

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of January 28 & 29, 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.

Blessed Are You

Matthew 5:1-12a



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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays
Tues-Fri 8am

Weekends
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am

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Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy*, *fortunate*, or *favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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

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. If any information has changed please let office know.

**Altar Flowers this week are in
Memory of Peter & Marilyn Kelly**

**Next Week's Second Collection is for
Black & Indian Mission**

Ministry News

St. Michael Fundraising Team

The Shrimp Spaghetti Lunch was a great success. The Team would like to say thank you to **Randall Broussard** and **Rudy Lesso** for their generous donations of food, **Phil and Mary Rodrigue** for their skills cooking and the **rest of the team** for their dedication and service to St. Michael. Total raised was \$1233 and total served was 115 people.

Thank you!!!

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!

Blessing of the Fleet/Shrimp Festival

Planning an preparation is being made for the Annual Shrimp Festival and Blessing of the Fleet. Mark your calendars for May 28 and look for applications for Shrimp Queen pageant on the St. Michael webpage. Details to come.

Knights of Columbus

The Second annual Lenten Fish Fry Cookoff is happening February 18th at the Point Cadet Plaza. Register your team of cooks and fry some fish for a chance to win a traveling trophy and bragging rights. \$100 per team and all proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes. Open to the public. For more information call Noel at 228-327-2951.

Religious Education

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

**Collections January 21 & 22, 2023
\$3723.00**

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, Jan 28 +Peter & Marilyn Kelly

Sun, Jan 29 For the People

Tues, Jan 31 +Gloria Simmons

Wed, Feb 1 +Jeanne Marie Baker

Fri, Feb 3 +Margaret "Diane" Barhanovich

UPCOMING
Events

In Our Parish

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

February 18: 12pm KofC Lenten Fish Fry Cookoff

April 2: Easter Bingo 11am

May 28: Blessing of the Fleet 2pm

Ongoing Events:

Sundays: 4pm LifeTeen

Mondays: 7pm Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays: 7pm RCIA

Wednesdays: 10-11am SVDP Food Pantry

Wednesdays: 5:30 CCD

In Our Diocese

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.

February 9: An Hour of Grace, 6pm Nativity BVM

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

You're never too old to learn something. This recent Christmas, my grandson taught me about the value of our 'buckets'. We happened to be discussing kindness.

"Grampy, when we do something nice, it fills our bucket with kindness. But Grampy, when we aren't nice, we dip into other people's buckets, and that's not nice, Grampy, did you know that?" Sometimes wisdom comes in small packages.

I've been thinking about that concept of our 'buckets,'

and how much truth there is in that simple little notion. If your bucket is full and heavy with goodness, great!!!! But lately I've become more aware of another, less desirable way our buckets become heavy. Both within and outside my work in ministry, I encounter many people heavily weighted down by unresolved guilt. All of us know guilt to be an unwanted but sadly familiar foe, an emotion that occurs in us when we feel as though we've violated some moral standard that either was set for us, or that we set for ourselves. It's difficult to put it into words, though we all know the feeling of heaviness it creates in us.

I was on a weekend retreat, and while in the course of a walk around the beautiful grounds, I sat down on a bench to enjoy the stillness. Seemingly out of nowhere, a man walked up, and I recognized him as being one of our retreatants. We greeted one another and talked casually about the weather. I thought he was going to continue walking along, but to my surprise, he sat down beside me.

"Can I ask you something?" I could sense the heaviness in his voice.

"Sure," I said, but honestly wishing I could continue enjoying the quiet. God had other plans ... for both of us.

He went on to tell me that his wife of 60+ years had just passed away, and that she left a hole in his heart that could never be filled. I offered my condolences, which then led him to a question. "Do you think that those who die can know things that perhaps they didn't know in this world?" I was pretty sure that wasn't a subjective question, which he soon confirmed. He went on to tell me that many years ago, early in their marriage while he was in the service, he was unfaithful to his wife. That clear mistake was not repeated, yet he carried the weight of that secret throughout their married life.

"Well, do you think my wife knows now?" He needed an answer. It occurred to me that if he and his wife beat with one heart all those years, then it's pretty certain that at the level of the heart, she already knew his secret long ago. And if she knew and still stood by him in love, then she accepted his mistake and moved on. "It seems to me that if she forgave you, then you need to forgive yourself now."

The only real remedy for guilt is our own forgiveness, and yet it's often the hardest to give and to accept. The choice though, is to continue dragging the weight of our own guilt and unforgiveness around with us. Let's pray about that.

For the sake of your name, LORD, pardon my guilt, though it is great. Psalm 25:11

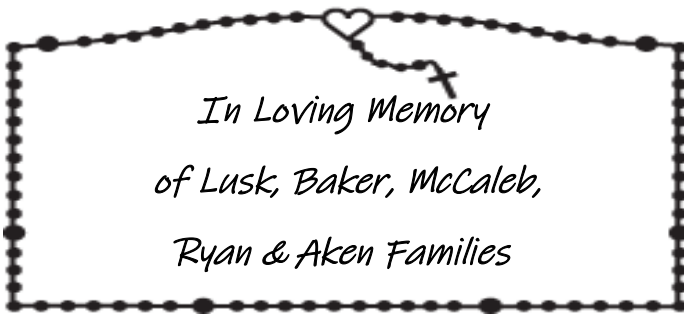
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Always in our hearts

Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola
Broussard Derouen, Victoria 'Tori' Felsher, Rogers
"Poochie" Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise
Boudreaux Broussard & Cyrus A. Broussard

Dear Lord, Merciful creator, you placed us
on this earth with a purpose to serve you,
Lord. Yet sometimes we do things that do not
please you. Lord, we seek your mercy upon
us that we may find favor in you and be de-
livered from the wrong path. Set us on the right path
and equip us with the courage to act as your vessels.
May we glorify and praise your name forever. Amen



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

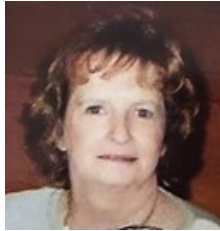


In loving Memory

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

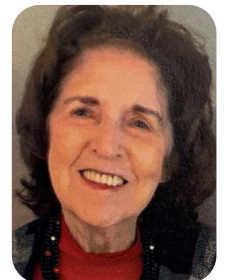
We love and miss you

*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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Happy Birthday to our Beautiful Angel

Rita Kuluz Pelaez

1/29/29-7/21/19

We love and miss you everyday!

*Your Children, Grand Children and
Great Grandchildren*