Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ST. MICHAEL – Suring
ST. MICHAEL STATION – Chute Pond
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – Gillett

MASS SCHEDULE (All Masses and parish functions have been suspended until further notice.)
Saturday 4:00 PM - Gillett
Sunday 7:30 AM - Chapel
8:45 AM - Suring
10:00 AM - Gillett
Tuesday 8:30 AM - Gillett
Wednesday 8:30 AM - Suring
1st Friday 8:15 AM - Gillett
Followed by Holy Hour
3rd Saturday 6:00 PM Spanish Mass - Gillett

WOODLAND VILLAGE MASS SCHEDULE
Thursday 10:15 AM – Woodland Village – Suring

ST. JOHN & ST. MICHAEL OFFICE HOURS
St. John Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
St. Michael Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

RECONCILIATION
St. John - Saturday 3:00 PM
St. Michael - Wed. following Mass or by appointment

BAPTISMS
Please call the appropriate Parish Office to make arrangements for required instructions, and to set a date for the baptism.

WEDDINGS
Arrangements are to be made six months in advance. A year in advance is desired. No date is to be set for the wedding prior to calling the appropriate Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Trained ministers from our parishes are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are hospitalized or homebound due to illness or incapacity. Arrangements may also be made for a priest to administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

April 25/26, 2020 / Third Sunday of Easter

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MEMBERSHIP
Initiation of Adult Candidates For full membership in the Catholic Community, Adult Candidates are prepared by the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and received into the Catholic Community on the Vigil of Easter.

Parish Membership All are welcome to become a member of our Parish Families. Information can be obtained from either Parish Office. Membership forms can also be found on our parish website.

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Please have the material you wish to have placed in our bulletin to the parish office no later than Tuesday 10:00 AM. Primary consideration may need to be given to our personal parish family needs.

WILLS
Please consider the needs of our parish communities by remembering St. Michael’s or St. John’s Parish in your will.

ST. MICHAEL – Suring
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3rd Sunday of Easter

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Do you remember what I told you when I first arrived in Gillett? I said I felt like a monk because it was so quiet and peaceful here. Now I feel like a monk again because I spend more time in private prayer and don’t get to celebrate Mass with all of you.

In my private prayers, I consecrate parishes and all of you to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Blessed Virgin Mary, asking them to protect us. As I pray, I hear the Lord speaking to me, calling me to a deeper relationship with him.

Have you heard the Lord speaking to you, also? These times of fear and isolation can also be times of spiritual growth if we enter into a personal retreat with God. I encourage you to pray every day. Pray the Holy Rosary and the chaplet of Divine Mercy. Read the scriptures and listen to God speaking to you. Turn your attention to the Holy Spirit who gives courage in times of trouble. Look past the tomb of this quarantine and into the joy of the Easter season.

Remember, although we can’t celebrate Mass together, our churches are open for private prayer. You are invited to visit St. John’s and St. Michael’s during office hours. Also, please call me if you’d like to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation or receive a blessing, and we can schedule a time.

Although we can’t gather as God’s family, we remain united in spiritual union. As you spend time in private prayer, pray for one another and for those suffering from the corona virus.

I assure you of my prayers for you and look forward to the day when we can join together in faith again and celebrate the Mass with joy.

May St. Michael and St. John, our patron saints, protect us!

Blessings!

Fr. Robert Ni Ni
LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

Tips For Viewing Mass At Home
- Create a Sacred Space:
- Set out a crucifix
- Light a candle
- Open your Bible to the Gospel reading
- Rearrange furniture
Prepare Spiritually:
- Dress as you would if you were attending Mass
- Bless the room with holy water
- Have each person bless themselves with holy water
- Spend a minutes in silence before Mass begins
Actively Participate:
- Stand, kneel and sit at the right times
- Say the prayers and responses of the Mass out loud
Engage in Community:
- Share a meal after Mass
- Spend time talking about the Gospel reading

Mass can be viewed Sunday morning at 5:30 AM on WBay (channel 2) and on CW14 at 8:00 AM. Bishop Ricken will also celebrate Mass at 10:30 AM on WFRV (channel 5).

Fire Fund Update
In mid-March, Father’s home in Myanmar was destroyed by fire, and his family lost their home and all of their possessions. To date, our parishioners and their friends/families have donated over $11,300 to help rebuild Father’s home. Your generosity in these uncertain times was a much-needed blessing! Thank you to everyone who donated, or who remembered Father and his family in your prayers.

Contributions
Parishioners who would like to continue contributing to the parish can mail contributions to St. Michael Church, PO Box 248, Suring WI 54174 or St. John Church, 127 S Garden Ave, Gillett WI 54124. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Responsibility of a Godparent
The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child’s parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate first Penance, first Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild’s faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism but are just the beginning.

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St. Michael Parish Support
Needed Each Week...................................... $2170.00
Received April 6 - 15...................................... $975.00
Bishop’s Appeal to Date: $10050 of $9185 (109%)

Visit our Website at http://stjohnstmichael.com

St. John Parish Support
Needed Each Week...................................... $1912.00
Received April 12...................................... $785.00
Bishop’s Appeal To Date......................... $4545 of $9954 (46%)
Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Mean What You Say

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: “Say what you mean and mean what you say.”

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn’t his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. - Lk 24:33-35