

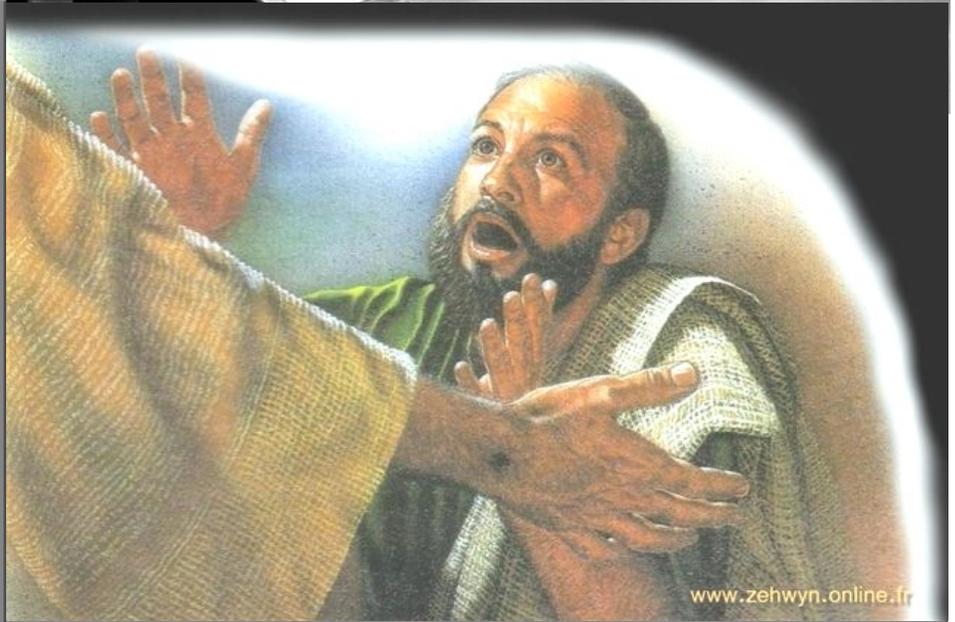
# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of April 10 & 11, 2021



## 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.



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### **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays**  
**Tuesday-Friday**  
**8am**

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

**Office hours: Tues-Thurs**  
**8:30am-12 & 1pm-3:30pm**

## *Ministry News*

**~St Michael Fund Raising Team~** Chicken Sausage Gumbo Sales were fantastic! Thank you everyone who pre-order and made donations to this cause. We hope you enjoyed your Gumbo and wish you a very Blessed Easter Season.

**~St Michael Card Ministry** Has been a huge success during this COVID era with so many of our parishioners away from us. This Outreach program, which runs purely on your donations, make a difference in our neighbors and friends lives. Thank you for all the help with postage and cards. To continue to give see a Outreach member or call the office.

**~St Michael Knights of Columbus** –Look for future movie nights coming your way from the Knights! If you are interested in becoming a Knight, they are currently holding a membership drive, all dues and membership fees waived for 2021-Now is the time to join!!! You can join online or pickup a form in the back of the church.

**~St Michael Altar Society** Thank you to everyone who contributed to Easter Flowers. Your offerings made the altar look beautiful for our Easter celebration of Mass. We hope you enjoyed the newly made Easter banner and the liturgy supplies all done with your generous donations. If you are interested in joining the Altar Society please see a member or call the office.

**~St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul**-Food pantry is open on Wednesday's from 10-11am. All donated food and money stays here at St. Michael to help the families in East Biloxi. Make donations of food in the basket in the foyer of the church or monetary donations can be made in the poor box or given to the office.

**~Saint Vincent de Paul Society** The new St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store opened officially March 25th. Contact Lori McCormick at 228-806-1722, or Sally Greuling at 228-215-1610 for more information, or visit the store at 2200 Bienville near CVS pharmacy.

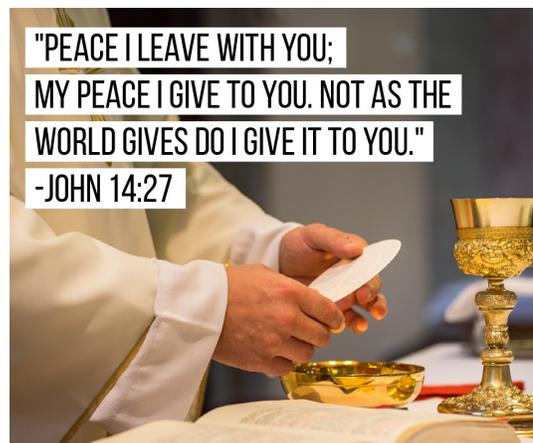
*St Michael Altar Society is creating a new way to honor your loved ones past or present with an arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar for a week. Honoring your loved one's Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations or any milestone you wish to celebrate or remember. Arrangements are made by our very own Maria Vollmuth and cost \$35 each. Please call the office to schedule your dates.*



### *Altar Flowers This Week*

*In Memory of*

*Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,  
Ryan and Aken Families*



*If you are not at peace, come to Mass, either in person or over our livestream on Facebook. Be with the one who brings peace, our Lord in the Eucharist.*

**Collections April 4 & 5, 2021**

**\$7097.13**

Thank you to those of you giving electronically and by mail, it is much appreciated!

***This Weeks Gospel John 20:19-31***

# Mass Intentions for the Week



Sun Apr 11th For the People

Tues Apr 13th +George Sekul

Wed Apr 14th +Stella Ryan

Thurs Apr 15th +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

Fri Apr 16th +Verda Skrmetta

Sat Apr 17th For the People

UPCOMING  
Events

## In Our Parish

**April 14:** Gulf Coast Ecumenical Lunch 12pm Westminster Presbyterian Church Gulfport

**April 21:** Seelos and St. Michael Children's Choir together with MGCCC Perkinston Evening Concert

**April 24:** Loaves and Fishes-Join your fellow parishioners as they help prepare and serve food at this local food ministry.

**May 19:** Blessing of the Fleet Poster Unveiling 6pm

**May 27:** Deceased Fisherman's Mass 6pm

**May 28:** Past Royalty Reception 6pm (Invitation)

**May 29:** Shrimp Queen Pageant

**May 30:** Blessing of the Fleet 2pm

**June 14-18:** Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School

We are excited to announce the joint effort of the churches of St. Michael, Blessed Francis Seelos Xavier, and Our Mother of Sorrows in offering a Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School. It will be held on the week of June 14-18 from 9:00am-noon in the Family Life Center at St. Michael. It will be open to children from inside or outside these parishes, who will be entering Kindergarten in August through those kids who just completed 5th grade. Those who have finished 6th grade and older will be welcome to come and help as youth volunteers. We will also have an opportunity for adults to volunteer and join in the fun. Our theme and other details will be announced in the next few weeks. For more info or to inquire about volunteering you may contact your VBS director, Cherie Prentiss 228-365-4017 or [cmpprentiss@att.net](mailto:cmpprentiss@att.net)

## Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

There's another vaccine that has the capacity to not only protect us, but to heal what is sorely lacking in our culture, and causing many to feel miserable. This vaccine is readily available; no need to register for it; and of course, it's entirely free. The vaccine is joy. In the interest of full disclosure however, it does have one side effect; it often leads to a spirit of kindness and hospitality.

This past week, our community lost a man of intense joy. Many people knew him, even if they didn't know his name. He was Michigan State Police Trooper Herman Brown. He was beloved among his fellow law enforcement community, but many in our wider community have felt his loss as well. Sure, he was a model police officer decorated for his service, but his most effective weapon was not in the holster on his belt. This man's smile was infectious, and his joy usually arrived ten minutes before he did. He had the capacity to diffuse tense situations, not through threats, though he could have, given his stature; rather, genuine concern for the people he served and the kindness he extended to all, made you feel better about yourself and about the world in which we live. He may have worn a badge, but he was a true minister of joy, kindness, and hospitality.

*'A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love. She gives most who gives with joy.'* ~Mother Teresa.

Look around you; maybe you needn't look further than the mirror; you can see it. Try an experiment for a day. Smile at the person in the car next to you at the stop light and see what happens. Tell the cashier at the grocery store or the wait staff at the restaurant how much you appreciate what they do; see how many manage a smile in return. It would be tempting to blame it on the pandemic, but let's be honest, we were 'infected' long before we ever heard of this thing called the coronavirus.

Sometime ago, I read an article that suggested that, so prevalent is anger, distrust, cynicism, and sadness, that joy is almost an act of resistance. No, seriously ... go ahead and try spreading joy for a day and see what happens. I promise you'll stick out as though you had a third eye.

As spring brings life to nature, joy is a light that can tear through the hardness of our time and culture. Go ahead ... try it, I dare you.

*A joyful heart is the health of the body,*

*but a depressed spirit dries up the bones.* Proverbs 17:22

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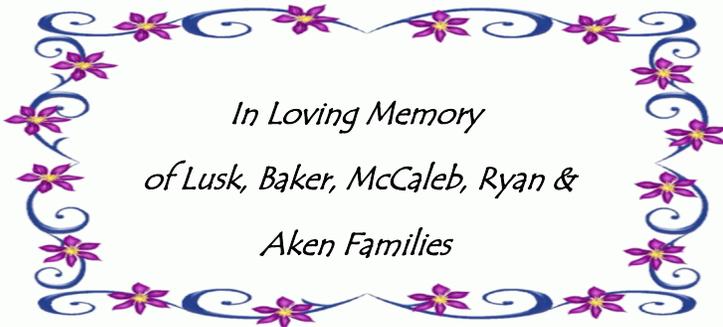
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**Prayers for all  
those affected by  
Cancer**

*April 2021*

YOU MAY PURCHASE A FAMILY AD BY CALLING THE OFFICE BY NOON ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.



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

*Remembering  
Salvadore 'Penue' Taranto  
We love and miss you!  
Your Children and  
Grandchildren*



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



*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*



*Always in our hearts the  
Broussard, Denning, Merten  
& Taranto Families*



Use your cell phone camera to link to the St. Michael store or make online donations.

**Fun Facts: Unlocking Doors**-A week ago we celebrated the resurrection. There comes a time, however, when we must live the resurrection. That is not always easy. There are days when we prefer to just stay in bed, pull the covers over our head, and close out the world. Some days it seems easier and safer to lock the doors of our house and avoid the circumstances and people of our lives. Sometimes we just want to run away, hide, and not deal with the reality of our lives.

Every time, however, we shut the doors of our life, our mind, or our heart we imprison ourselves. For every person, event, or idea we lock out, regardless of the reason, we lock ourselves in. That's what has happened to the disciples in today's gospel. It is Easter evening, the first day of the week, the day of the resurrection, the day they saw the empty tomb, the day Mary Magdalene announced, "I have seen the Lord." The disciples are gathered in the house, the doors are locked with fear. A week later they are in the same place. It is the same house, the same walls, the same closed doors, the same locks. Nothing much has changed.

Jesus' tomb is open and empty, but the disciples' house is closed and the doors locked tight. The house has become their tomb. Jesus is on the loose and the disciples are bound in fear. The disciples have separated themselves and their lives from the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Their doors of faith have been closed. They have shut their eyes to the reality that life is now different. They have locked out Mary Magdalene's words of faith, hope, and love. They left the empty tomb of Jesus and entered their own tombs of fear, doubt, and blindness. The locked doors have become the great stone sealing their tomb. They have locked themselves in. The doors of our tombs are always locked from the inside. All this, and it has been only one week.

*Continue Reading: Unlocking Doors – A Sermon on John 20:19-31, Easter 2 – Interrupting the Silence*