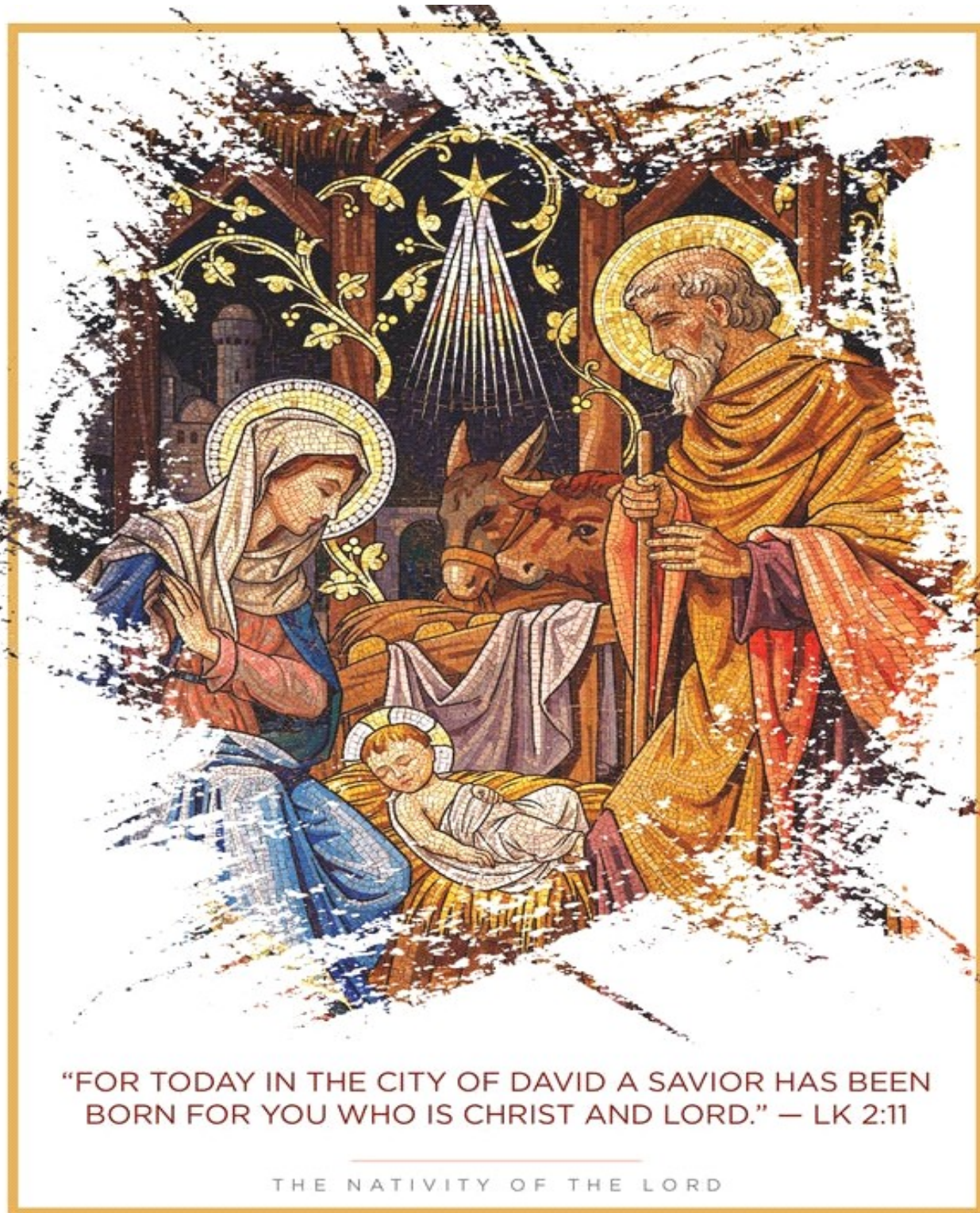


Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



December 23/24/25, 2023 / The Nativity of the Lord

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah. 9:2).

Dear parishioners and friends of St. John and St. Michael,

Peace to you all in this Christmas season.

Once again, I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. May we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world because each of us has been entrusted with a special gift, a sacred responsibility to show others how the mystery of God is among us. All the readings for Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery of the Incarnation. God not only author and sustains life, He chooses to become one of us. Whatever the circumstances of our life right now, it may be grief or joy, struggles or doubt, love or betrayal, Jesus has lived it himself in his life. We should allow Him to enter into our lives. God will fill us with His peace if there is room for Him in our lives. Let the joy of Christmas penetrate our hearts and souls so we may change our lives to become peacemakers, love others as we love ourselves, and love God above all things.

With gratitude for all you have been and done for our parishes, I hold you in my heart and my prayers this Christmas season and always, asking God to bless you and your family with peace, joy, hope, and love.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families, and your loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus, and our Mother always watch over you and our territories.

Thank you for your excellent support, services, and prayers.

I wish you all a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Francis X. Dias

Parish Administrator



“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” (Lk 1:31)

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY	12/31	7:30 AM
Ministers of the Word	Steve Brickner	
Ministers of Communion	Steve Brickner	

SURING

SUNDAY	12/31	8:45 AM
Ministers of the Word	Mike Rupiper	
Ministers of Communion	Sheelagh School	
Hospitality Ministers	Steve School Sheelagh School	

GILLETT

SATURDAY	12/30	4:00 PM
Ministers of the Word	Madonna Seefeldt	
Hospitality Minister	Ben Penkivich	

SUNDAY	12/31	10:15 AM
Ministers of the Word	Mary Gerbers	
Hospitality Ministers	Emily & Mia Soper	

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of Dec. 26 - 31

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 AM † Open

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:45 AM † 8:45 AM † Eleanor Pramuk
By Betty Berg

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 PM † Open

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:15 AM † People of the Parish

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

St. Michael’s Chapel is looking for more individuals to serve as Eucharistic ministers. We are more than willing to work around your schedule. If you think you may be interested, please call the parish office.

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

WORSHIP JESUS

Christmas Flower Donations

Thank-you to everyone who donated towards Christmas flowers. Donations were made in memory or honor of:



St. John - Bob & Betty Young, Dale Kasten, Ken & Katherine Kasten, Herb & Lauriane Mickle, Mike Soper, Ray Van Dettei, The Zwijacz and Wrobel Families, Roger & Margaret Miller, Shari & Monica Miller, Robert & Laverne Weckler, Styczynski Family, Timm Family, Kurzawa Family, Bill Steffen, Dennis Rank, Catherine & Oscar Sorensen, Dorothy Sorensen, Jim Sorensen, Jeremiah Pocket, Harvey & Rosalie Bahrke, Mary Langhoff, Brad Gerbers, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gerbers, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Leininger, Edward & Lucille Cisler, Julias & Linda Seefeldt, the parents of Owen & Jean Vanden Heuvel

St. Michael - Earl & Eunice School, Ed & Gloria Coffey, Elmer & Kate School, Ervin School, Sue Schnell, Eugene & Joyce School, Don & Joyce Randerson, Felix & Elaine Zalewski, Hank & Gladys Lompa, Maria Klein, Mayernik Family, Ernest & Mable Schulz, Ray & Mary Jane Gerndt, Don and Joy Dropp, Fran & Wally Verhagen, Terry Schulz, Mary Lou Lubenske, Genevieve Lubenske, Roland Lubenske, Nancy Dury, Harry & Ivy Smith, Sally & Delbert Giese, Harvey Smith, Alice & Jim Flynn, Bill Flynn, Ken, Florence, Tom, & Rick Van Hoof, Bernard & Helen McCarthy, John McCarthy, David Reise, George & Lila Reise Family, Bernard & Anna Fiebig Family, George & Elizabeth Druschke Family, John & Whilmina Fiebig Family, Floyd Arrowood, Frank Warmbrunn, Ava & Pete Dunlavy, Terry, Ken & Don Dunlavy, Ava & Nels Christensen, John & Martha Warmbrunn



St. John Faith Formation students presented their Christmas program at Mass, to the delight of all!



Looking Ahead

Sun., Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 PM at St. John

6:00 PM at St. Michael

Mon., Dec. 25

Christmas Day Mass

8:00 AM at St. Michael Chapel

10:15 AM at St. John

Tue., Dec. 26

No Mass

Wed., Dec. 27

No Mass

Sat., Jan. 13

Ruby's Pantry

7:30 - 9:30 AM Gillett HS

IRS Reminder

Please keep in mind that 2023 contributions must be received or postmarked by Sunday, December 31, 2023 to qualify as a charitable donation for this year.

Thank you to everyone who joined in decorating our worship sites for Christmas. Your help was greatly appreciated! A special thank you to Howard Kozicki for donating the Christmas trees at St. Michael and for the Mahoney family for setting them up. We hope you all enjoy the beauty of the Christmas season.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week	\$2300.00
Received December 9/10	\$1499.00
Received December 16/17 ..	<i>See next week's bulletin</i>
Flowers.....	\$70.00
Retirement.....	\$964.00

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week.....	\$1615.00
Received December 9/10.....	\$1925.00
Received December 15/16....	<i>See next week's bulletin</i>
Flowers	\$20.00
Retirement Collection.....	\$995.00

Visit our Website at <http://stjohnstmichael.com>

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