

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.

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 23/24, 2021 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

A Short Sunday Reflection from the Pastor

The gospel today talks about the call of the first four apostles: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John. It is surprising to note that Jesus encounters them in their workplaces, not in a place of worship. And it is Jesus who goes out to meet and invite them. Is it possible that Jesus could be coming out to meet us too as we are immersed in our own daily toil? Secondly, Jesus' first disciples were hard-working entrepreneurs, not a bunch of poor or lazy men. We can be sure that all four of these men had dreams and expectations for their lives. Those expectations probably centered on their families and their fishing business.

This gospel tells us about Jesus Christ calling some simple men, mostly fishermen, to share the responsibility of gathering the family of God and proclaiming the good news of salvation to each other. These men whom He called were completely unprepared and did not even belong to any religious groups at that time. The gospel does this to emphasize what is essential in our lives. It wants us to realize that God is real and is calling us. It wants us to know that our lives will unfold not as we dream them but as God dreams them. The gospel, then, calls us to trust, to open our hearts and allow Christ to make his dream for us a reality. Every Sunday, we hear the gospel proclaimed. We know that it means good news. But to rediscover its full meaning and experience the psychological shock of Jesus' preaching, which shook the crowds of Galilee, we should translate it as glad tidings. This phrase has biblical roots. During the exile in Babylon the prophet announced the glad tidings of liberation, of an end to Israelites captivity.

In this backdrop we may ask, 'Is my faith the good news to me as glad tiding?' When I am surrounded by so many modern ideologies or when I am surrounded by many sufferings, pain and frustrations, do I live my Christian faith as a glad tiding? It is the liberation and salvation. In today's gospel, Jesus declares that he comes to accomplish the plan of God. The plan of God will triumph; the poor, the hungry, those who weep or oppressed, the sinners and the sick will be freed. He says, 'This is the time of fulfillment'. The final stage of God's plan begins. God wants to fill mankind with his presence. Jesus says, 'The kingdom of God is at hand'. This is the nearness of God; this kingdom of

God is hidden, but it is in our midst. This nearness of God is meant for all; each one of us may welcome Him, at every moment. How? By making a complete turn over, by a total and thorough change in ourselves, by a conversion. It is a call for a change of direction from now on and into the future. The Greek word for repent is 'metanoia', which implies a radical change in one's thinking; it means looking at life in a completely new way. It is only when we begin to make this radical change that we begin to become part of that Kingdom, that we begin effectively to come under the influence of God's power in our lives. We begin to see things the way God sees them, and our behavior changes accordingly.

Mark does not try to write the life of Jesus. Mark wants to show us how imperative and urgent is the call to conversion. One must begin to follow Jesus. Jesus is not primarily a leader of thought, but a leader of action. He demands of his disciples to follow Him and march with Him. The sign of commitment to follow Jesus is that one must leave everything. By our baptism, we have been called to discipleship of Jesus. In this regard, we have to begin with ourselves by first uncovering the many dark areas within us: our selfishness, weaknesses, hurts, inclinations to greed, power and fame. But as we continue to do so, we are also to bring Jesus to others. Let us accept Jesus' invitation and announce to others the good news of Jesus.

Happy Sunday! God loves you all!

Fr. Francis X. Dias



Bishop's Appeal

February begins the kick-off for the 2021 Bishop's Appeal campaign. The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay, which serve our parishes, Catholic schools and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.

Please check the bulletin in upcoming weeks to see what each parish's goal is this year, and learn more about how your gift helps.

LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

Thank You

Thank you so very much for the Advent/Giving Tree donations of clothing, boots, hygiene products and food to stock the Nurse's Nook Shelves at Suring Schools. Your continued support is vital to our program and we greatly appreciate all your congregation has done! We also thank you for your continued generous support of our weekend food program.

Nurse Nuala
Nurse's Nook Program

St. Michaels' Congregation,
Thank you all for your ongoing monetary support of our local food pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated. This year has been difficult for many individuals, but with your assistance, we can help those less fortunate. We are able to purchase food items which our clients choose to help feed their loved ones. Thank you all for your caring assistance.

The Christian Food Pantry

2020 Church Offertory Tax Statement

If you would still like to receive a statement of your 2020 contributions, please call; St. John's at 855-2542 or St. Michael's at 842-2580.

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 January 16/17	\$1225.00
Building & Repair.....	\$150.00

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. 31

<https://stmichael17.flocknote.com/signup/35358>

Looking Ahead

Tues., Jan. 26

Mass - 8:30 AM at St. John
Followed by Rosary
Staff Meeting
11:30 AM, Gillett

Wed., Jan. 27

Mass - 8:30 AM at St. Michael
(reconciliation available after)

Sat., Jan. 30

Reconciliation
3:00 PM at St. John

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!

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week.....	\$1615.00
Received January 16/17	\$971.00
Heat Collection.....	\$291.00

MASS INTENTIONS For the Week of January 25 - 31

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 AM † June Kingsbury

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:45 AM † George & Lila Reise
By Tammy Reise

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

4:00 PM † Open

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

10:00 AM † Nancy Naumann Lenz
By Tom Hansen

Open Dates For Mass Intentions

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

Wednesdays: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10

Chapel, Sunday: No open dates until March

St. John Parish

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

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

Sundays: Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY	1/31	7:30 AM
Ministers of the Word	Nancy Swoboda	

SURING

SUNDAY	1/31	8:45 AM
Ministers of the Word	Debbie School	
Hospitality Ministers	Ron & Kris Christensen	

GILLETT

SATURDAY	1/30	4:00 PM
Ministers of the Word	Dorothy Sorensen	
Hospitality Ministers	Ben Penkivich	
	Brianna DeBauch	

SUNDAY	1/31	10:00 AM
Ministers of the Word	Sydney Young	
Hospitality Ministers	Jamie & Alex Young	



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.

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps
117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a,
2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-
24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-
72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
[8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)