

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of March 6 & 7, 2021



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.



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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays
Tuesday-Friday
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

Ministry News

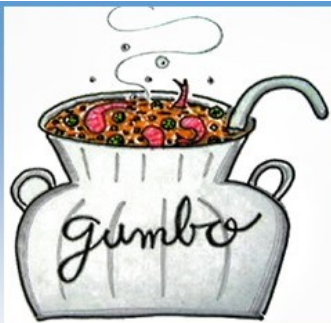
~St Michael Fund Raising Team- Fund raising team will be selling 1/2 Gallons of Chicken/Sausage Gumbo to enjoy with your family for Easter weekend for \$25. Pre-sales of half gallons of Gumbo will be before and after Masses during Lent and pick up is Holy Saturday. Add this yummy homemade Gumbo to your Easter Feast! You can also call the office to place an order and electronic payment can be made on St. Michael's PayPal account, just make sure your name is added to the pre-sale list. Enjoy!

~St Michael Card Ministry Has been a huge success during this COVID era with so many of our parishioners away from us. 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.

~St Michael Knights of Columbus –The Knights of Columbus will be selling fried fish plates each Friday during Lent. Donations will be \$10 a plate and will include fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans. Take out only beginning at 5:30 pm until we run out. Proceeds are to benefit Priest Education and Pro Life funds. If you are interested in becoming a Knight applications are in the back of the church.

~St Michael Altar Society If you are interested in joining the Altar Society please see a member or call the office. For those of you who are distanced from us due to COVID your input and ideas are also needed, please call the office if have any questions or ideas.

~Saint Vincent de Paul Society The new St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store opens with its “First Look” on Sunday, March 21st. Tickets are \$20.00 and enable you to be the first to gain access to all the wonderful goods. Funds collected go to help pay for the store’s front illuminated signage. Contact Lori McCormick at 228-806-1722, or Sally Greuling at 228-215-1610. You can stop at the store for tickets too. 2200 Bienville (back door).



1/2 Gallons of Chicken/Sausage Gumbo

Order your 1/2 Gallon before and after Masses during Lent for \$25(Cash, Check or Square). Pick up is on Holy Saturday, April 3rd from 10am-noon at the Family Life Center. Add this yummy homemade Gumbo to your Easter Feast! Sponsored by the St. Michael Fundraising Team and all proceeds go directly to St. Michael Building Fund. Enjoy!

If you are unable to attend Mass to order please call the office 228-435-5578.

Collections February 27 & 28, 2021

\$5008.93

Thank you to those of you giving electronically and by mail, it is much appreciated!



St. Michael Knights of Columbus will be having “Take out Fish fries” each Friday evening during Lent. This pick-up dinner includes: fish, hush puppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans for \$10 a plate. Service starts at 5:30pm until gone, pickup from Family Life Center.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sun Mar 7th For the People

Tues Mar 9th +Rogers 'Poochie' Broussard

Wed Mar 10th +Carl Kuluz

Thurs Mar 11th +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

Fri Mar 12th Danielle Kozlowski

Michael Kozlowski

Sat Mar 11th For the People

UPCOMING
Events

In Our Parish

March 12, 19, 26: Take Out Fish Fry 5:30pm

March 5, 12, 19, 26: Stations of the Cross 6pm

March 12: Stations of the Cross, Blessed Seelos 6pm

March 13-14: Youth Boys Retreat, Grades 9-12 St.

Matthews Call the office for more information.

March 20: Memorial Mass for Phil Beining 1pm

March 22-24: St. Alphonsus Mission, See Back Page

March 28: Palm Sunday

March 28-April 3: Holy Week

April 1: Holy Thursday Mass 6pm

April 2: Good Friday Mass 6pm

April 3: Gumbo To Go pick up day 10am-Noon

April 3: Holy Saturday Mass 7:30pm

April 4: Easter Sunday

In the Diocese

~**On Friday, March 12th** the Women's Prayer group will lead the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos church. Immediately following the stations, all women are welcome to stay for a special Lenten women's prayer group meeting. It will be an opportunity to pray for and with each other through scripture, discussions and music. Please bring your Bibles, rosary and a heart open to all the ways Jesus wants to bless you. Please call or email Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or cmprentiss@att.net for more information.

~**Blessed Seelos SPEAK-Sisters Praying Encouraging and Aspiring to Know God** prayer group is happy to host their first all day retreat for both women and men. "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion" is a series by best-selling author, Edward Sri. **Where:** Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos **When:** Saturday, March 27th, from 10am-7pm. **Cost:** Free, pre-registration is required by Monday March 22 because both lunch and dinner will be served and space is limited. Information and registration forms can be found on Blessed Seelos FB page, website or St. Michael's FB and website. For more information, please contact Cherie Prentis 228-365-4017 or email cmprentiss@att.net. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of St. Michael.

Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike

Why go to the gym? Your clothes fit fine. Love, Your Sweatpants xxxoxoxo

A friend works in a Catholic school system. He shared with me recently that before Covid, he was in the high school by 7:40am every day to pray with the students before school. Covid changed all that. Challenged with avoiding contact, he had to resort to simply being in the school when he knew the kids weren't around, which meant that he had to change his daily routine. Coming in later than usual was hard enough, but the discipline of praying every day with the students at the start of the day was soon lost. He likened it to a phrase he heard recently about putting on our 'spiritual sweatpants', because when it comes to the discipline of prayer, casual is just not okay.

As most of us know, the Archbishop of Detroit recently announced that he was ending the dispensation for Catholics attending Mass in this time of pandemic on March 13. Unless Catholics are unable to attend due to health vulnerabilities, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days will resume. All of which caused me to reflect on how many of us have donned our 'spiritual sweatpants' during this unfortunate time of pandemic, and have become pretty comfortable right where we are.

So what's wrong with a casual faith? It seems to me that a casual faith, like sweat pants, demands very little of us. It's what we 'wear' when no one is looking or when it's convenient for us. It allows us to easily weave in-and-out of our relationship with God, and to compartmentalize God just as we compartmentalize work, career, family, working out, leisure time, etc. When I need God, I'll let him know, as if God is a spiritual 911. The problem with that, of course, is that there is never, *ever* a moment that we don't need God.

I have to admit that I've fallen into that trap myself as I've put on my spiritual sweatpants during this time of pandemic. But a genuine faith **MUST** demand more of us ... in fact, it must demand **ALL** of us, not just some of the time, not just in the 'Sunday' morning time slot, but **ALL** time.

This Lent I've resolved to putting my spiritual sweatpants in the drawer and leaving them there. You with me?

We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end

... Hebrews 6:11

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This Weeks Gospel John 2:13-25

Lenten Mission St. Alphonsus

Featuring Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit

March 22-24, 2021

8:15 Mass, 9am Bible Study & 6pm Mission

Join them for a 3 day journey! Call for more information 228-875-5419



Prayers for all
those affected by
Poverty

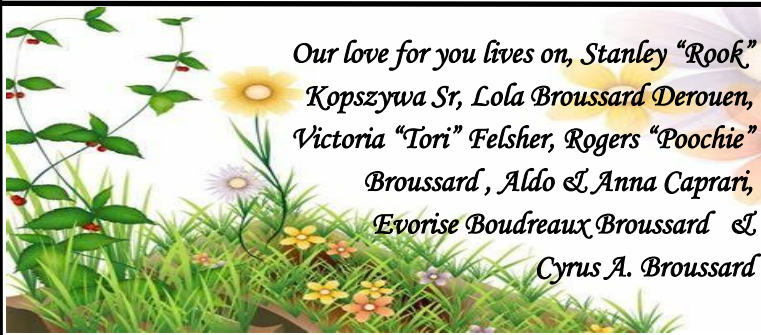
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YOU MAY PURCHASE A FAMILY AD BY CALLING THE OFFICE BY NOON ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.



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

*Remembering
Salvadore 'Penue' Taranto
We love and miss you!
Your Children and
Grandchildren*



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



*Always in our hearts the
Broussard, Denning, Merten
& Taranto Families*



Fun Facts: Was there One Cleansing or Two?

While John's Gospel places the cleansing of the temple at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the Synoptics place it during the last week of his ministry, the precipitating event that caused the Jewish rulers to arrest him. This raises the question of whether there was one cleansing or two.

While the Synoptic account of the cleansing is quite similar to John's, Jesus' comment and the Scripture quoted are different. Matthew wrote: "Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 'It is written,' he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer," but you are making it a "den of robbers."'" (Matthew 21:12-13)

In Matthew 21:13 Jesus alludes to two verses from the prophets -- different than what we see in John's Gospel: "... My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." (Isaiah 56:7)

"Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 7:11)

Read more at website Jesuswalk.com/john/05_cleansing.htm