luke’s Gala, March 14

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., JAN. 11  4:00 PM  5:30 PM
  ST. LUKE  ST. JOHN
  Sacristan  Gwen Kraemer  Jean Bindl
  Leader of Prayer  Rita Brey  Karen Krey
  Lector  Lynae Schott  Donna Slaney
  Euch. Min.  John Dischler
              Charlene Linscheid
              Bobbie Anderson
              Donna Slaney
  Ushers  Gary Mueller
          Adam Mueller
          Duane Meise
          OPEN
  Greeters  Ushers
            Melissa Forseth
            Amanda Lundin
  Cantors/Music  Michael Davidson
                 Michael Davidson
  Servers  Ryan Wittmann
          OPEN
          Allison Anderson
          Hudson Hauden

SUN., JAN. 12  8:30 AM  10:00 AM
  ST. JOHN  ST. LUKE
  Sacristan  Terri Larson  Marty Gates
  Leader of Prayer  Dan Joyce  Marty Schmitz
  Lector  Jan Joyce  Susan Thering
  Euch. Min.  Sara Shackleton
              Bob Schweiss
              Marcia Kraemer
              Patty Knoll
  Ushers  Merle Leifker
          Matt Limmex
          Brett Baryenbruch
          Ralph Liegel
          Chuck Fenske
          Vicki Fenske
          Eric Ruhland
          Alice Ruhland
  Greeters  Troy & Jennifer
            Day Family
            Ushers
  Cantors/Music  Michael Davidson
                 Michael Davidson
  Servers  Jacob Klein
          Ryan Klein
          Macie Schluter
          Tessa Schluter

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17
These readings can be found in the back of the Gather book, # 1012

OUR FEATURED BULLETIN SPONSOR THIS WEEK IS: Freddy Valentines
Monday, January 6: School Resumes
Tuesday, January 14: First Reconciliation, 6:30 PM at St. John’s
Thursday, January 16: Education Commission Meeting, 7:30 PM at St. John’s
Friday, January 17: No School, Teacher In-service Day
Sunday, January 26: St. John’s School Open House after Mass

Yes – You Can Register! - We are currently accepting registrations in all grade levels. If you would like a tour of St. John’s School or would like to visit a classroom, please call 588-2021.

Interactive Displays - Thanks to an overbid for the playground improvements during the Steak Night Auction, Home & School has agreed to purchase a Clevertouch Interactive Display for the 4th grade classroom. This will replace the Smartboard that is blurry and discolored and would cost $700 to fix. Many schools are going away from Smartboards and purchasing Interactive Displays. They are cheaper to purchase and cheaper to maintain (no need for a $300 bulb approximately every 3 years). The interactive displays do not need a projector, so they take up less space and can be mobile. They also do not tie up a computer. An app can be used on the screen while a teacher is using the computer for something else. Also, more than one student can be writing on the interactive screen at the same time. If you would like to learn more about the Clevertouch Display you can go to this link for a demonstration: https://youtu.be/PmrfiUSELfY
Because these units are mobile and don't need a projector, we would also like to get one for the 4K classroom. This one would be on a portable stand with electric height adjustment so it could accommodate the students as well as the teacher. Ms. Wade does not even have a chalkboard for students to write on, and with the Clevertouch there are so many apps that would allow for student interaction. It is our hope that this Clevertouch Display and adjustable height cart for the 4K classroom could be purchased through generous donations.

Box Tops and Milk Caps - We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education and Prairie Farms milk caps. The cash we receive for items goes toward the school’s budget.

Like us on Facebook! – See for yourself all the GREAT things that are happening at St. John’s School by liking our Facebook Page – St. John the Evangelist School Spring Green, WI. You can also learn more about our school by visiting our website at www.stjohns-springgreen.org.

Lighthouse Media CD
Confession
Based upon his proven and powerful parish mission presentation, Fr. Larry Richards’ talk on Confession has become the #1 talk in North America dealing with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is riveting, honest, humorous, very human, and often touchingly gentle. Fr. Larry provides listeners with hope for a closer, healing relationship with Jesus Christ.

ST. LUKE SCHOOLS NEWS

Thursday, January 9: 8:30 AM Mass led by the Teachers
Tuesday, January 14: First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - will be celebrated January 26 through February 1. We start the week off with a children’s Mass on Sunday, January 26 followed by an open house including a chili dinner, cookie decorating, door prizes, minute-to-win-it games and sign painting. Everyone is welcome to come and discover St. Luke School!!

ST. LUKE’S GALA - This year’s Gala features entertainment by Midnight Diva’s DJ Service, a buffet dinner and exciting live and silent auction items. Join us Saturday, March 14 at Wisconsin Riverside Resort in Spring Green for a fun-filled evening.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - for second graders will be Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 PM at St. John’s.

WANTED - St. Luke School is looking for volunteers to help supervise the playground during lunch recess, 12:10-12:35 PM and before school, 7:30-8:00 AM. If you are available and interested in helping please call the school office at 546-2963.

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…
Reegan Ederer ~ Grade 5K

“I like St. Luke School because I make a lot of friends. I can learn about lots of good things.”

LUCKY LUKE CALENDAR
RAFFLE WINNERS:
Dec. 23–Dec. 31: Paula Bauer, Caryl Nelson, Yvonne Liegel, John Opahle, Mary Ann Heiser, Mindy Paulus, Joyce Schmid - $800, Yvonne Liegel, Dan & Teresa Lins. All $50 Winners except where noted.

Special thanks to Lucy Herbrand for conducting the daily raffle drawings and all who bought calendar raffles!!

St. Luke’s Right to Life Committee will be having their annual bake sale for Rachel’s Vineyard the weekend of January 18 & 19, 2020 immediately following both the 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM Masses. We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods for one or both of the days for this fundraiser. If you are interested in helping with this event and/or providing baked goods, please contact Becca Oppert at (608)370-3008 or beccae23@gmail.com as soon as possible.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Religious Ed Class
Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 PM at St. Luke’s for all 1st-8th Grades

Next Confirmation Class
Sunday, January 12, 9:30 - 11:00 AM
St. John’s Parish Hall

Next Sanctus High School Ministry
Sunday, January 12, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Youth Room at St. Luke’s Catholic School
It is an opportunity for our high school community to experience their faith and implement it in their daily lives.

Celebration of First Reconciliation
Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 PM at St. John’s

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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To Parish ............5-8%
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To Charities.........1-4%

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DONATION PICK UP: We are offering PICK UPS on the 3rd WEDNESDAY of each month starting 12/18th between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please call Denny Olson 608-588-2294 (24 hours in advance) if you have something you wish to donate. Furniture, clothing and household goods are appreciated!

GROCERY DELIVERY: We will be delivering groceries for shut-ins and/or Senior Citizens, purchased in advance from Hometown Supermarket on THURSDAYS. Order must be called in Thursday morning to the store (608-588-2155); then contact Sharon May at 608-403-8067 and she will coordinate the delivery on Thursday afternoon. Payment can be by credit card to the store over the phone or EXACT cash/check upon delivery. Please have your order complete, as we cannot do revisions once the order is placed.


By drawing closer to the poor, we draw closer to GOD. And we students must draw closer to GOD a little more every day or we’ll find ourselves falling away from Him.” Our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, 1833

Thanks to the following who donated toward the purchase of our Christmas flowers and decorations.


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**ST. JOHN MASS**:
- **Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8:30am**

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

**JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION**

**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. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference: 546-2482

**ST. LUKE OFFICES**
- Rectory/Parish Office: 546-2482
- Parish Fax: 546-2616
- Parish Email: stlukesplain@charter.net
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**SCHEDULING EVENTS**
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**BULLETIN DEADLINE**
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**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.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK**
- We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify the parish office.

**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.

**SACRAMENTS**
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