

Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



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February 20/21 2021 - First Sunday of Lent

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

Bishop's Appeal Message

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Mark 1:14-15

Dear Friends,

"Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God." Everywhere Jesus went, He was proclaiming the Gospel and demonstrating He was truly the Son of God. He found His disciples in the most ordinary of men, folks like you and me, whom God used in an extraordinary way. Even today, God calls each of us to connect with our neighbors and share His love.

The Reconnect to Inspire program developed by the Parish Life & Evangelization Mission Team has given leaders from around the diocese tools to connect with people through small groups. These groups have helped share the light that only our God can give. Folks have been able to walk with one another as Jesus walks with us through challenges and joy. They were able to deepen their relationships not only with each other, but with our Lord.

Please make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today. Contact the parish office, use the pledge card you received at home, or visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give to make your gift. Thank you for your generosity.

St. John and St. Michael Masses

The following Mass guidelines are currently in place:

- Attendees are required to wear masks.
- Temperatures of attendees will be taken at the door.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances
- Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

At St. Michael, we encourage you to reserve a seat for Mass. You can signup using Flocknote, call (920-842-2580), or email stmikesuring@centurytel.net.

Mass is also streamed through the radio at both parishes. Tune your radio to 92.5 at St. Michael or 91.9 at St. John and listen from the parking lot. To receive communion please come to the main entrance.

St. Michael Flocknote Signup Link for Feb. 21
<https://stmichael17.flocknote.com/signup/38299>

Looking Ahead

Tues., Feb. 23

Mass - 8:30 AM at St. John
Followed by Rosary

Wed., Feb. 24

Mass - 8:30 AM at St. Michael

Thurs. Feb. 25

Stations of the Cross
6:00 PM at St. Michael

Sat., Feb. 27

Finance Council Meeting

7:30 AM at St. John

Reconciliation

3:00 PM at St. John

Spanish Mass

6:30 PM at St. John

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism. How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

St. Michael Lenten Project

During this Lenten season, we will be collecting donations to support the Smile Train organization. Millions of children in developing countries with untreated clefts live in isolation and have difficulty eating, breathing and speaking. Smile Train is an organization that provides free cleft repair surgery and care to these children. They have provided safe, high-quality cleft surgery and related treatment in 85+ countries worldwide. Repair surgery can cost as little as \$250, and the impact is life-changing for patients and families. We have generously supported this organization in the past. Please bring your donations to Mass during Lent and place in the provided donation box. You can also mail your donation to St. Michael Church at PO Box 248, Suring WI, 54174



Faith Formation Classes Resume at St John

Wed., Feb. 24 **St. John, K-7th Grade**
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Sun., Feb. 28 **8th-11th Grade**
8:00 AM - After Mass

There will be a second collection at St. John this weekend is to help defray the cost of heating the church and rectory.



Cleaning Crews Needed at St. John

Our parish depends on volunteers to clean the church on a weekly basis. Due to people retiring or moving to other parishes, we no longer have adequate people to serve on our cleaning teams. If you could spare a couple hours once or twice a month to help keep our church looking nice, please contact the parish office.



Bishop's Appeal - Parish Life & Evangelization Mission Team

This team offers opportunities for people to learn and experience God on a personal level. They also support the liturgical and sacramental life of parishes. Here are a few examples of their work:

- Parish Evangelization Efforts include workshops, adult faith formation and retreats with a focus on teaching the Good News.
- Young Adult Ministry helps educate and inspire young people to grow deeper in their faith.
- The Divine Worship team provides training to liturgists and musicians.
- Parish Mission Planning helps pastoral and finance councils set priorities, plan for the future and energize parish communities.
- Multi-Cultural Ministry reaches out to our Hispanic brothers and sisters and other cultures throughout our Diocese to help them connect with the Church and grow in their faith.

Please help us reach our goal!

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Rules

Here are the Catholic Church's rules for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, that is, eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

These practices are designed for spiritual growth. Catholics are not to excuse themselves lightly from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week..... \$2170.00
Received February 13/14*see next week's bulletin*
Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$3255 of \$7953 (41%)

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week..... \$1615.00
Received February 13/14..... \$954.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$1275 of \$9462 (14%)

Visit our Web site at <http://stjohnstmichael.com>

FEBRUARY 20/21, 2021
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MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of February 22 - 28

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:30 AM † Bob Bishop

By Myrna Ethridge

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:45 AM † Earl & Eunice School

By Mike & Debbie School

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

4:00 PM † Open

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:00 AM † Open

Open Dates For Mass Intentions

Suring, Sunday: March 7, 14, 28

Wednesdays: Feb. 24, March 10, 17, 24

Chapel, Sunday: No open dates until April

St. John Parish

Tuesdays: Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Saturdays: Feb. 27, Open Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Sundays: Feb. 28, Mar. 28

Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY 2/28 7:30 AM

Ministers of the Word Nancy Swoboda

SURING

SUNDAY 2/28 8:45 AM

Ministers of the Word Debbie School
Hospitality Ministers Ron Christensen
Kris Christensen

GILLETT

SATURDAY 2/27 4:00 PM

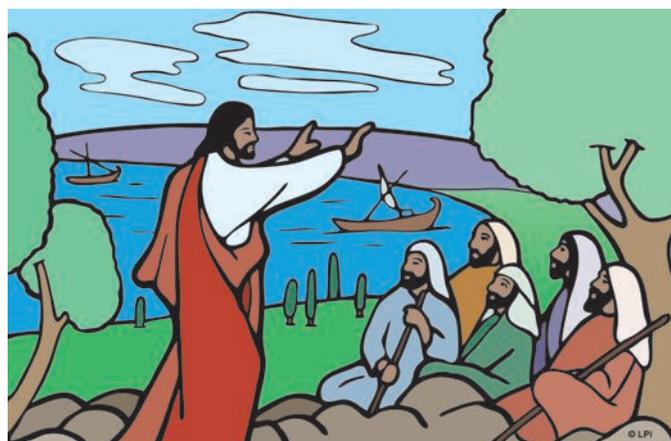
Ministers of the Word Jay Conley
Hospitality Ministers Colleen Warrichaiet
Brianna DeBauch
Ben Penkivich

SUNDAY 2/28 10:00 AM

Ministers of the Word Mary Gerbers
Hospitality Ministers Mary Clark
Louie Tenaglia



If you know of anyone who is sick and would like to have us pray for them, please call the office and we will add them to our prayers of the faithful during the weekend Masses.



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Mk 1:14-1