Easter Sunday
When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves. Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don’t sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn’t important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn’t impress us or matter all that much. It’s all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn’t need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

Easter Flower Donations
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter flower fund. Donations were made in the memory or honor of the following:


Due to the cancellation of Masses at this time, the donations collected for flowers during lent will be set aside and used to decorate our worship spaces at a later date. Thank you.
LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

Care/Share Food Pantry Notice
In accordance with the declaration from Governor Evers, the Care Share Food Pantry will not operate on Wednesday, April 15. If you are in need of assistance, you can call the church office at (920)855-6215. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Plastic Bag Sleeping Mats For Homeless
St. Michael is collecting plastic grocery bags to make mats that can be used by the homeless. Each mat takes between 500 - 700 bags. Please drop off clean bags at the church. Bags may be placed in the rectory garage, which will be open during regular office hours.

Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?
The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to “put on Christ” and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us. Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.

Save the Children
Thank you to everyone who donated to our Lenten outreach project. The total amount collected was $345. We appreciate your generosity to support this organization in helping impoverished children throughout the world.

Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic
Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.
Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.
Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT
Needed Each Week............................ $1912.00
Received March 21 - April 5.................. $1750.00
Bishops Appeal To Date............. $4335 of $9954 (44%)

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT
Needed Each Week.............................$2170.00
Received March 21 - April 5...............$2484.00
Bishop’s Appeal To Date: $9210 of $9185 (100%)

Visit our Website at http://stjohnstmichael.com

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MASS INTENTIONS
For the Week of April 13 - 19

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
7:30 AM † Open

ST. MICHAEL - SURING
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
8:45 AM † Open

ST. JOHN - GILLET
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
4:00 PM † Agnes Wolfe
By Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
10:00 AM † Open

Father continues to say Mass privately on Sundays and welcomes Mass intentions.

Open Dates For Mass Intentions
St. Michael Parish
Suring, Sunday: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24
Chapel, Sunday: April 12, 26, May 3, 10, 24, 31
St. John Parish
Saturdays: Apr. 18, May 2, 9, 23, 30
Sundays: Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Readings for the week of April 12, 2020
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
Come to Christ
Life is perhaps God’s greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn’t take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” - Mt 28:5b-7