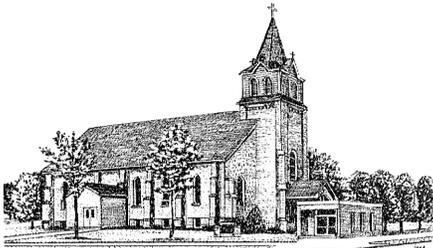


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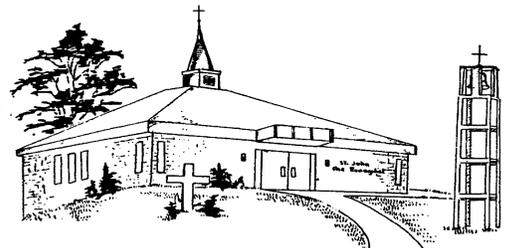
# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – Gillett

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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.

## 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.

May 2/3, 2020 / Fourth Sunday of Easter

# DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

## 4th Sunday of Easter

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

## *A Message from the Pastor*

Dear parishioners,

I hope you are in good health and safe from COVID-19. You are in my prayers every day. Despite the hardships we face, we have much to be thankful for.

I want to thank everyone who showed concern when my family's house burned down. Thanks to your generosity and support, my family is already building a new house! This week, I was interviewed by the staff of The Compass, so look for my family's story in the diocesan newspaper sometime soon.

I'm thankful for the parishioners who show their love and concern for the parish by sending in weekly contributions and support for the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your dedication to our parish.

Thanks to the parish secretaries for keeping the parish going, and to the volunteers who clean the church, mow the grass, and care for the parish property.

Thanks to the doctors, nurses, and emergency personnel who put their lives at risk to care for the sick.

Please remember them in your prayers. Also, pray for the government leaders carrying the burden of decision making to keep people safe. Lastly, pray for the elderly and most vulnerable. They are at the heart of my prayers. Reach out to them with a phone call, a card, or a meal delivered to their doorstep.

Although we can't do many of the things we normally do, we can still pray. Prayer is the best thing to do at this time. During this Easter season, I encourage you to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and read about the early church in the Act of the Apostles.

Join me in prayer for one another and for the world.

Together, we can save the world through our prayers.

*Blessings!*

*Fr. Robert Ni Ni*



# LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

## Origins of 'World Day of Prayer'

The origins of 'World Day of Prayer' date back to the 19th century when Christian women of the United States and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission work, both at home and in other parts of the world.

In the second half of 1926, the women of North America distributed the worship service to as many countries and partners in mission as they could. The response worldwide was enthusiastic. By the beginning of 1927 the call to prayer that was issued was for a "World Day of Prayer for Missions". In 1928, the title was shortened to "The World Day of Prayer"

The symbol for World Day of Prayer was developed by the women of Ireland and adopted as the international logo in 1982. Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all our diversity.

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/about.html>



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Thank You*

Thank you to Cliff and Dan Gerbers, Ben Penkivich, Jay Conley, Rachel Weckler and Father for spreading the new mulch on the grounds at St. John. A special thanks also to Josh Samz for the use of his industrial trailer to haul three huge loads of mulch in to do the job. It looks great!!

## 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

## Lighter Side—Home in Heaven

A pastor and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them.

"Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine, from a bowling alley to an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

"Wow, thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the pastor to a rugged old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

"Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the pastor. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all, I was a pastor, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true," said St. Peter. "But during your sermons, people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week..... \$2170.00  
 Received April 6 - 15..... \$1475.00  
 Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$10450 of \$9185 (113%)

## ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week..... \$1912.00  
 Received April 26..... \$1120.00  
 Bishops Appeal To Date..... \$5255 of \$9954 (53%)

Visit our Website at <http://stjohnstmichael.com>

MAY 2/3, 2020  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**For the Week of May 4 - 10**  
**ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
 7:30 AM † Open

**ST. MICHAEL - SURING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
 8:45 AM † Corinne, Marion, & Joan Sandvick  
 By Tammy Reise

**ST. JOHN - GILLETT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**  
 4:00 PM † Open

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
 10:00 AM † Agnes Wolfe  
 By Family

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

**Open Dates For Mass Intentions**

**St. Michael Parish**

**Suring, Sunday:** May 17, 31, June 14, 21, 28

**Chapel, Sunday:** May 10, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21

**St. John Parish**

**Saturdays:** May 9, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27

**Sundays:** May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 21, 28

**Readings for the week of May 3, 2020**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

*Everyday Stewardship - Recognize  
 God in Your Ordinary Moments*

**Recognizing the Voice of Jesus**

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



*“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” - Jn 10:2-4*