



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



*Always in our hearts*  
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**Established 1917**

If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of “Welcome!” to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!




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and  
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Congratulations Pete & Harriet Aufdemorte  
on your **71st Wedding Anniversary**, July 22, 2026!  
We joyfully celebrate this sacred union and pray  
that God continues to bless you with good health,  
peace, and love!

Remember in Prayer  
the  
Misko & Skrimetta  
Families



Happy 83rd Birthday,  
Ronald Baker, Sr.!!!  
July 29

Shirley Aufdemorte Roberts  
Happy 89th Birthday!  
May the Lord continue to  
bless you with  
Peace, Joy, and good health.

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# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of August 15 & 16, 2026

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The main image shows the exterior of St. Michael Catholic Church, a modern building with a large, white, scalloped dome and a central cross. The church is surrounded by a green lawn and trees. Below the main image are three smaller images showing the interior of the church during a service. The left image shows a priest at the altar, the middle image shows a wide view of the sanctuary with many people seated in pews, and the right image shows a closer view of the pews and the altar area. The interior features tall, narrow stained glass windows and a high ceiling.



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Weekdays  
Tuesday - Friday 8 am

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| MASS INTENTIONS                            |
|--------------------------------------------|
| Sat, Aug 15.....+Katie Lynn Pizzetta       |
| Sun, Aug 16.....For the people             |
| Tue, Aug 18.....+Ursula Skrmetti           |
| Wed, Aug 19.....Special Intention          |
| Thu, Aug 20.....+George & +Delores Sonnier |
| Fri, Aug 21.....Special Intention          |

IN OUR PARISH

**OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** will begin meetings Sep 22. Registration forms and class schedules can be picked up in the vestibule.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16992:** See a member for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod and Reel Combos. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of \$11 for \$100. Proceeds support St. Michael’s SVDP. The drawing will be held, Sun, August 30.

**2026 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS; CALLING ALL ARTISTS**

The 2026 Christmas ornament contest has begun! Registration forms containing all the details are on the table in the vestibule.

IN OUR DIOCESE

**THE ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 years (or any anniversary above 60) of marriage are welcome to attend.

Our online registration form is available below to fill out. You can also download and print the paper version to turn in, located under parish toolkit.

The deadline for registration is September 10, 2026. You can return the form by mail to my attention at the above address or e-mail it to me at [jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org).

**CATHOLIC RECOVERY PROGRAM** An organizational meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton church in Ocean Springs on Monday, August 3 at 6 pm about starting a Catholic in Recovery program to start in the fall. This is a Catholic program for people recovering from any kind of addiction. Please attend if you are interested in this program or are in recovery or are a family member of someone with an addiction. For more information, contact Lois Ravera at 228-324-3304.

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Aug 8 & 9.....\$6494.25

Aug 15 & 16.....St. Vincent de Paul

| MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK                                             |
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| <b>Mon Aug 17</b> EZ 24:15-23, Dt 32:18-21, Mt 19:16-22                |
| <b>Tue Aug 18</b> Ez 28:1-10, Dt 23:26-28, 30, 35c-26b,    Mt 19:23-30 |
| <b>Wed Aug 19</b> Ez 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16                               |
| <b>Thu Aug 20</b> Ez 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14, Sir 15:1-6,    Jn 17:20-26  |
| <b>Fri Aug 21</b> Ez 37:1-14, M5 22:34-40                              |

**MINISTRIES:** God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email [stmichaelccbiloqi@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelccbiloqi@gmail.com)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** The SVDP would like to thank the VBS Children who made generous donations to our Food Pantry throughout the week! :)

**CARD MINISTRY** Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

**STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS** homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website ([StellaMarisExplorers.com](http://StellaMarisExplorers.com)).

**OCIA** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council Father Herbert Mullin # 16992 held a membership drive, and we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find the Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to [kojc.org/joinus](http://kojc.org/joinus), complete the information about you and enter 16992 in the box asking you about the local council number or contact Jimmy Smith (Grand Knight) at 228- 366-3000 for information.

Lord, You welcome all who seek You with faith. Help us to trust in Your mercy and never give up in prayer. Teach us to open our hearts to others, just as You do. Strengthen our faith so that we may follow You with confidence. Thank You for Your love that never fails. Amen.

THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF BELOVED MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 16, 2026

First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:10-12,16

The queen takes her place next to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics in the United States. January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. Mary responds to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. Mary's Magnificat, in particular, echoes the song of praise offered by Hannah, the mother of Samuel.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's Assumption into heaven is best understood with regard for the full spectrum of Catholic beliefs about the person of Christ and the person of Mary. Only Mary, who was born without stain of original sin—the Immaculate Conception—could give birth to Christ, who is fully God and fully human. This is called the Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's role in God's plan of salvation, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of the redemption that her son has won for all of humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all.

Today's Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

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A SIGN OF HOPE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a key belief for Catholics. It teaches that Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. This means she did not go through decay like others. Instead, God brought her directly to heaven.

This event is celebrated every year on August 15th. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics in the United States. On this day, Catholics honor Mary’s role in Jesus’ life and her example of faith.

Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption as official Church teaching in 1950. This belief is called a dogma, meaning it is a core part of Catholic faith. Though the Bible does not mention the Assumption, it is based on long-standing Church tradition.

The Assumption of Mary is a sign of hope for all believers. It reminds them of the promise of eternal life with God. By reflecting on Mary’s Assumption, Catholics are encouraged to live faithful lives, trusting in God’s promises.

Young Catholic

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JOINING FORCES TO RAISE AWARENESS, FOOD & FUNDS FOR ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY, WHICH BENEFITS OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN NEED IN EAST BILOXI, WE ARE HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. BELOW IS A LIST OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/HYGIENE ITEMS THAT ARE STOCKED IN OUR FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO EXPIRED FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS..

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| Peanut Butter         | Macaroni & Cheese       | Peanut Butter Crackers  | <u>HYGIENE PRODUCTS:</u><br><u>(TRAVEL SIZE)</u><br>Toothbrushes/Tooth paste<br>Soap<br>Shampoo<br>Deodorant<br>Hand Sanitizer/wipes<br>Chapstick<br>Sunscreen<br>Band-aids<br>Rain ponchos<br>Combs |
| Jelly                 | Canned Soup or Stew     | Vienna Sausage          |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Canned Tuna/Chicken   | Ramen Noodles           | Potted Meat             |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Spaghetti Pasta/Sauce | Jiffy Cornbread Mix     | Pop Tarts               |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Oatmeal/Grits         | Jello                   | Granola/Protein Bars    |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Canned Vegetables     | Kool-Aid                | Instant Mashed Potatoes |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Canned Fruit          | Beanie Weenies          |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Rice                  | Tuna Snack Packs        |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Dry or Canned Beans   | Fruit or Pudding Snacks |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |