Father Michael Kuisle was born on June 25, 1916 in Rochester, Minnesota. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Winona on June 2, 1940. Fr. Kuisle served at the following parishes throughout his tenure:

1940 – 1943 - Saint Mary’s - Winona, MN
June 9, 1943 - Saint Francis, Rochester, MN
June 26, 1947 - Saint Joseph, Rushford, MN; also St. Mary’s, Houston and St. Patrick, Ridgeway, MN
July 15, 1954 - Saint Francis de Sales, Claremont, MN and West Concord, MN
July 26, 1956 - Saint Peter’s Church, Hokah, MN
July 28, 1965 - Church of the Crucifixion, La Crescent, MN
August 13, 1970 - Saint Bernard’s Church, Stewartville, MN
September, 1971 - Voluntary resignation

Fr. Kuisle died on December 21, 1971. It was reported to the Diocese in 1994 that Fr. Kuisle had sexually abused a female student in 1965 to 1967. A second allegation was made against Fr. Kuisle in 1999 by a former female high school student that he had sexually abused her from 1961 to 1965.