

# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of July 20 & 21, 2024

Established 1917



## Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

## Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday  
8:30 - 3 pm  
or as posted

## Prayer to

### St. 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.

## Mass Schedule

Weekends  
Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am

Weekdays  
Tuesday - Friday 8 am



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## ***Tend the Flock*** By Tommy Schultz

In today's first reading from Jeremiah we hear the Lord in agony over the shepherds he has called to tend to his flock. Jeremiah shares God's words: "You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds."

It could be easy to look at this and think about the faults of priests and bishops over the centuries, but I read this and hear Jeremiah talking to me and to all of us. Vatican II was very clear that as lay people we are all called to preach the Good News, to engage the culture, to help bring people into the Church, and to show love to all we meet. Pope Paul VI stated: "As sharers in the role of Christ as priest, prophet, and king, the laity have their work cut out for them in the life and activity of the Church. Their activity is so necessary within the Church communities that without it the apostolate of the pastors is often unable to achieve its full effectiveness." (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, section 10)

Let's reflect on that for a second. The pope said that if we do not evangelize and fulfill our offices of priest, prophet, king, then pastors cannot be truly effective. See how the words from Jeremiah start to apply to us today? I think there is an ideology that has crept into the Church that as long as we are nice and treat others well then people will somehow make the connection that we are Christian and we don't need to explicitly evangelize.

Of course, this doesn't work. Any number of people can be nice and caring without being Christian. Christ makes it clear in the Gospels: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

In order for us to respond to the call of Christ we have to ask for the courage to be explicit about our faith. Living a good life is not enough. Everyone has different strengths and spiritual gifts, so maybe you are not personally called to go into the streets and talk to people about Jesus or to give a public talk at a youth group, but there is something specific that God is calling you to do. Maybe it is talking with a coworker or someone at the gym who has questions or maybe even someone on staff at the parish who needs some help.

Let's pray today that we might realize how God is calling each of us to evangelize in our own way. Jesus has chosen us to be instruments of his love, peace, and mercy. Let's answer the call and preach the Gospel to all those we meet.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

### ***In Our Parish***

**St. Vincent de Paul** is in need of easy open canned items. There is a basket in the vestibule to drop them off. Items of need:

Vegetables-Chicken-Tuna-Fruit

### **In Our Diocese**

**July 2024:** "*Pray for a Priest*" each day as well as an increase in our Diocesan vocations calendar in vestibule.

**August 23-25:** *Rachel's Vineyard* is an international retreat that provides an opportunity for women and men to find forgiveness and healing from abortion., William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. Contact Deacon Johnny Williams at 228-702-2169

**September 15:** *Wedding Anniversary Mass:* The Bishop will recognize couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years or more with a Mass and reception. Please fill out the form in the vestibule.



*Altar Flowers are offered for  
+Anna Thompson.*

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mark 6:30-34*

*Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent."

Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing.

The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed. We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

*Sat, July 20: Kozlowski Family*

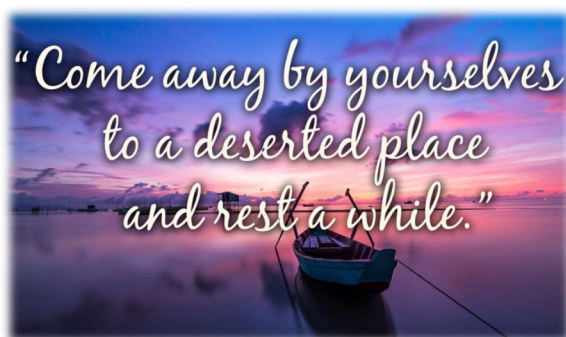
*Sun, July 21: For the people*

*Tue, July 23: +Clara & Bill Cosmich*

*Wed, July 24: Tony Kozlowski*

*Thu, July 25: +Rita Pelaez*

*Fri, July 26: +Joseph "Joey" Jurich*



*Collections July 13 & 14, 2024  
\$3964.59*

**Next Week's Second Collection is for  
The Building Fund**



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



*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  
**Berniece Louise Garner**

Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022

Truly an example of Amazing Grace.



In Memory of Victoria "Tori" Felsher  
Daughter, Friend,  
Blessing Committee Member, and  
Shrimp Queen.

You live forever in our hearts, never far from our thoughts and always loved.

**Show Your Love**

If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office. Or honor your loved ones past or present with an arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar for a week. Honor your loved one's birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or any milestone you wish.

*Always in our hearts*

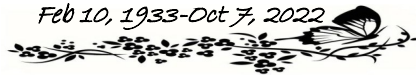
*Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen,  
Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard,  
Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise Boudreaux Broussard  
& Cyrus A. Broussard*



*In loving memory of  
Nicolas & Loyce Hire*

*Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021*

*Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



*Amy Gollott, Jr.*

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.

2018 SHRIMP KING



In life, we loved you dearly,  
in death we love you still. In  
our hearts you hold a place,  
no one else will ever fill.  
Happy heavenly birthday  
Katie Lynn!

*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting*

*Happy Wedding Anniversary*

Blessed with **60 Years** Together—July 18

**Albert & Dianne Ott**

Happy Birthday Dianne! July 21

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The Spirit also helps our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we should,  
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us  
with groanings too deep for words. Rom 8:26

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