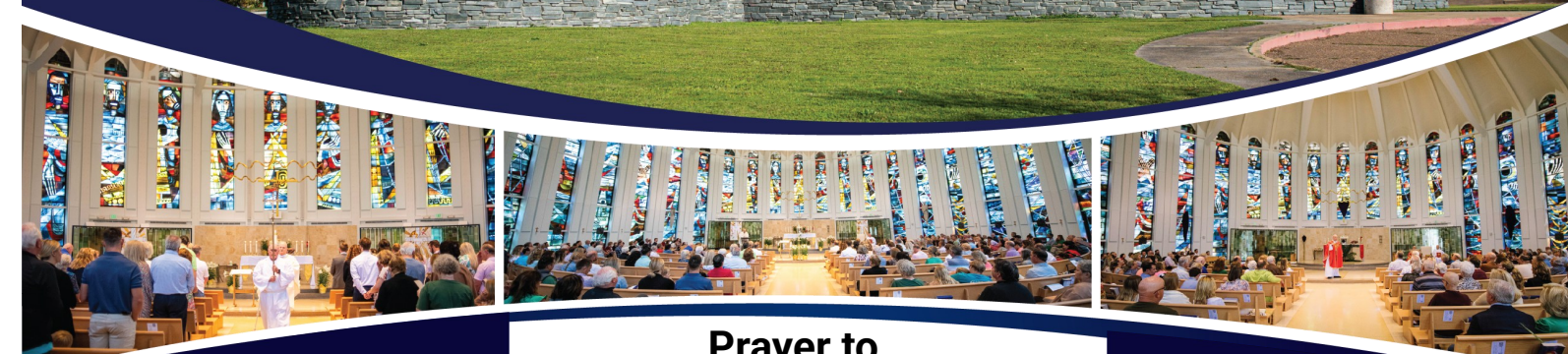


St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of May 16 & 17, 2026

Established 1917



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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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.

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Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr.
May 8, 1920-June 14, 1969
Tori Felsher
2009 Shrimp Queen
Nov. 18, 1982-Sept. 24, 2004

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
Albert J. Ott, Jr.—Owner

Vacation Bible School 2026
Save the Date!!!
Nativity's 10th Annual "Fun in the Sun"
June 22-26, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Noon
CONTACT LAUREN ELLIS 228-324-0447
\$30 per child
NativityYouthMinistryBiloxi@gmail.com
Volunteers are also Needed & Welcomed: Current 6th -12th Graders get Volunteer Hours!!! Adults welcome to Join our Team!!!

HAPPY 86TH BIRTHDAY
WALTER & WALLACE FREEMAN!!
MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU BOTH!
MAY 23, 1940
-THE FREEMAN FAMILY

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
May 9 & 10.....\$5553.55
May 16 & 17.....Catholic Communications

THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN HONOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, May 16.....+Junius & +Sylvia Creel
 Sun, May 17.....For the people
 Tue, May 19.....The Migues Family
 Wed, May 20.....Mother's Novena Mass 6
 Thu, May 21Mother's Novena Mass 7
 Fri, May 22.....+Sarah Miller

IN OUR PARISH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUN 15 - 19:
 Pick up a registration form from the back and turn in by Sat, Jun 12. Contact Cherie with questions or if you would like to volunteer 228.365.4017.

2026 BLESSING OF THE FLEET/SHRIMP QUEEN FESTIVAL, MAY 31: Schedule of events on next page.

\$10K GIVEAWAY TICKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED. WE ASK ALL PARISHIONERS TO BUY OR SELL AT LEAST 1 BOOK. EXTRA BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS IN THE VESTIBULE. DRAWING WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026.

ROSARY LEADERS: During May, we will pray a Rosary prior to Masses. Please sign up in the back if you are willing to lead.

In HONOR OF MOTHERS'S DAY, A NOVENA OF MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR YOUR LOVED ONES. PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES CLEARLY ON THE MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES AND ROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, May 16-17: KoC is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to KofC.org/join and enter council #16992.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon May 18 Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33
Tue May 19 Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a
Wed May 20 Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19
Thu May 21 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26
Fri May 22 Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19

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.

IN OUR DIOCESE

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is seeking a Director of Finance to lead and oversee financial operations across the Diocese, including the Chancery, Catholic Charities, and related ministries. For full details and to apply, please visit: <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/director-finance>

NEW WINE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Ascension of Our Lord, Cycle A May 17, 2026

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
 Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
 Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23
 God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand. **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.


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Trusting in God's Power

The second reading for the Ascension of the Lord Year A speaks about the power of God. Paul prays that believers will understand the strength and wisdom that comes from Him. This same power raised Jesus from the dead and placed Him above all things. The disciples may have felt uncertain as they watched Jesus ascend. They were used to having Him with them, and now He was leaving. But God's power would still be at work in them. He would give them what they needed to carry on Jesus' mission.

God's power is not just for a few chosen people. It is available to all who trust in Him. He gives wisdom to those who seek it and strength to those who feel weak. He is always working, even when His plans are not clear. The Ascension of the Lord Year A reminds believers to rely on God's power. Jesus is not distant; He is still leading His people. Through prayer and faith, they can trust that He is guiding them in their journey.

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You and share Your message. Strengthen us with Your Spirit so we may live as true disciples. Give us courage, wisdom, and trust in Your presence. Help us to love others as You have loved us. May we always walk in Your ways. Amen.



97th Annual Blessing of the Fleet

April 29, 6pm - Poster Unveiling at St Michael FLC
May 28, 6pm - Mass Honoring Deceased Fishermen and Past Royalty Reception immediately following at St. Michael FLC
May 30, 5pm - Blessing Mass followed by Coronation of the 2026 Shrimp King and Queen Frank Gruich Community Center
May 31, 10am - Shrimp Festival with Blessing of the Fleet Boat Parade 12:30 at Harrah's Great Lawn