

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.

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

In Loving Memory of **Steve and (Mary (Zorich) Thian and Edwin R. and Alice (Knebel) Ott**
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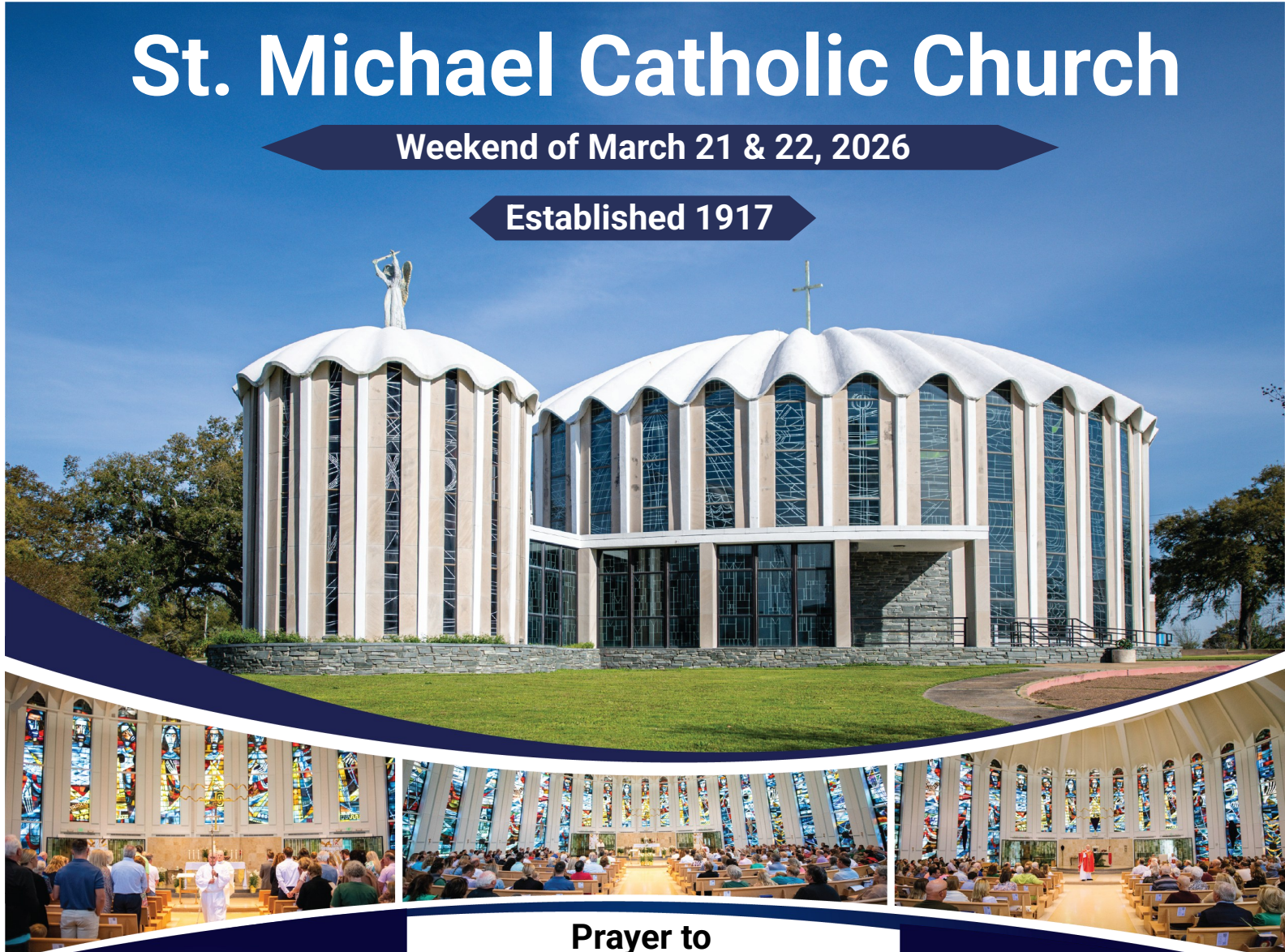
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Vacation Bible School 2026 Save the Date!!!
Nativity's 10th Annual "Fun in the Son"
June 22-26, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Noon
CONTACT LAUREN ELLIS 228-324-0447
\$30 per child
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Volunteers are also Needed & Welcomed: Current 6th -12th Graders get Volunteer Hours!!! Adults welcome to join our Team!!!

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.



St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of March 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, Mar 21.....For the people
 Sun, Mar 22.....Helena Pelous
 Tue, Mar 24.....+Adam, +Annabelle,
 +Anthony, & Tony Kozlowski
 Wed, Mar 25.....Special Intention
 Thu, Mar 26.....Special Intention
 Fri, Mar 27.....+Gregory Smolcich

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA MAR 24 6:30pm: The topic this week is “God redeems: The Triduum; Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer; Third Scrutiny for Catechumens.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion will be celebrated on April 18 at the 5pm Mass. 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 March 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUN 15 - 19. More information to come.

IN OUR DIOCESE

NEW WINE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The New Wine Program is now accepting applications for the August 2026 Cohort, offering a formation experience designed for those serving in ministry across our parishes and schools. This program equips participants with practical ministry leadership skills rooted in the mission of the Diocese of Biloxi. Through prayer, study, and real-world application, participants are formed as confident leaders who know the faith, live it authentically, and can accompany others with clarity and purpose. If you—or someone you serve with—feel called to deepen your formation and grow in leadership, we encourage you to apply. Applications for the August 2026 Cohort are due Friday, May 29, 2026. Additional information and application materials can be found at biloxidioocese.org/new-wine.

“New wine must be poured into fresh wineskins.”
—Mark 2:22

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS

Mar 14 & 15.....\$7388.00

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Mar 21 & 22.....St. Michael Parish

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Mar 23 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, Jn 8:1-11
Tue Mar 24 Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30
Wed Mar 25 Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
Thu Mar 26 Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
Fri Mar 27 Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42

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

-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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A’s focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today’s Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John’s Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today’s reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders’ growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus’ obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus’s resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

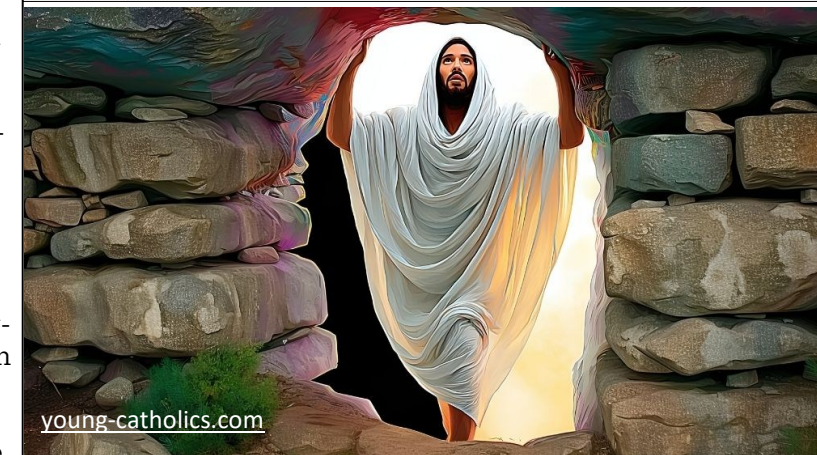
The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha’s sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus’s tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus’ death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus’ impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus’ own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God.

In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus’s tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus’ tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin’s power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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Lord, you are the resurrection and the life. Help us to trust in your promise of new life. Give us courage in times of sorrow and hope in the face of death. Guide us to live in faith and to share your love with others. Amen.

New Life and New Hope

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A reminds us of God’s power to bring new life and hope. In the first reading, God promises to raise His people from their graves and fill them with His Spirit. This shows His power over death and His promise of renewal.

The second reading speaks of the Spirit giving life to our mortal bodies. It reminds us that if the Spirit of Christ lives in us, we have the hope of resurrection. This challenges us to live by the Spirit, not by worldly desires.

In the Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, showing His power over death. He declares, “I am the resurrection and the life,” calling us to believe in Him. This miracle strengthens the faith of those who witness it and reveals Jesus’ identity as the Son of God.

The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to trust in Jesus as the source of life and hope. It challenges us to believe in the promise of resurrection and to live in faith and courage.

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