

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.

## 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

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
Third Saturday	6:30 PM Spanish Mass - Gillett

## ST. JOHN & ST. MICHAEL OFFICE HOURS

St. John Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 12:00 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.

August 7/8, 2021 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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## Looking Ahead

<b>Tues., August 10</b>	<b>Mass</b> - 8:30 AM at St. John Followed by Rosary
<b>Wed., August 11</b>	<b>Mass</b> - 8:30 AM at St. Michael (reconciliation available after)
<b>Sat., August 14</b>	<b>Ruby's Pantry</b> 7:30 - 9:30 AM Gillett HS <b>Reconciliation</b> 3:00 PM at St. John

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better. I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# LIVING LIVES OF MERCY

## Hope for the Future, Help them Today

A spiritual family needs spiritual fathers. That is why the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminarian Collection: *Hope for the Future, Help them Today* is so important. By now you most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting our local seminarians. Please return your generous contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail. A gift of \$15, \$150, \$500 or more will help our seminarians move forward in their work of becoming missionary disciples. Every gift makes a difference. Our seminarians are our *Hope for the Future, Let us Help them Today!* As a Diocese, we anticipate costs of \$1,000,000 this year for tuition, room and board, health insurance, support of the Office of Vocations and the work of Fr. Mark Mleziva and Fr. Adam Bradley. Friends and followers of Jesus support one another! To make your gift today, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).

## Lectors Needed!

St. Michael is looking for new lectors and communion distributors at the Chapel. If you would like to help fill these ministries, please call the parish office at 920-842-2580. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

## Musician Needed!

St. Michael is still looking for a musician. We would like to hire someone to play the organ, or perhaps guitar, and lead the congregation in song at the Chapel starting in September. If interested, or you would like more information, please contact the parish office at 920-842-2580.



## ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week ..... \$2170.00  
 Received July 31/Aug. 1 ..... See next week's bulletin

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

## Polka Mass and Social Gathering

St. John will be holding a polka Mass and social gathering (in lieu of our Fall Festival) on August 29th. The event will include a 10 AM outdoor polka Mass at church, followed by a free meal and children's games. After more than a year of dealing with the uncertainty of a pandemic, we are hoping to welcome families back with this celebration. We will need 'helping hands' to package and distribute food, beverages, etc. There is a 'sign up' sheet in the back of church. Please add your name to the list if you can help in any way. Call the church office for more details.



## Obligation to attend Sunday Mass Reinstated August 14/15

"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." These are the words of John 3:16, and they are what we should all be reminded of each time we have the opportunity to participate in the Sunday Mass. Many see the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as a burden, placed on us to instill a fear of the Lord; rather than an opportunity of genuine encounter where we sit at the foot of the Master to learn to love, and become true friends of Christ and share that friendship with others. Please take a minute to read Bishop Ricken's column in the July 30 edition of The Compass and watch an accompanying video to learn more. Visit the diocesan website at [www.gbdioc.org/BacktoMass](http://www.gbdioc.org/BacktoMass) for these resources on the Sunday Mass.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week ..... \$1615.00  
 Received July 31/Aug. 1 ..... \$1151.00  
 Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$7435 of \$9462 (79%)

## MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of August 9 - 15

### ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 AM † People of the Parish

### ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:45 AM † Open

### ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

4:00 PM † Karen Linck

By Ken & Karen Kuhfuss

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 AM † Ramon Reyes

By Family

### Open Dates For Mass Intentions

#### St. Michael Parish

**Suring, Sunday:** Aug. 15, Sept. 5

**Wednesdays:** Aug. 11, 18, 25

**Chapel, Sunday:** Sept. 12

#### St. John Parish

**Tuesdays:** Aug. 10, 17, 23, 31

**Saturdays:** Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28

**Sundays:** Aug. 22, 29

*Suggested stipend fee is \$10 per Mass.*



*"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50*

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## MINISTERS OF THE MASS

### CHUTE POND

SUNDAY

8/15

7:30 AM

Ministers of the Word

Nancy Swoboda

### SURING

SUNDAY

8/15

8:45 AM

Ministers of the Word

Debbie School

Hospitality Ministers

Edie Schmidt

Floyd Schmidt

### GILLETT

SATURDAY

8/14

4:00 PM

Ministers of the Word

Jay Conley

Hospitality Ministers

Colleen Warrichaiet

Brianna DeBauch

SUNDAY

8/15

10:00 AM

Ministers of the Word

Cliff Gerbers

Hospitality Ministers

## Readings for the Week

August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56