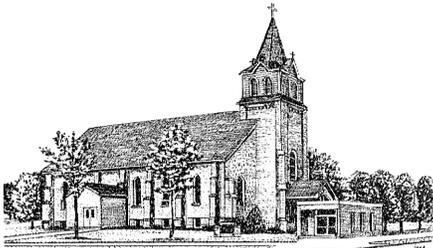


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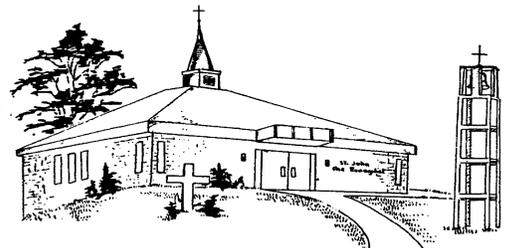
ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



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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
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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 9/10, 2020 / Fifth Sunday of Easter

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

5th Sunday of Easter

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

A Message from the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

During the month of May, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is not only the mother of Christ, she is also our spiritual mother. As Queen of Heaven, Mary watches over us and protects us with her motherly love. She intercedes for us to our Heavenly Father. I personally have always had a great love for the Blessed Mother. That's why I always encourage you to pray the Rosary in the homilies and messages.

Although we can't gather for May crowning this year, I encourage you to hold a May crowning in your home. Place a statue or picture of Mary in a place of honor. Gather the family and sing a favorite Marian song, pray a decade or two of the Rosary, sprinkle Mary with holy water, and place a homemade crown on her head. Pray to Mary from your heart, and ask her intercession to help your family be truly holy. Dedicate your family to Mary, just as I dedicate our parishes to Mary every month. This year, the U.S. dioceses rededicated the nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on May 1; please enhance this intention with your private dedication.

As we pray to Mary, we recall how Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in Portugal a hundred years ago. In those 1917 apparitions, Mary stressed prayer, fasting and sacrifice to obtain peace for the world and the conversion of sinners. She particularly encouraged daily devotion to the rosary.

Besides honoring our spiritual mother in May, we also honor our earthly mothers on the second weekend of May. Happy Mother's Day! I encourage you to pray for your mothers, living and deceased. I'm reminded of my own mother and her love for our family. She prays the rosary every day, too. She used to remind me when I was a child to always pray the Rosary for the souls in the purgatory. I believe that, because of her prayer, she is very strong whenever facing life's trials and three of her children were called to religious life. I will continue to pray for you, and I ask you to pray for me, too. We may not see each other every day, but may we meet in our prayers.

Blessings!

Fr. Robert Ni Ni

LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

CEMETERY SEXTON/CARETAKER NEEDED

St. Michael is in **need** of a cemetery sexton/caretaker. A summary of duties are as follows:

Sexton - show grave sites to potential buyers and keep cemetery files updated. Mark graves and work with funeral directors, monument companies and our grave opener.

Caretaker - Spring and fall flower removal. Prune trees and shrubs as necessary and pick up and haul away fallen branches and debris. Apply mulch to mulched areas every two years and control weeds in these areas.

It has been difficult finding someone to fill this role. If you are interested, or you have questions regarding the job, please give the office a call at 920-842-2580.

The Lighter Side - Divine Direction

A guy named Joe found himself in dire trouble. His business had gone bust, and he was in serious financial trouble. He was so desperate that he decided to ask God for help.

He began to pray, "God, please help me. I've lost my business, and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto."

Lotto night came, but somebody else won it.

Joe again prayed, "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business and house, and I'm going to lose my car as well."

Lotto night came, but Joe still had no luck.

Once again, he prayed, "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, house, and car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I've always been a good servant to you. Please just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly, there was a blinding flash of light as the heavens opened. Joe was confronted by the voice of God himself. "Joe, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!"

In Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ethel Wagenknecht who died this past week. Ethel was a longtime member of St. Michael and attended the chapel. She spent many years sewing shorts and pants for children in need through St. Michael's Sewing Ministry. Ethel will be laid to rest next to her husband at Holy Cross cemetery in Hales Corners. We ask that you please keep Ethel and her 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!

Universal Online Giving Option

The Catholic Foundation has created a Universal Online Giving Page for all parishes. This short-term solution is an opportunity for a family to give to any parish in the Diocese. A key benefit is a common page to be promoted for streaming services of Masses and other faith discussions.

When parishioners visit this secured giving page, all they have to do is enter their information, parish name and gift amount. It's so easy! If you would like to donate to St. Michael or St. John using this online tool, please visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/donate. Your donations are greatly appreciated during this difficult time.



ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week \$2170.00
 Received April 19-26 \$939.00
 Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$10,510 of \$9185 (114%)

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week \$1912.00
 Received May 2/3 \$1560.00
 Bishops Appeal To Date \$5475 of \$9954 (55%)

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

MAY 9/10, 2020
 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS
For the Week of May 11 - 17
ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, MAY 17
 7:30 AM † Joan Woelfel
 By Steve & Ellen Brickner

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, MAY 17
 8:45 AM † Nick & Vivian Tolzman
 By Lisa & Kevin Gilligan

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, MAY 16
 4:00 PM † Open
SUNDAY, MAY 17
 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: May 31, June 21, 28
Chapel, Sunday: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28

St. John Parish

Saturdays: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27
Sundays: May 17, 24, 31, June 21, 28

Readings for the Week

May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

*Everyday Stewardship - Recognize
 God in Your Ordinary Moments*

Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking. What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



*Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
 (Jn 14:6)*