

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 **Nicolas & Loyce Hire**  
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 & Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

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

In Loving Memory of **Berniece Louise Garner**  
Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022  
Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"

**NEW TO THE PARISH:**  
If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!

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**myParish** The App for Catholic Life Every Day™  
Have you downloaded this app yet? It's a one stop shop for real time information about St. Michael via your cell phone. Consider downloading today and select our Parish after opening.

**WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.**  
The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

**WORD on FIRE**  
Word on Fire harnesses beauty, goodness, and truth to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.



**MTI**  
**EXTREME BRUSHCUTTING & FORESTRY MULCHING**  
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**HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!**  
Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org

**SUE STONE**  
Owner  
EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF BILOXI  
228-233-6074  
228-223-4024

Remember in Prayer the **Misko & Skrmetta Families**

In Loving Memory of **Steve and (Mary (Zorich) Thian and Edwin R. and Alice (Knebel) Ott**  
Ott Consulting, LLC  
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**Altar Server**

Sue's Home, a faith based transitional housing program for women located in Ocean Springs, is currently in need of female volunteers who can drive current residents to/from appointments, errands, work etc. This would be typically Mon-Fri, 8am to 7pm. Volunteers would use their own vehicle and select their own available times and days. If you can help or know someone who can help, please contact Jessica Alman at 1-609-694-3208.

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# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of February 21 & 22, 2026

Established 1917

**Confessions**  
Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm  
or by appointment  
**Office Hours**  
Tuesday—Thursday  
8:30 - 2:30 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

Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor

Robert Wescovich Jr., Deacon | Jessica Gollott, Administrative Assistant



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### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Feb 21.....+Josephine Ridgeway & +Jani Keller  
 Sun, Feb 22.....For the people  
 Tue, Feb 24.....+Freddie & +Vera Lusk  
 Wed, Feb 25 .....Special Intention  
 Thu, Feb 26.....Lusk and Baker Families  
 Fri, Feb 27.....+Sharon Girouard

### IN OUR PARISH

**OCIA FEB 24, 7pm:** The topic this week is “God *nourishes*: The Most Holy Eucharist/The Mass.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** is Mar 7, at 5pm here at St. Michael’s along with Candidates from Nativity, Our Mother of Sorrows, and Blessed Seelos Parishes. Please remember these candidates in your prayers.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** St. Michael's will have a First Holy Communion group again this year! This opportunity is open to all children associated with the parish. For more information and/or to register your child, please take a Childhood Sacrament Registration form from the table in the vestibule and return it to the parish office by Mar 18. Questions may be directed to Ashley Rodriguez, 410.693.8825 or rodfamily2015@gmail.com

**PRIZE BINGO MAR 22:** Doors open at 11am; Bingo starts at 1pm. Food will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome!

### IN OUR DIOCESE

**This weekend is the start of the 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal with the theme of “This is the Hour for Love.” Bishop Kihneman invites each of us to help through our prayerful and financial support of this year’s appeal. Father will read a letter from the bishop during the homily and invite us to join him in supporting our parish and our diocese through this annual appeal. It is our goal to reach 100% participation for our parish. Thank you!**

**NEWWINE PROGRAM:** If you—or someone you serve with—feel called to deepen your formation and grow in leadership, we encourage you to grab an application in the back and apply. Applications for the August 2026 Cohort are due Friday, March 6.

**JOB OPENING:** Catholic Charities of South Mississippi is seeking a compassionate and dedicated Mental Health Therapist to join our team. For full job posting visit <https://catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org/counseling-program>

### PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS

Feb 14 & 15.....\$5653.00

### UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Feb 21 & 22.....Black and Indian Missions

### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon Feb 23** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46  
**Tue Feb 24** Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15  
**Wed Feb 25** Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32  
**Thu Feb 26** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12  
**Fri Feb 27** Ez 18:21=28, Mt 5:20-26

**MINISTRIES:** God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email stmichaelccbiloxi@gmail.com  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** The SVDP provides a food pantry each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need. There is a basket in the vestibule for non perishable donations.

**CARD MINISTRY** Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

**STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS** homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

**OCIA** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. Please remember to keep our Inquirers, Sponsors, and Team in your prayers as they continue their faith journey of spiritual growth and integration into our Parish community. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The O.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

### 2026 Lent/Easter Season

**-Feb 18, Ash Wed**—Mass at 8 am and 12 noon  
**-Stations of the Cross**— Friday’s at 6 pm:  
 Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27  
**-Mar 24, Lenten Penance/Adoration**— at 6 pm  
**-Apr 2, Holy Thu**— Mass at 6 pm  
**-Apr 3, Good Fri**—Stations at 12 noon and Liturgy at 3 pm  
**-Apr 4, Holy Sat**—Begin at the fire pit at 7:30 pm followed by Easter Vigil Mass in the church  
**-Apr 5, Easter Sunday**—Easter Sunday Mass at 10 am

### First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

#### First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17  
 A prayer for mercy.

#### Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19  
 Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous.

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

*Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.*

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus’ baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God’s promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus’ temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus’ rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God’s protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God’s word alone will suffice; God’s promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



*Lord, help us to follow Jesus’ example of faith and obedience. Give us strength to resist temptation and trust in your love. Guide us through our struggles and remind us that we are never alone. May we grow closer to you through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Amen.*

### Facing Temptation and Finding Hope

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us of the power of temptation and the hope for new beginnings. The readings show how Adam and Eve fell into sin when they gave in to temptation. In contrast, Jesus stood firm when the devil tried to mislead him in the desert.

This Sunday highlights the difference between disobedience and obedience. Adam’s choice brought sin and death into the world. But Jesus’ obedience offers forgiveness and life. This shows that even when we fail, God’s grace gives us another chance.

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year A encourages us to reflect on our own struggles with temptation. It reminds us that we are not alone in this fight. With faith and God’s help, we can resist evil and choose what is right.

*At this, Jesus said to him, “Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.*