

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.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please have the material you wish to have placed in our bulletin to the parish office no later than Monday 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

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

Third Saturday 6:30 PM Spanish Mass - Gillett

## ST. JOHN & ST. MICHAEL OFFICE HOURS

St. John Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Michael Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## RECONCILIATION

St. John - Saturday 3:00 PM or by appointment

St. Michael - Wednesday 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.

August 21/22, 2021 | Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

# DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment. The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Submission as Stewardship.

We aren’t comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it’s a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ. What a completely uncomfortable task! What He’s asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can’t stand. The person who doesn’t respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we’re smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy. That’s the real challenge of stewardship, isn’t it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven’t done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn’t it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

## Looking Ahead

- Mon., August 23**     **Knights of Columbus Mtg.**  
7:00 PM at St. Anthony
- Tues., August 24**     **Mass - 8:30 AM** at St. John  
Followed by Rosary
- Wed., August 25**     **Mass - 8:30 AM** at St. Michael  
(reconciliation available after)  
**St. Michael Finance/Pastoral Mtg. - 5:30 PM**
- Sat., August 28**     **Finance Council Mtg.**  
7:30 AM at St. John  
**Reconciliation**  
3:00 PM at St. John
- Sun., August 29**     **Polka Mass / Social Gathering**  
10:00 AM at St. John

## Food Pantry Help Needed

The parish community of St Michael will bag groceries for the Care/Share Food Pantry at St. John Lutheran church in Gillett on Wednesday, September 15th. We need helpers from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. If you can help, please call Phil or Elaine Fischer at 920-842-2314. The Care/Share Food Pantry distributes the third Wednesday of every month.



## Help Needed at St. Michael Chapel

St. Michael is looking for help in a few areas at our chapel. We are looking for someone to play organ or guitar and lead the congregation in song beginning in September. We are also looking for new lectors. If you are interested in helping out in either of these areas, please contact the parish office at 920-842-2580. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week .....	\$2170.00
Received August 14/15 .....	\$2851.00
Seminarian Collection .....	\$1070.00

## Seminarian Collection

Thank you to those who have participated in the 16th annual Seminarian Collection. There is still time to respond to the great need we have to support our local seminarians. So far this year our parishes have raised \$1380.00. Last year we raised a total of \$2525. Let us see if we can increase our support of this important part of the mission of the Diocese of Green Bay. Make your gift by mailing in your pledge card or visit [www.catholicfoundation.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundation.org/give). Whatever you are able to give is greatly appreciated!

## Aging & Disability Resource Center Events

Caregivers Stronger Together: This caregiver support group takes place at The Caring Tree Adult Day Center in Oconto Falls the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Contact Mary Jo at 715-526-4712 or Bonnie at 920-591-0796.

Managing Stress Workshop: This workshop is designed for those who care for someone with a chronic illness. The workshop will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Oconto Library from 10:00 am – 11:30 am and on August 30<sup>th</sup> at the ADRC office in Shawano from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Contact Mary Jo for more information at 715-526-4712.

## Polka Mass and Social Gathering

Our polka Mass and social gathering is next Sunday! The event will include a 10 AM outdoor polka Mass, followed by a free meal and children's games. After more than a year of dealing with the uncertainty of a pandemic, we are hoping to welcome families back with this celebration. We will need 'helping hands' to package and distribute food, beverages, etc. There is a 'sign up' sheet in the back of church. Please add your name to the list if you can help in any way. Call the church office for more details.



## ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week .....	\$1615.00
Received August 14/15 .....	\$1454.00
Seminarian Collection .....	\$310.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of August 23 - 29

### ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

7:30 AM † Jim & Evelyn Quandt

By Family

### ST. MICHAEL - SURING

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

8:45 AM † People of the Parish

### ST. JOHN - GILLETT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**

4:00 PM † People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

10:00 AM † Edward Cisler

By Harold & Madonna Seefeldt

### Open Dates For Mass Intentions

#### St. Michael Parish

**Suring, Sunday:** Oct. 3, 10, 31

**Wednesdays:** Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22

**Chapel, Sunday:** Sept. 12, Oct. 3, 10, 31

#### St. John Parish

**Tuesdays:** Aug. 23, 31, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

**Saturdays:** Sept. 11, 18, 25

**Sundays:** Aug. 29 Sept. 12, 19, 26

*Suggested stipend fee is \$10 per Mass.*



*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69*

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## MINISTERS OF THE MASS

### CHUTE POND

**SUNDAY**

**8/29**

**7:30 AM**

Ministers of the Word

Deb Smith

### SURING

**SUNDAY**

**8/29**

**8:45 AM**

Ministers of the Word

Mike Rupiper

Hospitality Ministers

Steve School

Sheelagh School

### GILLETT

**SATURDAY**

**8/28**

**4:00 PM**

Ministers of the Word

Dorothy Sorensen

Hospitality Ministers

Colleen Warrichaiet

Barb Makoski

**SUNDAY**

**8/29**

**10:00 AM**

Ministers of the Word

Cliff Gerbers

Hospitality Ministers

Jack Arneson

## Readings for the Week

### August 22, 2021

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/ Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-2