



St. Luke Parish Newsletter

September, 2016

Dates to Remember.....

September 17/18

Catechetical Sunday
Fellowship after Masses

October 9 - Mass time change

8:30am Mass at St. Luke's
10:00am Mass at St. John's followed by
St. John's Fall Dinner

October 14

St. Luke's Grandparents Day
10:30am Mass

October 16

10:00am Golden Alumni Mass
Open House at St. Luke School
after 10:00am Mass

October 22

Joint 2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat
9:00am at St. Luke's

October 31

Vigil of the Feast of All Saints
5:15pm Mass at St. Luke's

November 1

Holy Day - Feast of All Saints
8:30am Mass at St. John's

November 9

Sacrament of Confirmation
7:00pm Mass at St. Luke's

November 12/13

Fellowship after Masses

November 23

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer
Service at 7:00pm.
Location to be determined

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Mass at St. Luke's

December 1

Joint 2nd Grade First Reconciliation
6:30pm at St. Luke's

December 7

Vigil for Immaculate Conception
6:30pm Mass at St. Luke's

December 8

Holy Day - The Immaculate Conception
8:30am Mass at St. Luke's
5:15pm Mass at St. John's

December 13

St. Luke School Christmas Program
6:30pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm Mass at St. John's
6:00pm Mass at St. Luke's
9:00 pm Mass at St. John's

December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00am Mass at St. Luke's

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOHN



Stewardship is a biblical term. Stewardship recognizes that we, as individuals, are not the owners of our lives, our time, our talent, nor our treasure, but stewards or managers. It is time, talent, and treasure given to God in thanksgiving for all He has first given to us.

Parents serve as the primary educators of our children. Teaching them from a young age that their **talents** . whether in athletics or the arts . come not from us, but from God, is

essential to teaching stewardship. God graciously grants each of us unique skills and abilities, and it is our responsibility to use those gifts to glorify Him. Any family member can guide children to recognize their God-given gifts. We can further encourage children to use God's gifts to their full potential. Indeed, not utilizing our talents brings to mind the parable of the servant who buries the treasure his master gives him, instead of using it to create more treasure. God wants us to use our talents wisely and thankfully.

Teaching children to utilize their talents to build God's kingdom is only one step of the threefold stewardship message. How children spend their **time** is also important. As families move through the hustle and bustle of their day . balancing work, school, chores and extracurricular activities . do you find time to spend with God? It often seems as if 24 hours is not long enough to fulfill the many daily tasks.

So, how can parents find the time to teach and demonstrate the importance of sharing their time with God with their children? Simple time offerings include praying on the way to school, stopping by the church to pray for a friend in need, or thanking God for a good outcome on a test. Even learning about a saint over dinner and praying as a family before bedtime can be a valuable time offering to the Lord.

As parents, finding daily prayer time ourselves is also necessary, both for your roles as good stewards and as an example to your children. Is Mass just a part of your week, or the heart of your week? Weekly Mass attendance is a gift from God on which we should always unite. You are probably aware that the word **Eucharist** itself comes from the Greek word eucharistia, which means, quite simply, **thanksgiving**. As a faith family, we share this meal of **thanksgiving** at every Holy Mass.

The third tier of stewardship . **treasure** . is most frequently overlooked when educating children. Birthday money from Grandma, Christmas money from Uncle Joe, and allowance money doesn't count . or does it? All gifts we receive are really from God, and the **first fruits** of those gifts should be generously returned to God . even if they come from Grandma.

Starting as early as grade school, children can understand the concept of giving back to the all-giving God if we simply take the opportunity to teach it to them. Witnessing our weekly tithe is a great start, but encouraging them to give in their own children's offertory envelope is also important. Knowing they are returning to God in thanksgiving will fill them with joy!

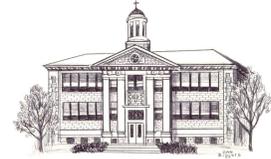
Of the many lessons parents instill in their children, teaching them to be good stewards should be a top priority.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. John Silva, Pastor



School News



St. Luke School Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Luke's School is to provide an environment that will nurture each individual, unique child spiritually, academically and socially!



We started the 2016-17 school year with 91 students and more iPads!!! We have expanded our 1:1 iPad Program. Last year the teachers, and 7th & 8th grade students had 1:1 iPads to use at school and at home. We have purchased another 28 iPads and have included the 6th and 5th grade in our 1:1 program and have made several iPads available for the younger classes to use. This is very exciting! We have also replaced the Smart board in the 7th & 8th grade room. All of our technology over the years has been purchased through donations and fundraising. The line item in our budget is basically for support and maintenance of the technology we have. We are very blessed and very grateful!

WELCOME

Mrs. Sheri Brunner is teaching second grade at St. Luke's this 2016-2017 school year.

She graduated from Edgewood College in Madison with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood, Exceptional Educational Needs, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-3.

For the past 17 years she taught

kindergarten at St. Aloysius School in Sauk City. She lives in Black Earth with her husband, and has three grown sons.

Also new is **Mrs. Jill Johnson** who is our fourth grade teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.

Jill was raised, and currently lives in, Mazomanie with her husband, Chris, and five of her seven children. You may have seen them ministering in church as servers, ushers, and lector.

Her educational background includes an elementary education major and science minor from Edgewood College. She has spent the last 15 years teaching fifth grade at Saint Aloysius School in Sauk City.

Our new third grade teacher is **Mr. Trent Urban**. He recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville receiving his degree in Elementary Education. He did some substitute teaching last semester and absolutely fell in love with teaching third grade. He is recently married, and lives in Dodgeville. He is looking forward to finally getting a chance to put into practice everything he has been preparing for. He is positive, enthusiastic, dedicated, and ready to get this school year underway. His door is always open.

We have also hired **Mrs. Krisy Klemp** as our music teacher for the 2016-17 school year. Krisy is from Loganville, farms with her husband and three young children. Her

youngest child is in our preschool program. She also has a studio in Loganville where she gives vocal, piano, and many other instrumental lessons. She has several years experience teaching band and choir in Janesville, and Wonewoc. Mrs. Klemp is also expecting her fourth child in December, three days before our Christmas program! She is the sister of Mrs. Lora Dadam whom many of you may remember as our music teacher several years ago. We are pleased to have Krisy join our school family.

All of these teachers are great additions to our staff!

EVENTS

We are looking forward to several events in October. Among them are Grandparent's Day on October 14th, Golden Alumni & Children's Mass on October 16th, and First Reconciliation Retreat on October 22nd

Good things are happening at St. Luke's School! For more information, a tour, or to register a child in 3 Year Old Preschool through eighth grade, call the school office at 546-2963.



Faith Formation/Pastoral Ministry



Baptism Preparation

Class: First time parents or (parents-to-be) are required to attend one Baptism Prep Class prior to their child's baptism. One or both parents should be registered in the parish to have their child baptized here.

One reminder: Church law requires that a godparent be a practicing Catholic who has reached the age of 16, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church and participates in the Sacraments, especially attending Mass. Please call Sr. Lynne Marie at either parish office to schedule a session

Liturgical Ministries: We are always in need of more volunteers to participate in the various ministries needed for our weekend Masses. A sign-up form is on our parish website. If you are interested in being part of any of these important ministries, please sign up or contact the parish office. Ministries include: Sacristans, Greeters, Ushers, Leaders of Prayer, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training will be provided.

Those interested in helping as Eucharistic Ministers need to attend a workshop provided by the Diocese. Information is found at www.madisondiocese.org.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey in faith for adults wishing to be baptized, become Catholic, or receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Sessions include instruction in the Catholic faith and Scripture sharing. Please pray for those participating in this process as they prepare for full membership in the Catholic Church.

Please contact Sr. Lynne Marie if you are interested in being a part of the RCIA. Our next session is Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:30pm at St. John's Parish Office.

Religious Education/Youth Ministry News

Religious Education Classes begin:

St. Luke - Wednesday, Sept. 14
St. John - Wednesday, Sept. 21

Catechists

St. Luke's: Lori Pulvermacher, Doreen Laack, Courtney Norton, Kristina Laack, John Feiner, Chuck Fenske, Vicki Fenske

St. John's: Tiffany Limmex, Hilary Lilla, Monica Reeve, Steve Emerson, Diane Emerson, Barb Voss, Barb Hetzel, Brian Schultz

Confirmation Class: David Mack, Becca Oppert

High School Youth Ministry:
Dan Pape

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke. Everyone is invited.

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We will have over 200 students enrolled in our Religious Education / Youth Ministry Programs this year. Love spent time in prayer and questioned, *What is the best way I can serve these students to help them build a relationship with God?* The answer keeps resurfacing. encourage parents

to bring their children to Mass and become involved in our RE/YM Programs. No matter what the priest, sister, or catechist say/teach, you as parents are the Primary Teachers through what you say and do. When you bring your children to Mass, it reiterates for them how the catechist shared the importance of attending Mass and sharing in the Eucharist. Children cannot take to heart the message if they are not able to act upon what they are being taught. We have various opportunities for parents to be involved in our programs. many just a one time/event commitment. When parents become involved, the message to the student is **"This is Important!"**

The diocesan director of Youth Ministry has approved all of our teaching materials, curriculum and activities. The only improvement that she suggested is that we offer more opportunities for retreats and Mission Trips. I will e-mail events to the families and list them in the bulletin as they become available. We will continue to offer the Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip to high school students and will encourage middle school and high school students to sign up for the Diocesan Program *Love Begins Here*.

(which leads to more fundraising)



Bishop Morlino has mandated that we lower the age of Confirmation while

continuing to offer students a program through their high school years. Our sophomores and juniors are beginning their Confirmation Prep and will be confirmed in Fall 2017 as juniors and seniors. In 2018, we will confirm sophomores / juniors and thereafter sophomores. This has led to many discussions guiding us to the decision to offer those confirmed a program of service opportunities with some time for scripture and prayer.

As this newsletter goes to print, we will begin our program of *Confirmation Prayer Partners*. Please watch the bulletin to sign up. This is another opportunity for parishioners to show our teens how important it is to have them make this commitment in their faith journey. Your support is very much appreciated!

Let us join together as we journey towards Christ for the sake of our youth!

**Angie Pulvermacher**

# Financial Information

**Account Values as of 6/30/16:**

- General Checking/Money Market Account- \$150,053
- Cemetery Account- \$252,866
- School Endowment- \$1,030,837
- Alt Estate- \$247,568
- Corporate Donations- \$111,326

As your pastor, I am sharing with you our annual stewardship of treasure report from the 2015-16 budget year, which ended June 30, 2016. I would like to thank the dedicated trustees and members of our Finance Council for helping us with planning and monitoring our budget throughout the year. As we reflect on the past year, I'd like to take a moment to thank Diane Kraemer for her hard work as our parish finance manager.

Last year, our parish, along with every parish in the Diocese, participated in the Diocesan campaign, "Priest For Our Future." St. Luke Church was extraordinarily successful due to your devotion and generosity. All of you pledged \$452,180. At this time, we have paid \$257,945.

On January 1, 2016, St. Luke began its second year of the Offertory Pledge Program (OPP). At the end of these first eight months of 2016 (67% of the year), 72.6% of the pledges have been received. In October, each household will be asked to make a commitment of treasure for the 2017 OPP.

St. Luke Catholic Church's main ministry of the parish is Catholic education with our 3K through Grade 8 school. No child will ever be denied entry due to financial hardship. A

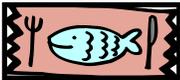
Tuition Grant Fund is available to help anyone who would like to send his or her child to Catholic school.

I ask that you prayerfully consider St. Luke as one of your children in your estate planning. Over the years, the parish has been blessed with several bequests from wills and estates. As a rule, these bequests are restricted, not used for general operating expenses, and require prior Finance Council approval before spending.

I am so grateful to all of you for your generosity, prayers and support of this beautiful parish community, built to worship our heavenly Father and to draw close to his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us continue to practice stewardship as a way of life as we build up the Body of Christ here in Plain.

*Fr. John and  
St. Luke Finance Council*



  
 2016-2017  
FISH FRY DATES:  
  
 OCTOBER 7, 2016  
 NOVEMBER 4, 2016  
 FEBRUARY 3, 2017  
 MARCH 3, 2017  
 APRIL 7, 2017  
 MAY 5, 2017  
 JUNE 9, 2017  
 CHURCH FESTIVAL WEEKEND:  
 JUNE 9-11, 2017

**JOINT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

Given: September, 2010  
 St. John the Evangelist and  
 St. Luke Parishes

**PARISH WEBSITES & E-MAIL**

**School:** <http://stlukes-plain.org>  
**Parish:** <http://www.stlukecatholicchurchplain.com>  
**CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE!!**  
**Parish E-mail:** [stlukesplain@charter.net](mailto:stlukesplain@charter.net)

**ST. LUKE CONGREGATION  
INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT  
JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016**

|                                                  | As of 6/30/16<br><u>ACTUAL</u> | 2015-16<br><u>BUDGET</u> | 2016-17<br><u>BUDGET</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>INCOME:</b>                                   |                                |                          |                          |
| Weekly Envelopes                                 | \$346,428                      | \$306,803                | \$325,000                |
| Offertory Collection                             | 24,933                         | 27,125                   | 27,125                   |
| Special Collections                              | 10,538                         | 8,500                    | 8,500                    |
| Catholic Herald                                  | 966                            | 1,450                    | 1,450                    |
| School Tuition                                   | 99,627                         | 110,434                  | 116,985                  |
| Preschool Tuition                                | 3,500                          | 5,400                    | 4,500                    |
| Tuition Grant (Pre & 4K . 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade) | 28,143                         | 5,000                    | 5,000                    |
| St. Patrick's School Subsidy                     | 3,000                          | 2,500                    | 2,000                    |
| School Activity Fund                             | 4,000                          | 4,000                    | 4,000                    |
| School Grant/Donations                           | 35,500                         | 35,500                   | 40,000                   |
| Rental (Land Usage)                              | 450                            | 450                      | 450                      |
| Use of Facilities                                | 3,250                          | 2,500                    | 2,500                    |
| Religious Education                              | 4,605                          | 5,000                    | 4,000                    |
| Sale of Supplies                                 | -0-                            | 100                      | 100                      |
| Picnic                                           | 1,000                          | 30,000                   | 30,000                   |
| Fish Fries                                       | 35,212                         | 35,000                   | 35,000                   |
| CCW Fund Raisers                                 | -0-                            | 1,000                    | 1,000                    |
| Calendar Raffle                                  | 7,600                          | 7,500                    | 7,500                    |
| Investment Income (Ch)                           | 143                            | 1,000                    | 500                      |
| Investment Income (Sch)                          | 41,875                         | 41,875                   | 40,971                   |
| Investment Income (Alt Estate)                   | -0-                            | 14,123                   | 10,000                   |
| Bulletin Advertising                             | 9,814                          | 9,500                    | 9,500                    |
| Alt Estate . Church Maintenance                  | -0-                            | 12,500                   | 10,000                   |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                              | <b>\$660,584</b>               | <b>\$667,260</b>         | <b>\$686,061</b>         |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>                                 |                                |                          |                          |
| Pastor Salary                                    | \$7,500                        | \$7,500                  | \$6,750                  |
| Clergy Assistance                                | 1,250                          | 1,000                    | 1,500                    |
| Pastoral Associate                               | 17,860                         | 17,860                   | 18,396                   |
| Parish Secretary                                 | 23,276                         | 22,000                   | 22,500                   |
| Instructional Salaries                           | 308,400                        | 302,343                  | 318,780                  |
| Director of Religious Education                  | 8,351                          | 8,351                    | 8,518                    |
| Housekeeping                                     | 1,930                          | 2,500                    | 2,000                    |
| Custodian                                        | 5,805                          | 5,805                    | 5,921                    |
| Professional Cleaning Service                    | 14,840                         | 17,331                   | 17,331                   |
| Liturgy/Musicians                                | 5,800                          | 7,000                    | 7,000                    |
| School Secretary                                 | 11,669                         | 11,668                   | 11,901                   |
| Payroll Taxes                                    | 27,694                         | 28,771                   | 30,433                   |
| Parish Unemployment                              | 210                            | 220                      | 240                      |
| Clergy Continuing Education                      | 600                            | 600                      | 600                      |
| Pastor Health Insurance                          | 4,500                          | 4,615                    | 4,750                    |
| Pastoral Assoc. Health Insurance                 | 4,161                          | 4,174                    | 4,510                    |
| Employee Health Insurance                        | 33,771                         | 37,345                   | 31,575                   |
| Employee Retirement                              | 7,111                          | 6,990                    | 7,320                    |
| Pastor Retirement Fund                           | 6,590                          | 6,900                    | 6,250                    |

|                                     | 2015-16<br><u>ACTUAL</u> | 2015-16<br><u>BUDGET</u> | 2016-17<br><u>BUDGET</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pastoral Assoc. Retirement          | 1,072                    | 1,072                    | 1,104                    |
| Pastor Food Allowance               | 3,300                    | 3,300                    | 3,300                    |
| Pastor Transportation               | 4,200                    | 4,200                    | 4,200                    |
| Pastor Retreat                      | 500                      | 500                      | 500                      |
| Professional Services               | 500                      | 500                      | 600                      |
| Outreach/Charity                    | 300                      | 500                      | 500                      |
| Religious Education                 | 2,407                    | 4,000                    | 4,000                    |
| Administrative Supplies (Ch & Rec)  | 6,410                    | 4,700                    | 5,064                    |
| Administrative/Teaching Supp. (Sch) | 2,156                    | 2,000                    | 2,000                    |
| Technology (Sch)                    | 2,617                    | 2,500                    | 3,000                    |
| Liturgy                             | 4,449                    | 4,000                    | 4,000                    |
| Marketing                           | 2,000                    | 2,000                    | 2,500                    |
| Stewardship/Fellowship              | 1,215                    | 1,000                    | 1,250                    |
| Adult Education                     | 573                      | 1,000                    | 1,000                    |
| Bulletin Supplies                   | 5,659                    | 6,000                    | 6,000                    |
| Telephone (Ch & Rec)                | 2,094                    | 2,200                    | 2,200                    |
| Telephone (Sch)                     | 2,417                    | 2,000                    | 2,000                    |
| Copier (Ch & Sch)                   | 5,084                    | 5,000                    | 5,000                    |
| Diocesan School Tax                 | 905                      | 900                      | 900                      |
| Instructional Supplies (Sch)        | 4,919                    | 4,000                    | 4,500                    |
| Non-instructional Supplies (Sch)    | 3,194                    | 2,500                    | 3,000                    |
| Dues & Subscriptions (Ch & Sch)     | 3,673                    | 2,450                    | 3,665                    |
| Catholic Herald                     | 1,496                    | 1,450                    | 1,450                    |
| Conventions & Meetings (Ch & Sch)   | 560                      | 600                      | 600                      |
| Fuel (Ch/Sch/Rec)                   | 15,872                   | 24,800                   | 23,600                   |
| Utilities (Ch/Sch/Rec)              | 33,053                   | 33,100                   | 33,100                   |
| Operating Supplies (Ch/Sch/Rec)     | 6,701                    | 7,100                    | 7,100                    |
| Building Repairs (Ch & Rec)         | 7,271                    | 6,000                    | 7,000                    |
| Building Repairs (Sch)              | 2,002                    | 1,000                    | 2,000                    |
| Equipment Repairs (Ch & Rec)        | 847                      | 600                      | 800                      |
| Equipment Repairs (Sch)             | 500                      | 500                      | 500                      |
| Grounds Maintenance (Ch/Sch/Rec)    | 10,147                   | 9,600                    | 11,620                   |
| Piano/Organ Maintenance             | 565                      | 800                      | 800                      |
| Prop-Liab Ins & Work Comp (Ch)      | 10,041                   | 11,000                   | 11,000                   |
| Prop-Liab Ins & Work Comp (Sch)     | 6,694                    | 7,000                    | 7,000                    |
| Furn & Equip (Ch/Sch/Rec)           | 745                      | 1,100                    | 1,100                    |
| Annual Parish Assessment            | 12,615                   | 12,615                   | 11,833                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               | <b>\$660,071</b>         | <b>\$667,260</b>         | <b>\$686,061</b>         |

Non-Parish Collections **Income:**

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Non-Diocesan Collections      | \$5,775 |
| Summer Missionary Collections | \$1,755 |
| Haiti Medical Mission         | \$2,615 |

Non-Parish Collections **Remittance:**

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|-------------------------------|---------|
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