Welcome to the Parish Communities of

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

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 16/17, 2020 / Sixth Sunday of Easter
**6th Sunday of Easter**

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and don’t rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God’s promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God’s greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don’t carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

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**Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

**Calculating Love**

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking! The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don’t know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
Living Lives of Mercy

Blood Drive
The Suring Public School District will host a blood drive on Thursday, May 28 from 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-733-2767 or going online at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time. With blood donations down and reserves low, please consider giving blood!

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.

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn’t set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ’s resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

A Sign of Spring!
A robin has taken up residence on the windowsill outside of Father’s office at St. Michael. There are four beautiful blue eggs in her nest. We will keep you posted on their progress!

St. Michael Parish Support
Needed Each Week.......................................... $2170.00
Received May 5 - 11......................................... $1305.00
Bishop’s Appeal to Date: $10,600 of $9185 (115%)

Visit our Website at http://stjohnstmichael.com

St. John Parish Support
Needed Each Week.......................................... $1912.00
Received May 9/103......................................... $480.00
Bishops Appeal To Date............. $5505 of $9954 (55%)
**MASS INTENTIONS**
For the Week of May 18 - 24

**ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**
7:30 AM † Open

**ST. MICHAEL - SURING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**
8:45 AM † Johanna & Patrick Kelly & Family  
By Tammy Reise

**ST. JOHN - GILLETT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**
4:00 PM † Helen Neta Tratz & Lucille Neta Cisler  
By Harold & Madonna Seefeldt

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**
10:00 AM † Open

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

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**Open Dates For Mass Intentions**

**St. Michael Parish**

Suring, Sunday: June 21, 28, July 5, 19, 26  
Chapel, Sunday: May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28

**St. John Parish**

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

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**Sign Before the Gospel**

**Question:**
I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

**Answer:**
Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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**May 17, 2020**

**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

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

**Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

*“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.” (Jn 14:18-19)*