

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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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.

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



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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



Remember in Prayer
the
Misko & Skrmetta
Families

In Loving Memory of
Steve and Mary (Zorich) Thian
and
Edwin R. and Alice (Kuebel) Ott
Ott Consulting, LLC
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Happy 80th birthday to our Mama, Yvonne Battaya! We are blessed to be celebrating this milestone birthday with you! Many blessings, Love your family!



January 17

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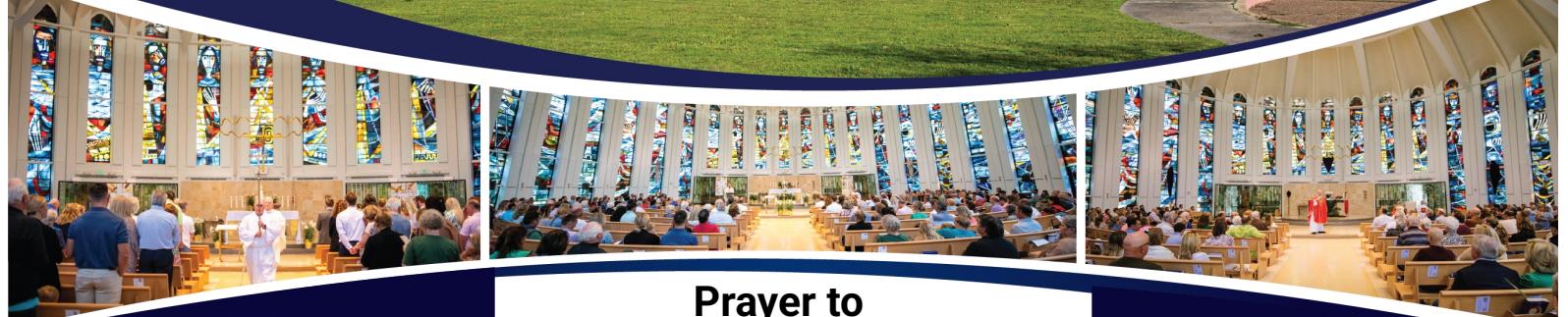


Sue's Home, a faith based transitional housing program for women located in Ocean Springs, is currently in need of female volunteers who can drive current residents to/ from appointments, errands, work etc. This would be typically Mon-Fri, 8am to 7pm. Volunteers would use their own vehicle and select 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.

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of January 31 & February 1, 2026

Established 1917



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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 31.....+Gerald & +Janis Fountain
Sun, Feb 1.....For the people
Tue, Feb 3.....+Thomas Skrmetti, Sr.
Wed, Feb 4.....Special Intention
Thu, Feb 5.....Special Intention
Fri, Feb 6.....Norah Lynne Gollott

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA FEB 3, 7pm: The topic this week is “God washes: Baptism; God anoints; Confirmation.

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: Mark your calendars for the Spring Prize Bingo and look forward to more information to come.

IN OUR DIOCESE

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, 2026.

COPLES NIGHT: Sat, Feb 7 at 6pm hosted by Our Lady of the Gulf, “Wired by God: Understanding your temperament to build a joyful, connected family”. Dinner, talk, childcare. Space is limited; please visit olghurchevents.com for more info.

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

Jan 24 & 25.....\$5478.00

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Jan 31 & Feb 1.....Building Fund

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Feb 2 Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-28, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tue Feb 3 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3, Mk 5:21-43
Wed Feb 4 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Mk 6:1-6
Thu Feb 5 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12, 1 Chr 29:10-12, Mk 6:7-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31, Lk 9:23-26
Fri Feb 6 Sir 47:2-11, Mk 6:14-29, Gal 2:19-20, Mt 28:16-20

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-10

The Lord is faithful forever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading

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..



Lord, help us to follow the path You have set before us. Teach us to trust in You, seek justice, and live humbly. Give us the strength to show mercy and work for peace. May we always remember that true happiness comes from walking in Your ways.

Amen.

Blessings for the Humble and Faithful

Seeking humility and justice: Zephaniah calls people to be humble and do what is right. God cares for those who trust Him and live simply.

God lifts up the lowly: Paul reminds the Corinthians that God often chooses those who seem weak or unimportant. This shows that human strength and status do not matter to God.

Trusting in God's wisdom: Paul says that God's ways are different from human ways. Real wisdom comes from following Christ, not from human success.

Blessings for the poor in spirit: In the Gospel, Jesus says that those who know they need God are blessed. They will receive the kingdom of heaven.

Peace and mercy matter: Jesus blesses those who are peacemakers and show mercy. God's children act with kindness and work for peace.

Suffering for doing right: Jesus teaches that those who face trouble for following Him will be rewarded. God sees their struggles and will bless them.