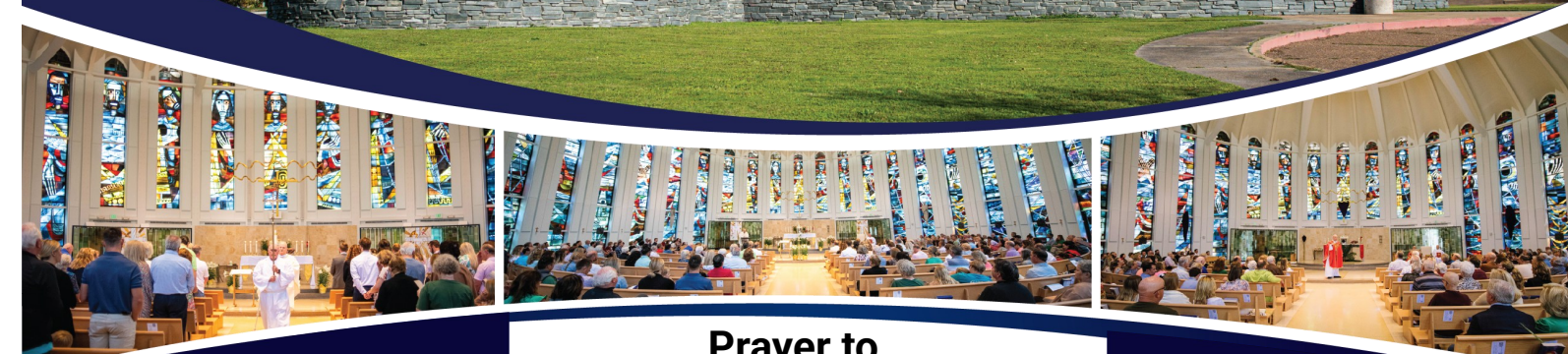


St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of May 23 & 24, 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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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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In Loving Memory
Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr. May 8, 1920-June 14, 1969
Tori Felsher 2009 Shrimp Queen Nov. 14, 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

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

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
May 16 & 17.....\$6590
May 23 & 24.....Catholic School Subsidy

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, May 23.....+Freddie & +Vera Lusk
 Sun, May 24.....For the people
 Tue, May 26.....Mother's Novena Mass 8
 Wed, May 27.....Mother's Novena Mass 9
 Thu, May 28.....+Thomas Skrmetti, Sr.
 Fri, May 29.....+Alton Sanders

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

The Knights of Columbus 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. Our local council Father Herbert Mullin # 16992 held a membership drive, and we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find the Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to kofc.org/joinus, complete the information about you and enter 16992 in the box asking you about the local council number or contact Jim Cummings (Grand Knight) at (228) 209-9121 for local information.

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon May 25 Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14, Jn 19:25-34
Tue May 26 1 Pt 1:10-16, Mk 10:28-31, Phil 4:4-9, Jn 17:20-26
Wed May 27 1 Pt 1:18-25, Mk 10:32-45
Thu May 28 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12, Mk 10:46-52
Fri May 29 1 Pt 4:7-13, Mk 11:11-26

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.

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

Pentecost Sunday, Cycle A May 24, 2026

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
 The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34

God's Spirit renews the earth.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.
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The Power of The Holy Spirit

Pentecost Year A shows how the Holy Spirit changes everything. The disciples were gathered when suddenly a strong wind filled the house. Tongues of fire appeared, and they began speaking in different languages. People from many places heard them and understood in their own tongues. This was the power of the Holy Spirit at work.

The coming of the Spirit gave the disciples courage. Before Pentecost, they were afraid and unsure of what to do. But after receiving the Spirit, they boldly spoke about Jesus. Thousands of people believed that day, and the Church began to grow.

The Spirit also gives gifts to help believers share the message of Jesus. These gifts are not just for personal benefit but for the good of the whole Church. The Spirit helps people teach, lead, serve, and encourage others in faith.

Pentecost Year A reminds us that the Spirit is always with us. The same power that filled the disciples is available to us today. The Spirit gives us strength, wisdom, and courage to live as followers of Jesus.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your wisdom and strength. Help us to listen to your guidance and follow the path of Jesus. Give us courage to share your love with others. Bring peace and unity to your Church. Teach us to trust in you always. Amen.

