

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of December 4 & 5, 2021

Established 1917



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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.

# PREPARE

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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-12 & 1pm-3:30pm**  
**RCIA Tuesdays 7pm**

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



## Ministry News

**~St Michael Fund Raising Committee** –The 2021 St. Michael Christmas ornament is SOLD OUT! 2018 Ornaments are still available. Thanks for all who purchased and for those who missed out, you have to wait until next year! 364 days to plan!

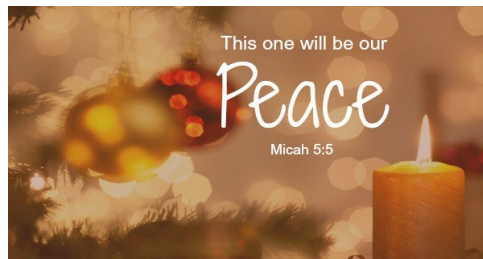
**~St Michael Knights of Columbus** -Did you bring back your baby bottle? You still can, bring it to Mass or drop it by the parish office. This year's proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence. Interested in joining the Knights? Please see a member, find an application form in the entry of the church or you can join online. Next Knights of Columbus Meeting is November 8th at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

**~St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul** Runs completely on your donations of food and money. During this holiday season, the need becomes even more apparent and utilized. To make a donation of food or money bring 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.

**~St Michael Card Ministry** -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.



**2021 Sold out!**  
**Some 2018 Ornaments left.**  
**Thank you for another successful year of sales!!**



### ***East Biloxi Youth Group News***

#### ***East Biloxi Life Teen Waffle House Pie Sale***

*Help our youth (grades 8-12) get to Diocesan Encounters*

*Place your order with a youth-\$10.00 per Pie  
Options: Chocolate, Pecan, or Apple (they arrive frozen)*

*Christmas Deadline: Order and pay by December 12. Pies will arrive frozen on December 15. Just in time for all of your holiday celebrations.*



### ***A Star Flowers This Week***

*In memory of Lusk, Aken, McCaleb,  
Ryan and Baker Families*

**Collections November 27 & 28, 2021  
\$3671.91**

***This Weeks Gospel Luke 3:1-6***

# Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat Dec 4th +William Gil Leeman

Sun Dec 5th For the People

Tues Dec 7th -8am +Nicolas "Corky" Hire

Tues Dec 7th -6pm Debbie O'Keefe

Wed Dec 8th For the People

Thurs Dec 9th +Anna Thompson

Fri Dec 10th +Nicolas "Corky" Hire

UPCOMING  
Events

## In Our Parish

**December 7:** Vigil Mass 6pm Immaculate Conception

**December 8:** Mass 8am Immaculate Conception

**December 9-12:** Women's Cursillo

**December 15:** Lifeteen Pie Sale Pick-up

**December 19:** Christmas Program at Blessed Seelos 2pm\*

**December 21:** Christmas Program/Nativity Play 6pm\*

**December 24:** Christmas Vigil Masses 4pm & 6pm

**December 25:** Christmas Mass 10am

**January 1:** New Year's Day Mass 9am (Vigil still 5pm January 1 & Epiphany Sunday Jan 2 10am)

**January 16:** USM Chorale Concert 2pm

## In the Diocese

**Women's Cursillo** December 9-12, 2021 William J. Kelly Retreat Center, Bay St. Louis. Registration forms are in the back of the church, find them online [www.biloxicursillo.org](http://www.biloxicursillo.org) or contact Kathy Doyle for more information [kbdoyle2@aol.com](mailto:kbdoyle2@aol.com) or call 228-326-2347

*all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God*

LUKE 3:6

## Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

Do you love assembling things? Me? I'd rather have a root canal by a podiatrist than to sit down with the box full of 12,000 pieces, and instructions that were created by a nuclear physicist. So why, you might ask, did I purchase several pieces of furniture that needed to be assembled? I'm not sure either. Nevertheless, once I got them home and opened the boxes, I was hopelessly committed.

The first piece of furniture was exactly as I presumed it would be; something akin to water torture. I surrendered early that I didn't have the patience to read the instructions, and the result was predictable; it took significantly longer to assemble, and my nerves were frazzled to their very end.

*There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going.*

~Anonymous quote

A disproportionate amount of my life has been spent in trying to find ways to circumvent challenges or doing the work required to do something right. I suspect I'm not alone in that. But ultimately, any attempt I've ever made at trying to avoid confronting a challenge head-on, results in something far less than I had hoped for or imagined.

Before graduate school in Canada, I read a significant amount of work from a well-known international theologian. Ultimately though, nothing could compare to the 45-minute private conversation I had with him uninterrupted, where he challenged and stretched my notion of God. In truth, anything of value in my life has come about because I took the time to invest in it firsthand, rather than to find an alternative that somehow required less of me.

It occurs to me that our relationship with God cannot flourish unless we go *through* it, not around it somehow. We can know *about* God, or we can truly *know* God in a way that makes God intensely personal to us. There are no shortcuts to that kind of a relationship with God.

Over eight decades ago, the German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, coined the term, '*cheap grace*' to describe the kind of comfortable, pain-free faith that would prefer to go *around* the cross rather than to go through it. And yet, the truth of the cross requires that we embrace and grow from the challenges of life rather than trying to retreat from them.

There are no cliff-notes to our story of faith. Let's pray about that.

*Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.* Proverbs 10:4

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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



*December 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*



In Remembrance of  
**Carl Joseph Kuluz &  
Peter Kuluz Sr.**

At this Christmas time and always, you are never far from our thoughts.



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*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  
Nicolas "Corky" Hire*

*Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021*



**What is the Immaculate Conception by Scott P. Richart**

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which Catholics celebrate every year on December 8. Many people think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas). What is the Immaculate Conception?

**Conceived Without Sin**

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her birth—on September 8; nine months before that is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (taken from: [What Is the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary?](http://www.learnreligions.com) (learnreligions.com))