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

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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.

Congratulations to St. Michael and St. John graduates: Jaden Bubolz, Wyatt Herzog, Samantha Kahler, Annie Kohls, and Sydney Young. We wish all of them the best and offer our prayers as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

May 23/24, 2020 / The Ascension of the Lord
**The Ascension of the Lord**

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

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**A Message from the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners of St. John’s & St. Michael’s,

It was my hope that we would be together when I made this announcement. Unfortunately, that is not possible. You all know that I belong to a religious order, and our assignments depend on our superiors in accord with the bishop.

The Missionaries of Faith are restructuring their ministries in the U.S., and with mixed emotions, I am announcing my transfer to another diocese on July 1. Believe me, this is not easy to say without having you in front of me.

My superiors are sending me to serve the people of Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina (Maui) in the Diocese of Honolulu. The Green Bay Diocese announced that a missionary priest will serve here when I am gone. I pray that this transition goes smoothly, and the new priest will be as well received as I was. As you helped me in my ministry, I hope you will do the same for him.

I was initially reluctant to take the helm of our parishes due to my age and lack of experience ministering to God’s people in the U.S. Yet I am blessed to have seen many good-hearted and welcoming people in our parishes. I also am humbled to have served and known each of you.

With your kind hearts, you helped me transition and enjoy my past two years here. I really appreciate that, and I will always keep you in my prayers. I hope you will keep me in your prayers also.

Thank you for your big hearts, deep understanding, and loving patience during these two years of journeying together. My sincere apologies for my failures and weaknesses. Please forgive me for the times I failed to meet your standards and expectations.

We still have about six weeks before I leave, and I would love to see you in person before I go. I pray that we will be able to gather for Mass and celebrations of more than 10 people. Then we can say our proper goodbyes before I leave in early July.

May our Blessed Mother guide you to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May our holy patrons, St. Michael and St. John, be your constant companions to do the will of God. May all of your endeavors lead you to holiness and the salvation of your soul.

Yours in Christ,

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.

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.

Memorial Day Service
To honor our fallen soldiers, members of the Harold C. Anderson American Legion Post 283 will be visiting local cemeteries to recite the names of those Veterans laid to rest at each cemetery. A rifle salute will follow, along with the playing of taps. The following is a list of cemeteries and times:
St. Michael Cemetery - 9:00 AM
St. John’s Hayes - 9:30 AM
Pleasant Hill Cemetery - 10:00 AM
Breed Cemetery - 10:30 AM
The Bay at Suring Rehabilitation Center - 11:00 AM
Trinity Cemetery - 11:30 AM
Hickory Cemetery - 1:00 PM
Legion members will be practicing social distancing and ask those who attend to do the same.

New Arrivals!
Last week we shared with you this robin’s nest with four blue eggs. The eggs have begun to hatch! Above you can see a couple of young robins trying to keep warm in last Monday’s rain.

St. Michael Parish Support
Needed Each Week............................... $2170.00
Received May 5 - 11............................... $1080.00
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 16/17............................... $2825.00
Bishops Appeal To Date........... $5505 of $9954 (55%)
MASS INTENTIONS
For the Week of May 25 - 31

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, MAY 31
7:30 AM † Open

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, MAY 31
8:45 AM † Bernard & Anna Fiebig
By Tammy Reise

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, MAY 30
4:00 PM † Open

SUNDAY, MAY 31
10:00 AM † Open

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

Open Dates For Mass Intentions

St. Michael Parish
Suring, Sunday: June 21, 28, July 5, 19, 26
Chapel, Sunday: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28

St. John Parish
Saturdays: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27
Sundays: May 31, June 21, 28

Readings for the Week

May 24, 2020

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5accd,
6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
[33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and
5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and
7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Above are pictures of the new home being built for Father’s mother. Thank you once again for your donations and prayers!

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!

“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.” (Jn 17:4-5)