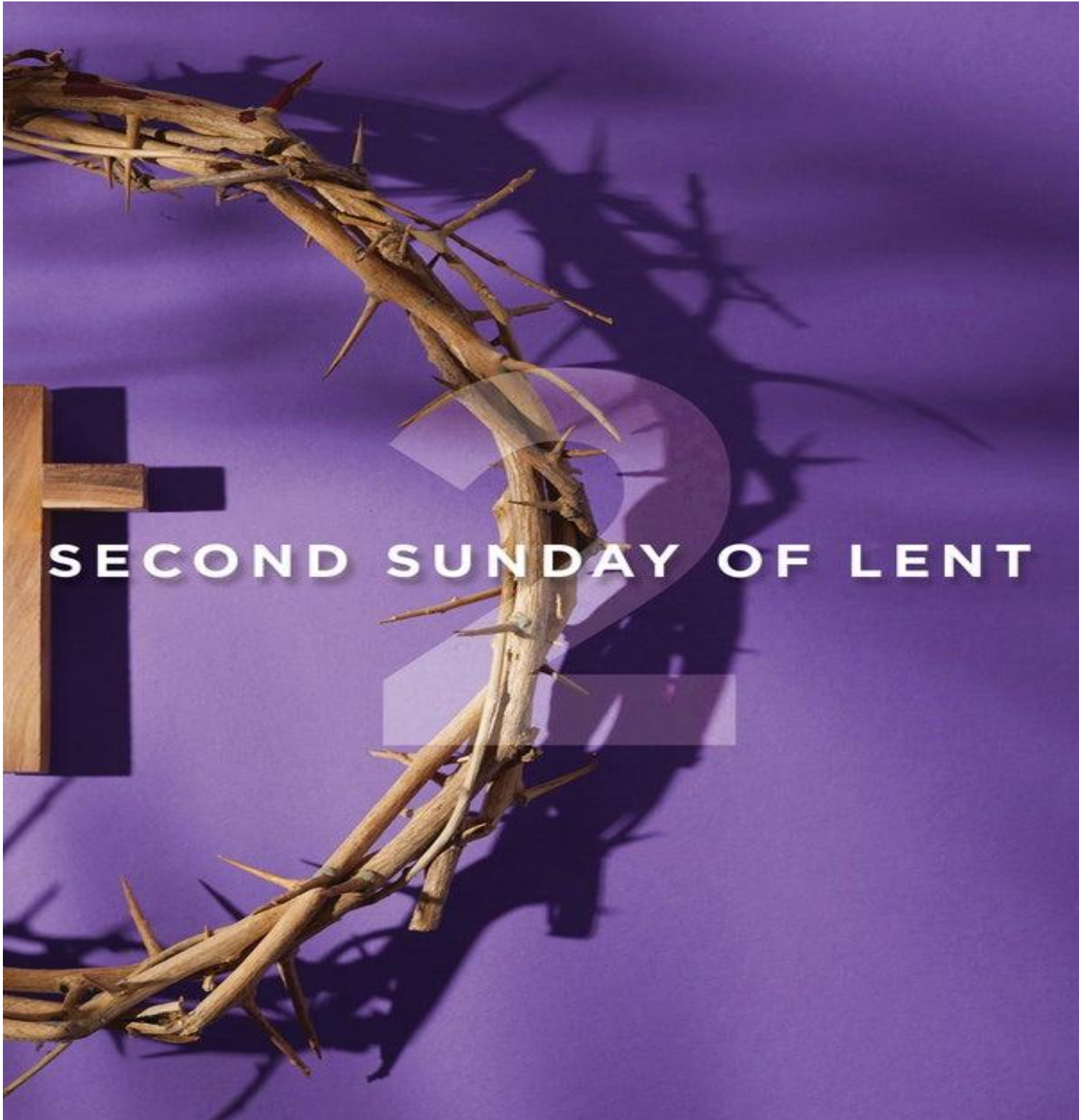


Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4/5, 2023 / Second Sunday of Lent

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of March 6 - 12

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 AM † People of the Parish

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:45 AM † Deloras & Rinehart Schendel
By Tammy Reise

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

4:00 PM † Dorothy Sorensen
By Susan & Deanna Kusck

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 AM † People of the Parish

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY	03/12	7:30 AM
Ministers of the Word	Ellen Brickner	
Ministers of Communion	Pam Duddek	

SURING

SUNDAY	03/12	8:45 AM
Ministers of the Word	Debbie School	
Ministers of Communion	Sheelagh School	
Hospitality Ministers	Steve School Sheelagh School	

GILLETT

SATURDAY	03/11	4:00 PM
Ministers of the Word	Madonna Seefeldt	
Hospitality Ministers	Barb Makoski	

SUNDAY	03/12	10:00 AM
Ministers of the Word	Lyman Wocking	
Hospitality Ministers	Mary Clark	

Second Sunday of Lent

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, immediately after the narrative of the temptation of Jesus, the Church invites us to meditate on the narrative of Jesus' transfiguration. The Gospel says Jesus took Peter, James, and John, his brother, with him and led them up a high mountain. We know that the mountain is a theological theme dear to Mathew. In this particular context, the theophany of the Sinai is renewed on the mountain of the transfiguration. A humble mountain in Galilee witnesses the glory of the humble carpenter of Nazareth. Jesus was giving them a taste of His glory to come to forearm them against the scandal of His abasement.

Again, the Gospel says, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am pleased; listen to him." This divine voice renews the revelation already made at the Baptism of Jesus; Jesus is more than a man; he is the one and Beloved son. Lord, in this privileged season of Lent, help us to really listen to you with all seriousness, as we listen to messages that we know to be important to us. Each of our Eucharists is like a refreshing stopover on the mountain with Jesus.

This experience of the transfiguration provides us with a model of discipleship—a combination of wisdom and humility: of wisdom to know what is visible, of humility to remember that there is even more that we do not understand. Parents need this model. They are charged to share their wisdom with their children. They are charged to warn their children about what they feel is harmful and to guide them to the decisions which they see as the best decisions. But, even as they exercise that wisdom for the sake of their children, parents must remember that there is a part of every child which they do not see, a part that is only now emerging. Parents must respect that part; it is the only way in which their children will grow to be the persons God wants them to be.

Jesus was changed on the mount of transfiguration. We can change through the power of God. Even though we have failed to change in the past, today is a new possibility, because today Jesus reaches out to transfigure us.

The glory revealed today should serve as the "activation energy" that motivates us to continue walking towards our final destination. The journey is not yet over, and truly, not an easy one. However, Christ is with us. He encourages and tells us, "Do not be afraid!"

Peace be with you!

Rev. Fr. Francis X. Dias

WORSHIP JESUS

Looking Ahead

Tues., March 7 **Mass & Eucharistic Adoration**
8:30 AM at St. John

Wed., March 8 **Mass - 8:30 AM** at St. Michael
Bible Study
5:30 PM in Suring
Reconciliation Service
6:00 PM at St. John

Sun., March 12 **Stations of the Cross**
Following the 8:45 Mass at St. Michael

St. Michael will host a Bible study that follows season one of *The Chosen*, the groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus. The Bible study will begin on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 PM in Suring. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 920-842-2580 or Sheelagh School at 920-344-0180. All are welcome to take part!

Bishop's Appeal - Discipleship & Parish Life Ministries

These ministries offer 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.

Multicultural 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.

In 2022, the Bishop's Appeal distributed \$1,350,613 to Discipleship and Parish Life ministries.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week.....	\$2300.00
Received February 25/26.....	\$1088.00
Heat	\$175.00
Lent Project.....	\$147.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$2550 of \$7775 (33%)	

St. John & St. Michael Lenten Project

During this Lenten season, we will again be collecting donations to support seminarians in Sri Lanka in Fr. Francis' Diocese of Batticaloa. This is a newly formed diocese committed to forming future priests—not only for their diocese, but also to serve as missionaries. Your donations will help with essential needs such as food, education, & medical care. Please bring your donations to Mass and place in the provided donation box.

Old Palms

If you have old palms you may bring them to St. Michael's church or chapel and place in the provided box located in the back.



Open Dates For Mass Intentions

St. Michael Parish

Suring, Sunday: April 2, 9, 23, 30

Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, 29

Chapel, Sunday: April 9, 16, 30

St. John Parish

Tuesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25

Saturdays: March 18, 25, April 15, 22, 29

Sundays: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Suggested stipend fee is \$10 per Mass.

Faith Formation Classes

Wed., March 8 **St. John - 6:00 PM**
Class/Reconciliation Service

Wed., March 15 **St. John**
6:00-7:15 PM

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS:

**Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour
next Sunday, March 12th.**



ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week.....	\$1615.00
Received February 18/19.....	\$1014.00
Heat.....	\$316.00
Received February 25/26.....	\$1295.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$2025 of \$8643 (23%)	