

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of April 27 & 28, 2024

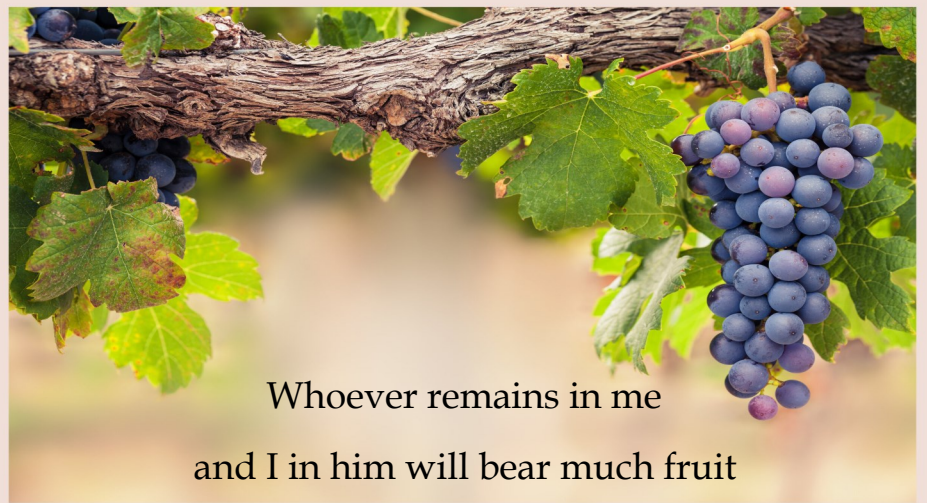
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## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Whoever remains in me  
and I in him will bear much fruit

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### **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays**  
**Tues-Fri 8am**

**Weekends**  
**Saturday 5pm**  
**Sunday 10am**



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### **Confessions:**

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

**Temp Office hours: Tues & Thurs**  
**1-4pm**

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

*John 15:1-8*

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

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*Collections April 20 & 21, 2024*  
\$3,760.00

*Next Week's Second Collection is for  
St. Michael Church*

# Mass for the Intentions Week

*Sat, April 27 For the People*

*Sun, April 28 +Danny Williams, Sr.*

*Tues, April 30 +Lola Broussard Derouen*

*Wed, May 1 +Arny Gollott, Jr.*

*Thurs, May 2 +Marie Hoang and*

*+Francis Sauvier Nguyen*

*Fri, May 3 Joshua, Danielle, and Rileigh Trussell*

## UPCOMING Events

### *In Our Parish*

**May 6th:** Altar Society Meeting, 6PM, Church Conference Room

**May 12:** May Crowning 10am Mass

**June 10-14:** Vacation Bible School

**June 15:** Children's Boat Building Workshop

**July 7:** Blessing of the Fleet, 11am-5pm, Great Lawn

### *In Our Diocese*

**First Saturday Devotions-Adoration, Rosary Meditation and Confessions**, first Saturday of each month, St. Mary Church, Woolmarket 9:45am followed by Mass at 11am. All are welcome.

**April 29-June 2-**Another event happening in the Diocese of Biloxi in preparation for the upcoming Eucharistic Revival. We are organizing a "33 Days Eucharistic Consecration Challenge" based on the book "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." to start on April 29th to June 2nd. Participants will receive a copy of the book along with a wellness planner and journal to embark on a journey towards holistic well-being of body, mind, and soul. For more information, please visit [mercyrunsonlove.com](http://mercyrunsonlove.com)

**May 20-Father Tony Arguelles invites St. Michael Parishioners to his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination Mass** at 6pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. Father was ordained at St. Michael May 18th, 1974 and received all of his sacraments here. He also attended St. Michael School. There will be a reception following the Mass at the Sacred Heart Center behind the Cathedral. He hopes you can join



## Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike Stewart

Okay, I know I'm not alone on this; I'm certain of it. I tend to eat when I'm not hungry, and drink when I'm not thirsty. Which means what? Which means that I rarely allow myself to get hungry or thirsty. At the risk of sounding like a spiritual prude, isn't that what we might call a sin of abundance? How will I ever know what my heart is hungering for - what perhaps only God can satisfy me - if I never allow myself to experience hunger? How can I enter into communion with what much of the world experiences on a physical level every day?

I was cutting the grass this week, and as usual, rushing to fit it in between appointments. I suddenly became very aware of how thirsty I was; my throat dry and parched, and I marveled at how the feeling was so 'foreign' to me. In that moment, I recalled having spent a short time working in a mission in Central America, and how I came away from that experience forever grateful for the gift of clean water, something I know I take for granted so often.

In John's Gospel story of the crucifixion of Jesus, he speaks only a few words from the cross. In the midst of my thirsty lawn cutting, I was drawn to two of those powerful words of Jesus, "*I thirst.*" So powerful were those two little words of Jesus that they became mantra for the life of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She knew what it meant to stand in that gap of thirst through the darkness of faith she experienced in her own life, and through serving the poorest of the poor throughout the world. So empowering were those words to her, that they became a visible theme in the chapel of every Missionaries of Charity house throughout the world, encouraging her sisters as they too stood in that gap in the service of others.

In our culture, many of us are blessed to have the option to satisfy both our wants and our needs. But do we do so at the expense of others in need all around us; even right here in our own midst? Do we serve ourselves first before noticing the hunger of the world in which we live? Are we in the habit of regularly satisfying our wants without ever examining what it is we most hunger for in this life? What is missing in your life that would lead you to wholeness?

Mother Teresa once said, "*The hunger for love is*

*much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.*" So what about you? What do you most hunger and thirst for? Let's pray about that.

*They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them.* Revelation 7:16

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**July 17–21-10th National Eucharistic Congress.** Exciting news, our Biloxi Diocese can now offer packages to people who are interested in providing their own transportation to the event. The special package includes tickets for the event and hotel rooms. For those interested, the prices are \$975 for double occupancy/per person and \$845 for 3 or 4 persons in a room/per person. That is the good news! The bad news, we only have 50 tickets remaining. So if you are interested in attending this historic event, please use the link provided [caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour](http://caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour), to and choose option 2. You may also call Paula at (228) 697-7814. This is a pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. We are expecting tens of thousands of pilgrims—but space is limited. Jesus Christ will be there. Will you?

## *Knights of Columbus*

**Speck & Snapper Give Away**-tickets go in sale this weekend \$10 each or 11 for \$100 for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod/Reel combos. One for inshore and one for offshore fishing adventures. Drawing May 26th, see a Knight for tickets.

## *Religious Education*

**Stella Maris Explorers** Homeschool group meets most Thursday mornings in the Family Life Center. Call/text Ashley Rodriguez at 410.693.8825 for more information.

**VBS** Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the FLC beforehand and to assist the groups during the VBS program. Please speak with Cherie Prentiss 228.365.4017 (call/text) to volunteer.



*Save the date!*

**VBS 2024**

June 10-14  
9am-noon

at St. Michael  
Catholic Church

Registration will begin in May

*diving into friendship with god*

*totally catholic*

*In Loving Memory  
of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,  
Ryan & Aken Families*



*In Memory of Kathy Theriot  
11/27/45-12/28/20  
We love you a bushel and a  
peck and a hug around the  
neck. You are forever in our  
hearts.  
Love, Bubba and your family*



In Loving Memory of  
**Berniece Louise Garner**  
Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022  
Truly an example of Amazing  
Grace.



*In loving memory of  
Nicolas & Loyce Hire  
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021  
Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022  
Together in Heaven*

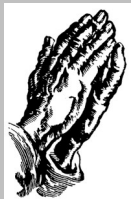


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Please call and leave a message if you need anything

*Always in our hearts*

*Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen,  
Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard,  
Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise Boudreaux Broussard  
& Cyrus A. Broussard*



Prayer for Spring

Dear God: Spring is a metaphor  
for change. Some changes we ea-  
gerly await, and some we abhor.

Some changes we plan and others arrive un-  
invited. To all these changes we ask the gift  
of Your perspective beckoning us to expecta-  
tion, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders  
that You are at work renewing the earth. As  
a God of renewal, You are ever at work in  
our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed  
changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken  
us to new life and perspective, for we pray in  
Jesus' name. Amen.



**Never Far From our  
Thoughts**  
**Lola Broussard Kopszywa  
Derouen**  
**10/19/26-4/30/04**



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