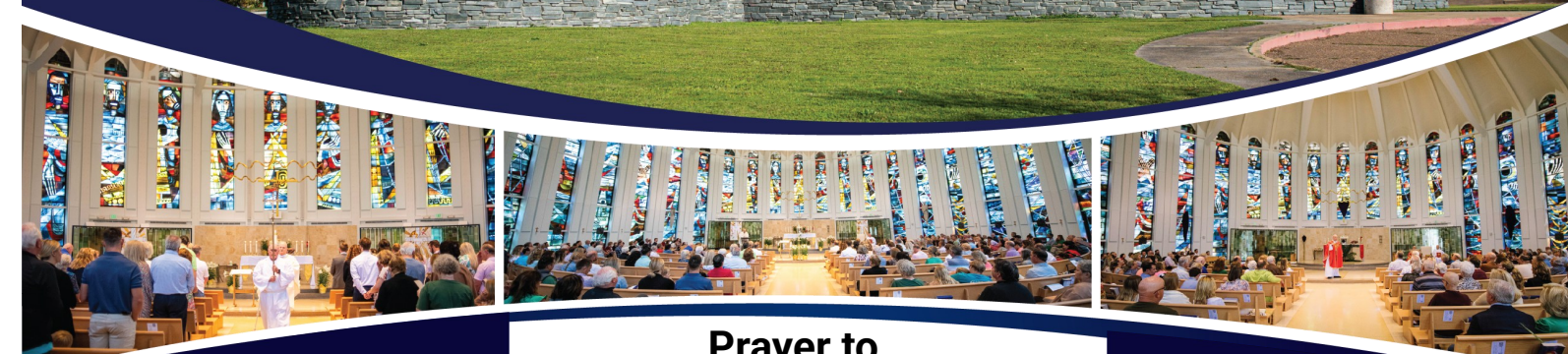


# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of May 2 & May 3, 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!

Available on the App Store | ANDROID APP ON Google play  
**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.

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**GULF PINE FRIDAYS**

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In Loving Memory  
**Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr.**  
May 5, 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!!!

Your ad here

**UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS**  
Apr 25 & 26 .....\$3929.85  
Apr 30 & May 1.....St. Michael Parish

**THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN HONOR OF THE FLEUR DE LIS LADIES SOCIETY.**

**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, May 2 .....For the people  
Sun, May 3 .....+Zelma Gollott  
Tue, May 5 .....Mother's Novena Mass 1  
Wed, May 6 .....Mother's Novena Mass 2  
Thu, May 7 .....Mother's Novena Mass 3  
Fri, May 8 .....+Raymond and  
+Paula Miguez

## 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:** Information and applications are online and in the vestibule.

**\$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](http://KofC.org/join) and enter council #16992.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

The Catholic Diocese of Biloxi is seeking a Director of Finance  
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. This key leadership role serves as the primary financial advisor to the bishop, ensuring sound financial planning, strong internal controls, and faithful stewardship of Church resources. The Director works closely with clergy and diocesan leadership to promote transparency, accountability, and alignment with the mission of fostering Discipleship in Christ.

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree (advanced degree preferred), 7-10 years of financial management experience—ideally in a nonprofit setting—and a commitment to Catholic values. CPA certification is preferred.

For full details and to apply, please visit: <https://www.biloxidiocese.org/director-finance>

## 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 [biloxidiocese.org/new-wine](http://biloxidiocese.org/new-wine).

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon May 4** Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26  
**Tue May 5** Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wed May 6** Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8  
**Thu May 7** Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11  
**Fri May 8** Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A May 3, 2026

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

### Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

### Gospel Reading

*John 14:1-12*

*Jesus tells his disciples,*

*"I am the way and the truth and the life."*

### Trusting in the Words of Jesus

The Gospel brings words of comfort and hope. Jesus tells His disciples not to be troubled and to trust in Him. He speaks about preparing a place for them and promises that they will be with Him. These words were meant to encourage His followers as He prepared to leave them.

Jesus reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the path to God, and through Him, people find real meaning. This message is important for us too. When life is uncertain, faith in Jesus brings strength and direction. He shows us how to live and how to reach the Father.

The disciples struggle to understand His words. Thomas asks how they can know the way. This shows that even those closest to Jesus had doubts and questions. Many people today feel the same way. Faith is not always easy, but Jesus calls us to trust Him even when we do not fully understand. Jesus also tells them that those who believe in Him will do great works. This does not mean miracles alone, but also acts of love, kindness, and service. His followers continue His mission by bringing hope to others. Each person has a role in sharing God's love through daily actions.

*Lord, help us to trust in You and follow Your way. Teach us to serve others with love and work together in unity. Give us the strength to live as Your people and share Your truth. Guide us in faith, and lead us to You. Amen.* [young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)

## Unity, Service, and Leadership in the Early Church

This Sunday shows how the early Christians faced problems and worked together to solve them. In the first reading, some widows were not getting the food they needed. The apostles saw the problem and took action. They chose seven men to help so that everyone was cared for, and they could focus on teaching and prayer.

This moment in the early Church teaches the importance of unity. The community did not ignore the problem or let it cause division. Instead, they worked together to find a fair solution. In our own lives, we are called to do the same. When challenges arise, we must seek ways to bring people together rather than letting problems separate us.

The reading also highlights service. The apostles knew that preaching was important, but they also knew they had to care for others. Instead of handling everything themselves, they made sure that help was given to those in need. This reminds us that faith is not just about prayer but also about action.

Leadership and delegation are also key lessons. The apostles knew they could not do everything alone. They trusted others to take on responsibilities. This teaches us to recognize our own limits and share the work with others. In families, workplaces, and parishes, teamwork is essential for success.

### Living the Way of Jesus

Jesus calls Himself the way, the truth, and the life in the Gospel. This means more than just believing in Him. It means following His example in how we live each day. He does not just teach about God—He shows us how to live in relationship with Him.

The early Christians put this into practice. In the first reading, they face a challenge but work together to care for those in need. They recognize that faith is not just about words but about action. Their decision to appoint helpers allows both prayer and service to continue. This balance is important for every Christian community.

Living the way of Jesus means putting faith into action. It means caring for the poor, being honest, and treating others with kindness. It is not always easy, but Jesus shows that following Him leads to true life. He is the path that brings people closer to God.

Each person is called to be part of this mission. The second reading describes believers as living stones in God's house. This means that each person has a role in building up the Church. By living according to Jesus' teachings, we help others see His truth.

This Sunday reminds us that faith is a way of life. It is not just about knowing the truth but living it. Jesus shows the way, and we are called to follow Him with trust and love.