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

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
On this Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we celebrate what St. Luke describes in his Gospel, “When the days were completed for their purification according to the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord.”

This “presentation” was to occur 40 days after a birth. Thus, it falls on February 2, 40 days after Christmas. In our Catholic tradition this feast is also called Candlemas, a day when candles are blessed. That tradition developed from the statement of Simeon upon holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, calling the Lord: “…a light for revelation to the Gentiles.” In last week’s readings we heard Jesus called “the light of the world.”

As good stewards we need to understand our Catholic traditions and practices. Too often we may hear the Word without complete understanding. Learning the historical background of our traditions and being able to explain those to others should be a notable part of our sense of stewardship.

Our readings for this Feast Day reflect the significance of the Presentation of Jesus. The Book of Malachi is the final book of the Old Testament. It was written more than 400 years prior to the birth of Christ. Yet, it anticipates the events described in our Gospel readings of today and the past few weeks. “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” This is a prophecy of St. John the Baptist. The Gospel of Mark, as a matter of fact, declares John the Baptist as the messenger in the first few verses of that Gospel. Malachi 3: 2 continues by stating “And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek.” It is this “coming” we celebrate today.

Our understanding that Jesus became human as one of us is manifested in the reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews, the second reading. The Presentation of the Lord at the temple fulfills this very human requirement of a baby at that time. Paul speaks of Jesus as being “flesh and blood” and that rather than being descended from angels, heavenly creatures, He is from the seed of Abraham, very human: “…he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.” (Note that this reference is to the fact that we all are “brothers and sisters” to Christ. It is not a declaration that Jesus had blood brothers and sisters.)

Thus we have the prediction of Jesus’ presentation in the temple in Malachi, and the pronouncement that this Holy Baby is one of us in the second reading. Nevertheless, it is in the Gospel from Luke that we see the fulfillment of the prophecy as well as the indication of the God/Man nature of Jesus. Two people in the temple perceive and recognize the Lord for what He is. Simeon (many scholars identify Simeon as one of the most honored and respected men in Jerusalem at that time) not only sees the divinity of Christ, but he also embraces it, “…he took him (Jesus) in his arms.” Anna, an elderly widow, also sees Jesus for what He really is.

If we truly wish to be good stewards, we must also embrace and hold Christ. The Lord is our guide, our light, and needs to be at the center of our lives. The image of Simeon holding the baby Jesus in the temple is one which we need to carry with us every day, as we, too, hold the Lord not just in our arms, but in our hearts, so that we may like Simeon “go in peace” for we have seen “salvation.” We thank God for Jesus’ presence in our lives.

Celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 1 - 2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and offer them a word of support and gratitude. Encourage the young adults and youth that you know to prayerfully consider if a vocation to the consecrated life may be God’s call for them.
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020
  No Mass at either Parish
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020
  5:15 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Francis Zimmer
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
  8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Police, Fire Fighters & EMT’s
  9:30 AM—Mass at The Meadows for Jared Karls
  10:00 AM—Word & Communion at Greenway Manor (Alice Swinehart)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
  8:30 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Financial Life
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020
  8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Margaret Fargen
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020
  10:00 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Bub & Mary Schreiner
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
  10:00 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Financial Life

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SAT., FEB. 8
  4:00 PM ST. LUKE
  5:30 PM ST. JOHN
  Sacristan Lucille Herbrand  Jean Bindl
  Leader of Prayer Lauri Meixelsperger  Sandy Paulsen
  Lector Bob Ederer  Phil Limmex
  Euch. Min. (Body of Christ) Dan Bindl  Bob Ederer  Lori Ederer  Pam Liegel

  Ushers Brian Frank  Dan Bindl  Gary Mueller  Adam Mueller
  Micah Snyder  Micah Kraemer  Dennis Olson  Walt Liegel
  Greeters Ushers  Amy, Taylor & Kolt Snyder
  Cantors/Music Sarah Gillespie  Lisa Montelbano  Sarah Gillespie  Lisa Montelbano
  Servers Alex Erickson  Tasha Limmex  Allison Anderson

SUN., FEB. 9
  8:30 AM ST. JOHN
  10:00 AM ST. LUKE
  Sacristan Terri Larson  Marty Gates
  Leader of Prayer Jan Joyce  Ray Ring
  Lector Dan Joyce  Robert Gates
  Euch. Min. (Body of Christ) Sara Shackleton  Bob Schweiss  Bev Eberle  Patty Knoll
  Ushers Joseph Day  Troy Day  Ralph Liegel  Merle Leifker
  Douglas Schmitz  Dan Pape  Luke Pape  Bev Eberle
  Greeters Darrin & Katrina Wastlick Family  Ushers
  Cantors/Music Adult Choir  Linda Paulus  Michael Davidson
  Michael Davidson
  Servers Caitlin Wastlick  Christine Yanke
  Preslee Montry  Daniel Yanke

PLANNING YOUR WILL

Remember St. John’s and St. Luke’s
A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the Parish. If you have questions please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

OUR FEATURED BULLETIN SPONSOR THIS WEEK IS: Meadows Assisted Living
ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, February 7: 8:30 AM Mass led by 2nd & 3rd Grades
Wednesday, February 12: Experience St. John’s Night, 6:00-7:00 PM
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.

BINGO! - Our Bingo event last Sunday was a HUGE success! Thank you so much to all of you who came to support this fundraiser. A good time was had by all and it raised well over half the cost of a Clevertouch board for the 5th and 6th grade classroom!

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.

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.

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.

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK...
Eli Limmex ~ Grade 1

Congratulations to Eli Limmex, this week’s “Star Student!” “I like my teacher Mrs. Haas. She is nice and she lets us use the Rekenrek for counting and adding in math. Recess is the most fun because I can play with my friends. I also like being able to pray in school and go to church.”

Deepen Your Faith with the Catholic Herald - Feb. 6
This week the Catholic Herald features the Retirement Living section with resources and articles of interest for those in retirement or nearing retirement age. Each week the Catholic Herald gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news with articles from Catholic News Service.

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday, February 6: 8:30 AM Mass led by 7th & 8th Grades

THANK YOU - to everyone who attended our open house for Catholic Schools Week. It was an enjoyable day for everyone.

ST. LUKE HOME AND SCHOOL – St. Luke School students and staff would like to thank our Home and School Association for sponsoring all activities for Catholic Schools Week. We enjoyed a great week of celebrating St. Luke Catholic School.

THANK YOU – Mrs. Oppert, 3rd Grade Teacher, would like to send a special Thank You to the Alumnus & Grandparent of a current St. Luke’s student for their generous donation. This donation helps in providing a supplemental resource, Reading A-Z, for the third grade classroom for the next three years. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!

DID YOU KNOW? St. Luke’s Gala is having a buffet dinner featuring prime rib and chicken parmesan. Join us on Saturday, March 14, at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort in Spring Green, for a fun-filled evening. To purchase tickets go to biddingforgood.com/stlukecc.

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.sltakes-plain.org to see pictures of the car. There is 1 in 1000 chance to win!

Fish Fry Gift Certificates make excellent gifts. Stop by or call St. Luke parish office or school office to pick yours up today!!! All gift certificates are $13.

The next St. Luke Fish Fry is scheduled for February 7, 2020!! The work schedule for Circles 1, 2, 8 & 12 is available for sign up. Please visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a4ac2ba5f94-february5

ST. LUKE’S SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Brody Ferguson ~ Grade 5K

“I like St. Luke School because we can learn about and love Jesus. I like playing at recess with Easton, Camden, Finn, and Pierson. We like playing Mario Super Odyssey. I like to read.”

CCW NEWS

A reminder that St. Luke CCW will be sponsoring the bake sale at the February 7, 2020 Fish Fry. All members are asked to please bring at least 2 items or contribute $10.00. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a successful fundraiser!
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Next Religious Ed Class**  
Wednesday, February 5th at 6:30 PM  
at St. Luke’s for all 1st-8th Grades

**Next Sanctus Class**  
Sunday, February 2, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Youth Room at St. Luke’s School

Registration for Sanctus Ministry for students in 9th -12th grades is open until February 2, 2020. Sanctus gatherings are held on Sunday evenings in St. Luke’s Youth room from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. For more information please contact Avery Armstrong, Youth Minister via email at: avery.armstrong@stlukecatholicchurchplain.com.

**Next Confirmation Class**  
Sunday, February 2, 8:30 - 10:00 AM  
St. Luke’s prior to the 10:00 Mass

A reminder that for the month of February, Confirmation Class is being held at St. Luke’s prior to the 10:00 AM Mass.

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**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.

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**To St. John’s & St. Luke’s Shawl Ministry** - Thank you SO MUCH for the prayer shawl you wonderful people handcrafted and I received while I was in the hospital recently. It brought with it many wonderful feelings: Comfort, Peace & Healing. Exactly what I needed at the time. You guys are angels on earth. Love, Joann Nachreiner

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA??**

**Sts. Anthony & Philip Parish, Highland** - is hosting a Pre-game Super bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 2nd. The event includes a Euchre Tournament from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Bake Sale, and a Raffle with soup & sandwiches served from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM.

**Cal Center, Reedsburg** - presents “Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets” on Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 PM. Adults $30, Seniors $25 & Students 18 & under $15. Call (608)768-8928, ext. 1190 for tickets.

**St. Norbert’s Parish, Roxbury** - invites you to join them for a delicious pork chop dinner with choice of baked potato or German potato salad, green bean casserole or corn, and dessert on Sunday, Feb. 16th from 11:00 - 2:00 PM. Tickets are $12 at door with a kid’s Hot Dog Meal for $3. Carry-outs available.

**The Farmer Angel Network** - will host a discussion on ‘Resilient Farm Families: Taking Care of You’, on Wednesday, February 19 from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Kramer Library Community Room in Plain. Amanda Cowrough, Human Development & Relationships Educator for Columbia & Sauk Counties will be the speaker.

**River Valley FFA Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, February 23 from 6:30 AM to 12:30 PM at VFW, 514 Willow Street Arena, WI. Adults $6.00, Children 5 –10 $3.00. Profits used towards FFA Career Development Events.

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**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

On Friday February 7, Bishop Donald J. Hying will be coming to St. Mary of Pine Bluff to launch the “St. Joseph Strong” challenge, calling all men into the 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph (Feb. 16 - Mar. 19, Feast of St. Joseph). All men who attend will receive Fr. Calloway’s book “Consecration to St. Joseph” free, along with a “St. Joseph Strong” Challenge Coin.

- 6:00 PM Adoration, Confessions, Solemn Vespers
- 7:00 PM Bishop Hying’s inspirational talk
- 7:45 PM Chanted Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction
- 8:15 PM Fraternal Social with Bishop Hying in St. Mary’s gym

**Office of Vocation Events**

**Quo Vadi** - held at Holy Name Heights 2nd Friday of the month from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Call 608-821-3088 for more information.

**Chosen and Called** - held at parishes around the Diocese. Prayer and discussion with Fr. Greg along with religious sisters. Call 608-821-3088 for more information.

**Men’s Boundary Waters Trip with Fr. Greg** - 6 day canoe trip through the boundary waters from June 1 –7. Camping, fishing, prayer, and discernment. For college age men or over 18. Call 608-821-3095.

**Superior Hiking Trip with Fr. Greg** - 7 day hiking trip through Temperance River State Park. Camping, hiking, prayer and discernment for High School Men ages 9th - 12th grade. Call 608-821-3095.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**St. John’s (Week 30)**

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**Difference**:

- $ 1,653.00

**YTD Total to Jan. 26**

- $ 164,400.00

**Difference**:

- $ 2,061.00

**Give Your “First Fruits” Back to God!**

To Parish ...........5-8%

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.

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- $ 1,910.00

**YTD Total to Jan. 26**

- $ 195,390.00

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- $ 3,318.00
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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.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Wednesday - Noon

MINISTERZO HISPANO / HISPANIC MINISTRY
Padre Osvaldo Briones
obriones@slsonline.org Phone: 608-643-2449 ext. 234

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.