

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of August 20 & 21, 2022

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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.

"MAKE EVERY EFFORT  
TO ENTER THROUGH THE  
*narrow door*  
BECAUSE MANY, I TELL YOU,  
WILL TRY TO ENTER  
AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO"

*Luke 13:24*

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**Mass Schedule:**  
Weekdays  
**Tues-Fri 8am**

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

#### Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs

8:30am-3pm

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



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel Reading Luke 13:22-30**

*People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.*

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

See: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!**

The St. Michael Christmas Ornament contest is underway! If you are interested in creating the 2022 St. Michael Christmas ornament, the entry forms with details are on the table in the vestibule of the Church. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Fundraising Team.



**Ministry News**

**RCIA**

Applications are now available in the church vestibule for the upcoming RCIA sessions. You can return them to the church office, drop them in the collection baskets, or return them to our Deacons. RCIA Meets Tuesdays at 7pm September-Spring. Any questions please contact Deacon Robert 228-392-2137 or church office.

**St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul**

To make a donation of food or money, bring your offering to St. Michael's office, leave in basket in entry of church (money can be placed in poor box, checks payable to SVDP) or give to Mrs. Cynthia Powell. Thank you for all your support in this worthwhile ministry that helps the people of East Biloxi.



*Altar Flowers  
are in Memory of  
Lusk, Baker, Ryan, Aken &  
McCaleb Families*

**Hurricane Season is upon us!**

**Be Prepared:** Have a full tank of gas, locate and secure valuables and important papers.

**Have a plan:**

- Gather info about hazards in your area.
- Meet with your family to create a plan.
- Implement your plan when a hurricane watch is declared in your area.
- Plan a route and alternate route if you leave.
- Tune into your local radio and news stations for shelter information.
- Arrange for someone not in your area to notify friends and family of your plans and whereabouts.

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, Aug 20 +Dalton Criss  
Sun, Aug 21 For the People  
Thurs, Aug 25 Richard Johnston &  
+Janet Johnston  
Fri, Aug 26 +Lusk & +Baker Families

Mass Intentions: Tuesday-Saturdays excluding Holy Days. If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office at 228-435-5578. Thank you!

UPCOMING  
Events

## In Our Parish

**August 18:** 7pm Ultreya Family Life Center

**November 29:** #igivecatholic

**Mondays:** 7pm Men's Prayer Group

**Tuesdays:** 7pm (September-Easter) RCIA

**Registration for CCD and LifeTeen is happening now.** Registration forms are in vestibule. All classes meet at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. Please contact Mrs. Lauren Ellis, DRE, 228-324-0447 for information. Classes begin Sunday Sept 11 for grades 6-12 and Wednesday Sept 14 for K-5.

## In Our Diocese

**August 23: 6:30-8pm** Gloria in Excelsis Community Choir practice starts. Sacred Heart Center at Nativity BVM. For mor information call Terry Maddox 251 406-1454

**October 15: Retreat "In Defense of Mother Church"** by Fr. Mark Beard, Director of Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center in Chatawa, MS, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Ocean Springs. Retreat is from 8:30 am to 2 pm followed by Confession and Mass from 3-4 pm. \$75 - includes Lunch and Retreat Booklet. Register at [www.OurLadyofHopems.com/events](http://www.OurLadyofHopems.com/events).

**November 6:** the *Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries* celebrating 25, 30,35,40,50,55, or 60 years of marriage will be held at 2 pm at the Nativity BVM Cathedral. The deadline for registration is October 14, 2022. You can register online at [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org) or bring completed application to the St. Michael office.

Collections August 13 & 14, 2022  
\$4440.00

**This Weeks Gospel Luke 13:22-30**

## Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

*Count your blessings.*

That was my mother's and my grandmother's mantra from the time I can remember. I have to admit though, I had no clue what that meant, since I had no idea what a 'blessing' was. It's only until you've felt void of God's blessing in your life that you begin to understand what it means to be 'blessed'.

As I've grown older, it occurs to me that many of us (at least my age or older) have grown up with our blessings obscured by the guilt of our own sinfulness and transgressions in life. Admit it ... most of us are our own worst critics. But Franciscan priest, Fr. Richard Rohr reminds us, that until we can acknowledge the fact that, before there was original sin, there was original 'blessing', we'll really never understand what it means to be 'blessed'. It stands to reason that if we're so focused on all that's 'wrong' with us, we'll never see all that's inherently good in us ... hence, our blessings.

I've been 'blessed' to spend time away in the Upper Peninsula these past couple weeks, and given what seems like a 'cloud' that has hovered over us since covid, I purposefully reflected on what it means in my own life to be blessed.

Recently, I've spent time with a dear friend whose life is slipping away, and I realized just how much this person blessed my life in so many ways that I never acknowledged before.

Today, I looked at my wife and realized how beautiful she is, and how blessed I am to have her in my life.

Today, I watched my baby hold her baby, and to love that little guy the way her mother loved her. In truth, I've watched each of my daughters do the same with their children, and I acknowledge how blessed my grandchildren are to have parents who love them more than life itself.

Today, I watched my wife cradle her newest little grandson the way she has cradled and cared for each of her children and grandchildren with such natural love, and I marveled at the joy and peace that that filled her. And I realized how blessed my children are to have her as their mom.

Today, I sat by myself alongside a moonlight Lake Michigan late at night, near the place of my family roots, and marveled at how small I am, and how blessed I am that my God is so big.

Today I once again realized what I've known all along ... how blessed I truly am.

Even if you're struggling right now, when was the last time you say down and really counted your blessings? It might just be what's missing in your life.

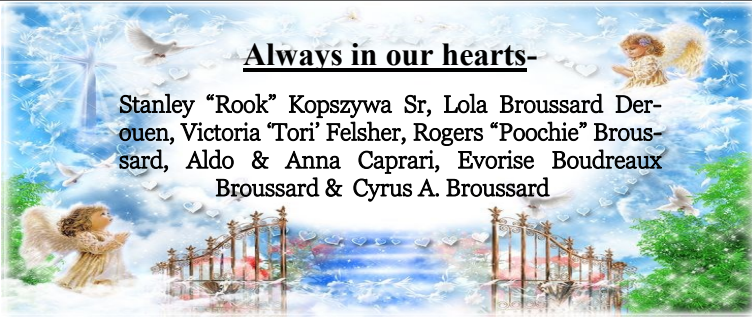
*And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.* John 1:16

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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



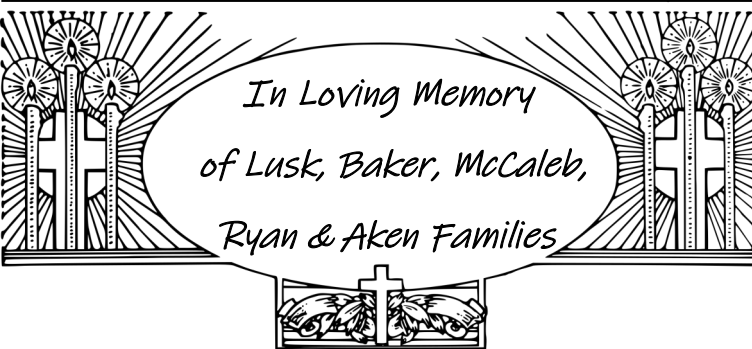
Prayers for all teachers and educators!



*August 2022*

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*



Happy 87th  
Birthday to our  
2022 Shrimp King  
Joe "Sonny"  
Powell  
August 29th

*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.*



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*Happy Birthday*

*Anita Ferrill*

*August 31st*

*From St. Michael Senior  
Ministries*



*In loving memory of  
Nicolas "Corky" Hire*

*Oct 2, 1921-*

*Mar 9, 2021*

**Men interested in Cursillo**

We invite you to join in our Men's Prayer Group.

The meetings are held each Monday at

7:00pm in the church conference room.

*Happy Anniversary to*

*Richard Johnston &*

*In Loving Memory of*

*Janet Johnston*



*Love,*

*Your Children, Your Grandchildren  
and Your Great Grandchildren*