

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of January 21 & 22, 2023

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.



Are You Coming?

Matthew 4:12-23

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays
Tues-Fri 8am

Weekends
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am

Use your cell phone camera to link to St. Michael for online donations



Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs
8:30am-3pm

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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

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

Ministry News

St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul

SVDP is holding a food drive to restock the food pantry. Your gift of non perishable food can be left in the vestibule collection boxes or brought to the St. Michael office. Thank you!

Fundraising Team

On January 22 the fund raising team is sponsoring a Shrimp Spaghetti lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 22nd, in the Parish Life Center. The cost is \$10.00 and will include shrimp spaghetti, bread, dessert, and drink. Please join us for a delicious lunch as well as some wonderful fellowship to start the New Year.

Religious Education

Life Teen and Edge groups, consisting of youth in grades 6-12 from Blessed Seelos, Nativity, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Michael parishes, meet in the Sacred Heart Center.

Please keep our youth and adult CORE team in your prayers. Are you a youth that would like to join our Life Teen/Edge group? Are you an adult that would like to provide a meal, a dessert, or join our adult CORE team? Contact Kristy Arguelles: 228-324-9934, eastbiloxiyouthministry@gmail.com



St. Michael Altar Society will begin collecting 2023 Member dues \$20 beginning January 28. If you are interested in joining or would like more information call Cynthia Powell at 228-392-4847

**Altar Flowers this week are in
Memory of Lusk, Baker, Aken
McCaleb and Ryan Families**

*Collections January 14 & 15, 2023
\$4409.00*

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, Jan 21 For the People
Sun, Jan 22 +Sharon Girouard
Thurs, Jan 26 +Kathy Theriot
Fri, Jan 27 +Janet Johnston

UPCOMING
Events

In Our Parish

January 22: 11am FLC Shrimp Spaghetti Lunch \$10

January 29: 11am FLC New Parishioner Luncheon
(Invitation Only-Newly Registered Members)

February 1: 6pm Altar Society meeting

February 11&12: Love Life-Pennies for Life

February 16: Ultreya 6pm

May 28: Blessing of the Fleet

Ongoing Events:

Sundays: 4pm LifeTeen

Mondays: 7pm Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays: 7pm RCIA

Wednesdays: 10-11am SVDP Food Pantry

Wednesdays: 5:30 CCD

Envelope Users- New envelopes are in the back of the church. Please annotate on the sheets provided the box number you took or let the office know. Please include your name on the envelope for the first few weeks of 2023 to make sure the number matches your account. As well, if any information has changed for you or your family please let the office know so that we have your current information. Thank you!

In Our Diocese

January 26- The Role of Beauty in the Spiritual Life
7pm Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Free and all welcome

January 27-28- Sacred Music Workshop \$40 Registration required Our Lady of the Gulf Church Email workshop@classicalartsfoundation for more info.

January 29- Nativity BVM Catholic School Open House 11am-1pm call 228-432-2269 nativitybvm.org

February 9- The Traditional Catholic Doctrine of Creation: The only firm Foundation for a Culture of Life, 6:30-8:30pm, St. Alphonsus, Ocean Springs-Free and all are welcome.

June 10-11- Willboods Faith and Marriage, Married Couples Retreat. St. Joseph Abbey, Covington LA. \$325/Couple but scholarships available and cost shouldn't prohibit you. Call 504-830-3716

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

Success is a journey, not a destination. Most of us have heard this quote used in many different ways, but the point is unmistakable ... if all we care about is the end game, then we're sure to lose sight of how we got there.

I dislike games (I'd say 'hate' but I'd get in trouble, since we banned the word from our house when the kids were little). I don't have an ounce of competitive spirit, so I tend to find games boring and often never-ending. What's even harder than endlessly playing games is telling my grandsons that I won't play with them. It's usually less painful just to play. So, true to form, Grampy caved in, and to my horror they chose the most endless of all games on the planet ... Monopoly (or *Monotony*, as I call it).

I felt like I lost a year of my life in just watching the boys set the game up. Each of them had a different idea of how it was supposed to be done ... none of them were right, of course. And yet, once the game started, I was fascinated in watching how each of them played. In particular, it was interesting how their individual strategies reflected their unique personalities. The oldest took the careful approach, playing conservatively, and not over-extending himself. His brother took a very aggressive approach, buying up all he could so that he could begin stiffing us for rent if we had the unfortunate luck to land on one of his properties. However, his over-confident strategy nearly caused him to run out of money early in the game. The last brother honestly didn't appear to have a strategy at all. Rather, he just seemed to enjoy playing the game and being with Grampy and his brothers. Winning didn't seem to matter much to him at all.

On my ride home, I marveled at just how this game episode mirrored our lives of faith. No matter where you and I are on the journey of faith, let's be honest ... the ultimate goal for believers in this life should be to spend eternity in heaven. And yet, if that's true, then many of us have some pretty weird approaches as to how to get there. Sadly few, it seems, take the approach to living life as if the journey to eternal life happens right *here* ... giving little or no thought to the reality that what we do here on earth matters in the ultimate goal of getting to heaven. Yes, Jesus took my sins to the cross, but I still bear the responsibility for choosing to follow him straight to heaven.

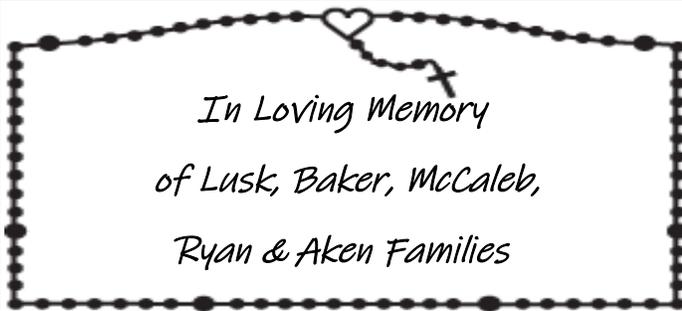
Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6



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

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. *Amen!*



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



In loving Memory

John A Rogalski

9/6/1926-1/22/2011

Always in our Hearts



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.*

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Birthday Blessings

Wishing a fabulous Birthday to

Thelma Rogalski

January 16th!!



In loving memory of

Nicolas & Loyce Hire

Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021

Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Together in Heaven



Happy Birthday in Heaven

Janet Johnston

We love and miss you

*Love, Richard, Kids, Grandkids
and Great Grandkids.*

In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner

Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022

Our Mother,
Truly an example
of Amazing Grace.



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TAGS FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry is proud to announce our very own Pro Life Billboard license plate! The sale of these plates will help support the Pro Life Ministry. You may purchase the plate by downloading an application on the Diocesan website at biloxidiocese.org or scanning the code below.

