

Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



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FACEBOOK St. John and St. Michael Catholic Church

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 (Masses have resumed with limited capacity.)

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

WOODLAND VILLAGE MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday *No Masses until further notice*

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 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.

January 16/17, 2021 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

A Short Sunday Reflection from the Pastor

The two disciples in today's gospel ask a simple, straight-forward question: 'Teacher, where are you staying?' In answer to this question, Jesus says, "Come and see." In today's Gospel we are told that, as John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, he recognized him immediately and announced, 'Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.' Then John the Baptist points to Jesus as the lamb of God and withdraws humbly before the One whose coming he is proclaiming.

We note that the first invitation of Jesus is not an assertion, but a question 'What do you seek'? To approach, one must be open; one must not be shut within a closed system. 'Come and see'. Jesus' words tell us that the first condition for the beginning or the growth of faith is to be searching. Faith is first catechumenal. It is a search, a question. 'Where do you stay?' or 'Who are you, Lord'? The great philosopher Descartes said that doubt is the essential condition for the progress of science. Similarly, a certain questioning is the essential condition for the growth of faith. We come to God with questions. God gives us invitations. The questions are many and can be drawn from a number of different life situations. Why do the innocent suffer? Why is our world so violent? Why is someone that I love sick? Why can't I find a job? God knows that what we really need, what our life really requires, is not information, but trust. Faith is not primarily a matter of words. Faith is allowing God to touch us in the experiences of our life's situations.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is introduced by John the Baptist as the 'Lamb of God'. What does this title of 'Lamb of God' mean? In the context of Jewish tradition, this title expresses truly the passage from the Old testament to the New; on the day of Pasch, each Jewish family sacrificed a lamb and marked the doors of their homes with its blood. The lamb then became the sign and symbol of the liberation of God's people from slavery and oppression. Jesus is the new Paschal Lamb who both sacrifices himself and is sacrificed to liberate us. And it is his Blood poured out that is the sign of our salvation. Jesus is the new Lamb which brings freedom and liberation from the oppression of evil and sin. He is the lamb of God to whom we sing before communion; he is conqueror, victorious, but covered with the blood which he poured to save us from evil.

What does it mean 'Come and see.?' It means to search, to follow and to remain. These are the three-essential attitudes of love. Am I searching for God? Am I following the tracks of God? Am I remaining with God? Jesus respects their desire and their search. Yet how respectful of their freedom in His answer, 'Come you will see'? Jesus does not requisition by force. Jesus is not a propagandist who wishes to change people by force. St. John the evangelist repeats some words again and again intentionally, to express a theological and spiritual truth. Through these repetitions he describes the process of discipleship; to search, to see, to find, to follow and to stay. When the disciples came to Jesus and ask for information saying, 'Teacher, where are you staying?', Jesus does not answer them. He says, 'Come and see.' He invites them to experience it. This is why we must be like the disciples. To be the disciple means to change one's life. It is to enter into a new adventure. It requires a totally and radically new orientation in life. Every disciple is a true follower of Jesus and also God's instrument, who carries the good news to all. The Jesus' disciple not only follows the Gospel of Jesus but also helps others to hear and accept it and practice it in their life. Do I reflect at times on the fact that I too might eventually lead someone to meeting Jesus? The vocation and mission of Jesus Christ is given to us in our life. We, too, are called to fulfill God's plan to bring salvation to all peoples in the world. May God help us to work together with Jesus to establish his Kingdom in our families, society and in the whole world. Happy Sunday! God bless you all!

Fr. Francis X. Dias

Looking Ahead

Tues., Jan. 19

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

Wed., Jan. 20

Mass - 8:30 AM at St. Michael
(reconciliation available after)
**St. Michael Finance/Pastoral
Mtg.** - 5:30 PM in the Church
Basement

Sat., Jan. 13

Reconciliation
3:00 PM at St. John

LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

Thank you

St. Michael recently received a very generous donation in memory of Michael Murphy from his family. Mike attended Mass at St. Michael church for many years. He passed away in 2011. His family expressed how much he loved this area and his “Northern Wisconsin friends.” We would like to thank Mike’s family for the donation and for remembering our parish.



Pictured above are the donations collected for the Nurse’s Nook and Rainbow House. Once again, thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree Project.

Thank you to everyone who helped take the Christmas decorations down last weekend. We appreciate your help. If anyone would like to take any of the remaining poinsettias home, please help yourself following the Masses.

Parking Lot Masses

Mass is now being streamed through the radio at St. Michael & St. John. If you would like to attend Mass but do not wish to enter church, you can tune your radio to 92.5 at St. Michael or 91.9 at St. John and listen from where you are parked. During communion a Eucharistic minister will come to the main entrance. If you would like to receive communion, please come to the entrance. We ask that you please wear your mask and social distance when you come.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week.....	\$2170.00
Received Jan. 9/10.....	\$1023.00

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

St. John is scheduled to help bag groceries at the food pantry on Wed., Jan. 20th, at St. John Lutheran Church, Gillett, from 8:00 - 11:00 AM. If you can spare some time to help out the less fortunate, please lend a hand. Contact Lyman Wocking at 855-2889 with any questions.

Bulletins & Collection Envelopes

With the ongoing pandemic keeping many people ‘home and safe’, it is sometimes difficult to stay connected. If you (or someone you know) would like to have the bulletin delivered to their home, please contact the parish office. Bulletins can be sent by mail or email. Also, collection envelope boxes will be mailed out by request. Everyone is a vital member of the parish, even in their absence. God bless!

Rummage Sale

Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U Rd, Gillett, will have hold their annual rummage sale on January 21st & 22nd (8 AM-4 PM) and January 23rd (1/2 price sale from 8 AM-Noon).

Face masks are required.

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.

St. Michael Flocknote Signup Link for Jan. 24

<https://stmichael17.flocknote.com/signup/35357>

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week.....	\$1615.00
Received January 9/10.....	\$1292.00

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of Jan. 18 - 24

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 AM † Martha DeCleene

By Theresa Devroy

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:45 AM † Open

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 PM † Open

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

10:00 AM † Marie Wrobel

By Joe & Agnes Zwijacz

Open Dates For Mass Intentions

Suring, Sunday: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays: Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10

Chapel, Sunday: No open dates until March

St. John Parish

Tuesdays: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Saturdays: Jan. 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Sundays: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8,
8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and
10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
[4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12,
13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-
9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY 1/24 7:30 AM

Ministers of the Word Ellen Brickner

SURING

SUNDAY 1/24 8:45 AM

Ministers of the Word Steve Robillard
Hospitality Ministers Phil Fischer, Jr.
Kate Mahoney

GILLETT

SATURDAY 1/23 4:00 PM

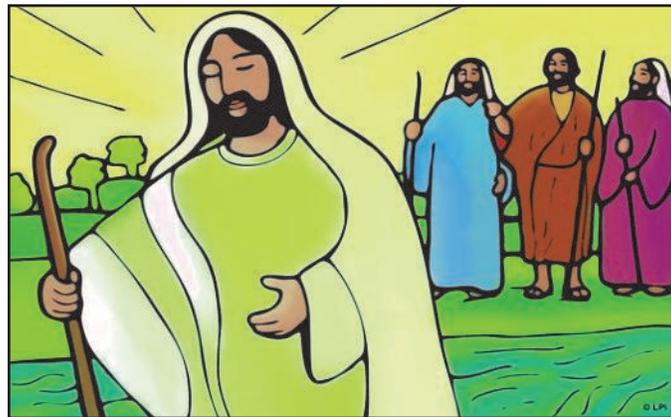
Ministers of the Word Cliff Gerbers
Hospitality Ministers Barb Makoski
Colleen Warrichaiet

SUNDAY 1/24 10:00 AM

Ministers of the Word Lyman Wocking
Hospitality Ministers Timm Family



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.



*So they went and saw where Jesus was staying,
and they stayed with him that day.
(Jn 1:39)*