Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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

Weekly Bulletin

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Luke Parish
Father John

Although we call the Book of Sirach from the Old Testament exactly that, for a long time in the Church it was called Ecclesiasticus, and then the Wisdom of Sirach. It is a collection of wisdom from a prophet named ben Sirach who lived two centuries before Christ. On this particular Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time the holy scripture from Sirach refers to the many choices we have. It first of all makes it very clear that we do indeed have to make choices between good and evil.

However, it then qualifies those choices by advising us that we must trust to and follow the wisdom of God rather than the wisdom of humankind. They are not the same. The implication is also included that there are consequences when we make the wrong choice, many of which may be based upon our own interpretation of what is right and what is wrong, or our embracement of the wisdom of some other human. The point is that we need to heed God’s wisdom as reflected by centuries of Church contemplation and statements, and following our own opinions and those of others may be unadvisable.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians, confirms and supports the statements of Sirach. Paul, too, advises us that the wisdom of God should be our source for opinions and decisions (“… not a wisdom of this age…we speak of God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.”) Paul caps this recommendation by making it clear to us that sometimes God’s wisdom is beyond our ability to understand, as “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.”

It is the Church that reveals to us the Holy Spirit quite often. That wisdom may seem “mysterious and hidden” to us, but that is part of our challenge as followers and disciples of our Lord. Too often in our society people think and believe that their personal wisdom is beyond the Lord’s. That is not and cannot be the case. When Paul tells us that it is only “through the Spirit” that we can gain any appreciation for God and His wisdom, Paul is reminding us that this kind of knowledge is unattainable through human wisdom or human investigation.

For the past few weeks we have been hearing the Word from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5. Today’s Gospel is a continuation of that. We began with the Sermon on the Mount; then Jesus shared with us the importance of being “salt” and “light.” Now the Lord addresses the Law, including the Ten Commandments. Jesus’ point ties in with the first two readings in that having freedom of choice does not mean we can violate a Commandment. In referring to the Law Jesus says, “I have not come to abolish but to fulfill.” That is basic theology. Jesus makes it clear that His authority is higher than the Law of Moses, but He is not here to contradict it.

Jesus begins a series of comments and clarifications on the Commandments. It would seem His intention is not to reinterpret the Commandments, but to question the way some of us may try to alter them or interpret them based upon human wisdom rather than God’s wisdom. Perhaps the key to all of this has to do with external performances as compared to internal feelings. That is a common theme with the Lord — the fact that people like the scribes more or less felt that everything had to with what people showed externally, when the real importance had to do with matters of the heart. Jesus does not want us to just act like disciples; He does not want us to practice stewardship, for example, just to look good. He wants us to embrace, believe, and internalize that.

He wants us to be His disciples. He calls us to be His disciples. However, He wants us to be real disciples to the depth of our being, not just on the surface. That is not simple or comfortable. Stewardship is not simple or effortless, but it is the way the Lord has called us to live.

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
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTS FOR ST. LUKE/ST. JOHN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020
No Mass at either Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
5:15 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Louis Wankerl

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. John’s for Peaceful Solution to Global Refugee Situation
9:30 AM—Mass at The Meadows for Carol Laue
10:00 AM—Word & Communion at Greenway Manor (Mary Peterzak)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Lucy Louis

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020
4:00 PM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Jared Karls
5:30 PM—Mass at St. John’s for Andrea Durian

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020
8:30 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Jared Karls
5:30 PM—Mass at St. John’s for Louise Kraemer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020
10:00 AM—Mass at St. Luke’s for Luke Liegel

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Readings for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48
These readings can be found in the back of the Gather book, #1110

CONFESSIONS
Next Reconciliation will be February 22 at St. Luke’s, 3:30 PM and February 23 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 Leon Hausner

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: Culver’s Share Night for St. John’s, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
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 - 7:30 PM
Education Commission at St. John’s, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Thurs: Finance Meeting at St. John’s, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Parish Council Meeting at St. John’s, 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Sat/Sun: Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

Sat/Sun: CCW Bake Sale at St. John’s after Masses (L-Z)

Sun: Confirmation Class at St. Luke’s, 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Sanctus Class at St. Luke’s, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

♦ Ash Wednesday, February 26
♦ St. Luke’s Gala, March 14

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Channel 15 School Shout Out!  Last Friday, February 7, the 4K and kindergarten students were featured on Channel 15’s School Shout Out! If you missed it, it can still be viewed online. Next Monday morning, February 17, at 4:45 a.m. and 6:10 a.m. the first and second graders will be the School Shout Out. The 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will be featured on Tuesday, February 25th.

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, & 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. For questions about SCRIP, please call 588-2021.

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.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, February 17: School Shout Out for Grades 1st & 2nd
Tuesday, February 18: Culver’s Share Night from 5:00 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, February 19: Education Commission Meeting, 6:30 PM
February 20-21: Principal Retreat with Bishop Hying at Green Lake
Friday, February 21: 8:30 AM Mass led by Grades 1st & 5th/6th
Sunday, March 8: 9:30 AM Mass with Bishop Hying

ST. LUKE SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday, February 16: Middle School Open House, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Thursday, February 20: 8:30 AM Mass led by Grade 4
Thursday/Friday, February 20-21: Principal’s Retreat
Monday, February 24: Kindergarten Parent Meeting

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT AT ST. LUKE MIDDLE SCHOOL - Ever wonder what it’s like to be a middle school student at St. Luke’s? Join us on Sunday, February 16 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM and find out. Walk through a shortened version of a daily schedule, meet the staff, preview textbooks & the latest technology resources, experience LabLearner and take a sneak peek at our restoration/renovation plans for the 2020-21 school year. For more information, call the school office at 546-2963.

DID YOU KNOW? Students in grades 3-8 are eligible to join St. Luke’s art club. The club meets during the lunch hour and participates in activities that allows them to enjoy the world of art. They have done some paper folding, knitting and crocheting, and background scenes for school programs.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING: St. Luke’s Kindergarten Parent Meeting is Monday, February 24 at 6:30pm. This is an informational meeting for anyone interested in St. Luke’s 4K or 5K program.

COMING SOON! St. Luke’s Third Annual Gala is Saturday, March 14 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.

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!

Healing from Abortion - One Weekend at a Time
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats - offers Hope and Healing for anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The next retreat will be March 13-15 near Madison. Confidentiality is assured. Call Mary at 608-221-9593 or email meadmt@sbcglobal.net.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Next Religious Ed Class**  
Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30 PM  
as St. Luke’s for all 1st-8th Grades

**Next Sanctus Class**  
Sunday, February 16th, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Youth Room at St. Luke’s School

**Next Confirmation Class**  
Sunday, February 16th, 8:30 - 10:00 AM  
at 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 ~ 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.

**Extraordinary Minister Training** - The Diocese is offering the following opportunities for Extraordinary Minister Training. To attend please register at: https://madisondiocese.org/emhc

**Wednesday, February 19** from 7:00-8:30 PM at Holy Name Heights, 702 S. High Point Rd, Madison

**Wednesday, March 11** from 6:30-8:00 PM at Saints Mary & Paul Parishes, 224 Davis Street, Mineral Point

**Saturday, May 16** from 10:00 - 11:30 AM at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 107 South Seventh Street, Mt. Horeb

If anyone would like to send cards to Maggie Paulus please send to: Maggie Paulus, S13009 Shifflet Rd. #110, Spring Green, WI 53588

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**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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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA??**

**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 Kraemer Library Community Room in Plain. Amanda Coorough, 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.

**St. Joseph’s, Baraboo** - is having a Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Cost is $13 Adults, Seniors $12, Children Ages 5-11 $6. Chicken Tenders, Fries or Cheese Pizza available for kids.

**American Legion Post 398, Plain** - will be having their annual Stag Party on Saturday, Feb. 29 starting at 5:00 PM. Tickets are available at Plain Kwik Stop or by calling 608-393-2861. Cost is $30 which includes Prime Rib dinner and 2 drink tickets.

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**NEW FROM THE DIOCESE**

**Celebrating the Liturgical Year at Home** - The liturgical year is one of the great gifts of the Catholic Church. Throughout the year we follow Jesus Christ from his birth to his Ascension (and beyond). We even look forward to the day when he will come again at the end of time. But it’s not just something done inside the church building. Everyone can live the liturgical life 24/7 in your own lives. Join Pat Gorman, director of the Diocesan Office of Worship (and father of two teenage girls) while we explore practical and easy tips for celebrating the liturgical year at home. While some of the material is geared toward families, couples and singles can benefit too. Join us on Wednesday, March 18 from 7:00 - 8:15 PM at Holy Name Heights, 702 S. High Point Rd, Madison. Registration is Free. Please pre-register by March 11. You may register by calling 608-821-3081 or online at http://madisondiocese.org/liturgyandlife.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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

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

**JOINT STAFF & OFFICE INFORMATION**

**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.

**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. 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 OFFICES**
Rectory/Parish Office........................................... 546-2482
Parish Fax ......................................................... 546-2616
Parish Email................................................. stlukesplain@charter.net
Website..................................................... www.stlukecatholicchurchplain.com
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Pastoral Council President: Bruce Culver ........ 544-5813
St. Vincent de Paul River Valley Conference.... 546-2482

**ST. LUKE SCHOOL**
School................................................................. 546-2963
School Website................................................. http://stlukes-plain.org
School Principal: Diane Mueller.......................... 546-2963

**ST. LUKE CEMETERY**
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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

**MINISTERZ0 HISPANO / HISPANIC MINISTRY**
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obriones@slsonline.org Phone: 608-643-2449 ext.234