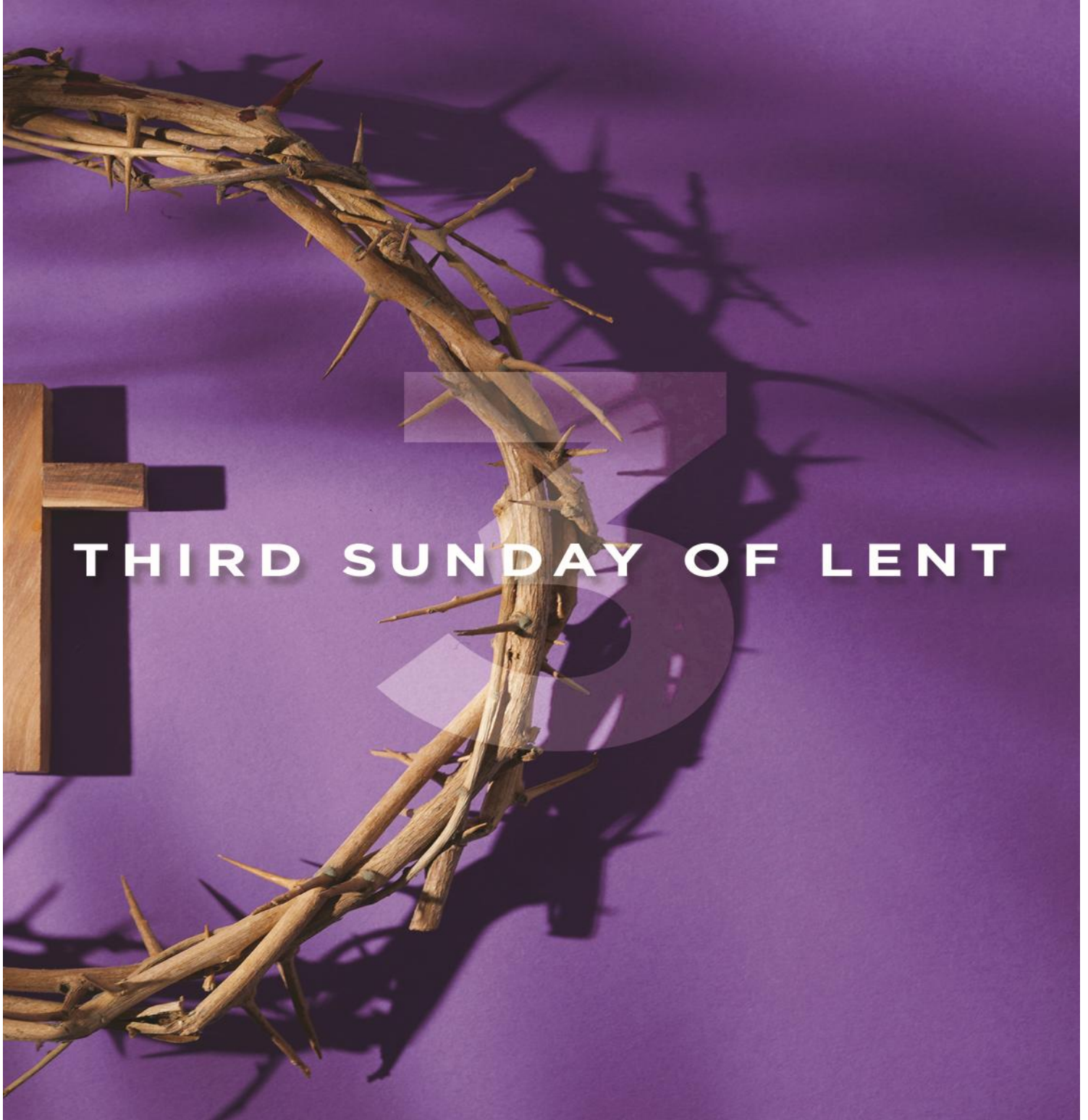


Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11/12, 2023 / Third Sunday of Lent

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of March 13 - 19

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 AM † Edward & Mildred Jagodzinski
By David Jagodzinski

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

4:00 PM † Open

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 AM † People of the Parish

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY	03/19	7:30 AM
Ministers of the Word	Steve Brickner	
Ministers of Communion	Dave Nieling	

SURING

SUNDAY	03/19	8:45 AM
Ministers of the Word	Mike Rupiper	
Ministers of Communion	Barb Truttman	
Hospitality Ministers	Phil Fischer, Jr. Peg Piepkorn	

GILLETT

SATURDAY	03/18	4:00 PM
Ministers of the Word	Jay Conley	
Hospitality Ministers	Colleen Warrichaiet	

SUNDAY	03/19	10:00 AM
Ministers of the Word	Mary Gerbers	
Hospitality Ministers	Jack Arneson	

Third Sunday of Lent

“But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14)

In today’s Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the lengthiest and most theological found in Scripture. It shows how Jesus went about awakening the woman’s spiritual desire. Thanks to the Lord, she agreed to look at herself in the light of the truth. I believe, in our spiritual lives, God educates and guides us so that we seek Him—not outside of our self—but inside our self. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has two levels. The first is personal: the woman is converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second level is social: having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

All spiritual paths are ways of interiorization which lead us into the depths of our being: in truth, it is there that we meet God and, at the same time, find ourselves in truth and in spirit. The depth of our heart is therefore both the place of our greatest intimacy, the sanctuary of our conscience, but also the space where God dwells. So, the closer I am to God in me, the more I can truly become myself. The invitation this Lent is for us to encounter God in such a way that we encounter our true selves as well.

It is an invitation to look deep into ourselves, into our lives, and as it is Lent, to make a spiritual journey, or to walk a spiritual path, towards God. This story is educational; Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God’s mercy is without limit. But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman’s questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth, and spirit will become the way to worship.

Step by step, John made us go down into the deep well that is the mysterious person of Jesus—a poor stranger tired and burning with thirst, a Jew who knows the one whom he worships, a prophet who reads the hearts and guesses our hidden cares, the expected Messiah who makes the living water of eternal life spring forth and teaches men what their real thirst is to adore the Father in spirit and in truth. He is the Savior of the world. As long as the world does not discover this spring that is Jesus, whose food is to do the will of the Father, it is dying of hunger and thirst.

Peace be with you!

Rev. Fr. Francis X. Dias

WORSHIP JESUS

Looking Ahead

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

Tues., March 14 **Mass - 8:30 AM** at St. John

Wed., March 15 **Mass - 8:30 AM** at St. Michael
Bible Study
5:30 PM in Suring

World's Poor Collection - March 18/19

There will be a special collection next weekend at St. Michael and St. John for the World's Poor. You may contribute to any one or all of the following funds: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief Services, Peter's Pence and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.
Envelopes for this collection can be found at the entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Patrick's Day Decree

Bishop Ricken has granted to all Catholics of the Diocese of Green Bay a dispensation from abstinence from meat on the Feast of St. Patrick this year. If you choose to make use of this dispensation, Bishop asks that you engage in another sacrificial, penitential, spiritual, or charitable act that day.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Breed Community Center, 11155 Hwy 32
Thursday, March 23 - 1:00 to 6:00 PM
For an appointment, call 1-800 733-2767 or visit red-crossblood.org.
Give blood. Help save lives.

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.



Bishop's Appeal - The Compass

The Compass is an award-winning weekly newspaper that breaks open the Catholic faith through articles, columns, news and spiritual reading. *The Compass* educates and informs Catholic families and individuals both in print and on its website. In 2022, the Bishop's Appeal distributed \$100,000 to *The Compass* to support its ministry.

Open Dates For Mass Intentions

St. Michael Parish

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

Wednesdays: March 15, 22, 29

Chapel, Sunday: April 9, 16, 30

St. John Parish

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

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

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

Suggested stipend fee is \$10 per Mass.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS:

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



Faith Formation Classes

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

Wed., March 22 **St. John**
6:00-7:15 PM

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week \$2300.00
Received March 4/5 \$1408.00
Lent Project Total thru 3/5 \$317.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$8746 of \$7775 (112%)

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week \$1615.00
Received March 4/5 \$1074.00
Lent Project Total to Date \$645.00
Flowers \$30.00
Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$2725 of \$8643 (32%)