

Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7/8, 2026 / Third Sunday of Lent

DISIPLES ON THE WAY

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of March 8 - 15

ST. MICHAEL - CHUTE POND

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 AM † Open

ST. MICHAEL - SURING

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

8:45 AM † Open

ST. JOHN - GILLETT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:00 PM † Mildred Dolata

By Tom & Molly Hansen

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

10:15 AM † Kyler Cook

By Harold & Madonna Seefeldt

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

CHUTE POND

SUNDAY

3/15

7:30 AM

Ministers of the Word

Deb Smith

Ministers of Communion

Pam Duddek

SURING

SUNDAY

3/15

8:45 AM

Ministers of the Word

Steve Robillard

Ministers of Communion

Floyd Schmidt

Hospitality Ministers

Floyd & Edie Schmidt

GILLETT

SATURDAY

3/14

4:00 PM

Ministers of the Word

Jay Conley

Hospitality Minister

Ben Penkivich

SUNDAY

3/15

10:15 AM

Ministers of the Word

Hope Soper

Hospitality Ministers

LENTEN 2026 MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV

Excerpts: LISTENING & FASTING

Dear brothers and sisters:

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life...

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone...

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today, He shares with us what is in His heart. Because of this, listening to the word of the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as He does.

We must recognize that “the condition of the poor is a cry that throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems and not least, the Church.” If Lent is a time for listening, fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely, because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we “hunger” for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our “appetites” keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor. In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding rash words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace...

Let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us. Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others...

I impart my heartfelt blessing upon all of you and your Lenten journey.

LEO PP. XIV

SHARE JESUS

Looking Ahead

Tue., Mar. 10 **Mass - 8:30 AM at St. John**
Wed., Mar. 11 **Mass - 8:30 AM at St. Michael**
 Soup & Scriptures - Noon
 St. John's Catholic Church, Gillett
Fri., Mar. 13 **Mass - 8:30 AM at St. Michael**
 Reconciliation - 5 PM - St. John
Sat., Mar. 14 **Reconciliation - 8:30 AM at St.**
 Michael

Dear St. John Catholic Congregation,
 Thank you for your donation to the Gillett FFA's chapter's annual Holiday Dinner! This even is one of our favorite ways to give back to the community, and it is through generous sponsors like you that we are able to make this possible. We were able to host over 45 community members this year, providing them with a meal, door prize, and space to connect with others this holiday season.
 Thank you again! Sincerely, the Gillett FFA Chapter

World's Poor Collection - March 14/15

There will be a diocesan collection next weekend at St. Michael and St. John for the World's Poor.
Envelopes for this collection can be found at the entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Lenten Project

During Lent we are collecting donations to support the efforts of the Diocese of Sivagangai in India to provide school children access to clean drinking water, as well as proper sanitation facilities. The aim of the diocese is to provide safe water and sanitation with the focus on safeguarding the health of young children. A gift of \$1000 will provide one well. Please bring your gift to Mass and place in the area provided for donations.

Congratulations to St. John Faith Formation students who received First Reconciliation on February 25th.

- * Scarlett Arneson
- * Gracelyn Koontz
- * Cameron Koontz
- * Caroline Montie-Perdue
- * Zylar Nelson

Easter Flower Donations

Flower donations can be made by putting the name of the person in whose memory the donation is given on an envelope and placing it in the collection basket, or mailing it to the parish office.



Old Palms

If you have old palms please 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

Wednesdays: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Fridays: Mar. 13, 27, April 10, 24

Suring Sundays: Mar. 15, 29, April 5, 19

Chapel Sundays: Mar. 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19

St. John Parish

Tuesdays: Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28

Fridays: Mar. 20, Apr. 3, 17

Saturdays: Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 25

Sundays: Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26

Suggested stipend fee is currently \$20 per Mass.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week..... \$2579.00

Received Feb. 28/Mar. 1..... *See next week's bulletin*

Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$3315 of \$10253 (32%)

Faith Formation Classes

Wed., March 11 **Class - St. Michael, 5:00 PM**

Class - St. John

6:00 - 7:15 PM

Wed., March 18

Class - St. Michael

First Communion Only - 5:00 PM

ST. JOHN PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Each Week..... \$1615.00

Received Feb. 21/22

Envelopes \$1507.00

Loose \$185.00

Heat..... \$75.00

Flowers \$50.00

Received Feb. 28/Mar. 1

Envelopes \$1344.00

Loose \$320.00

Lenten Collection \$1084.00

Bishop's Appeal to Date: \$3290 of \$8180 (40%)