MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Nov 7..... For the people
Sun, Nov 8.....+Sherry Hankins
Tue, Nov 10..... +Kathy Theriot
Wed, Nov 11.....+Sharon Girouard
+Jordy Butirich
Thu, Nov 12.....+Victoria Felsher
+Ronald Lechner
Fri, Nov 13.....+Katie Lynn Pizzetta

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Nov 9 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2:13-22
Tue Nov 10 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14, Lk 7:7-10, Sir 39:6-11, Mt 16:13-19
Wed Nov 11 Ti 3:1-8, Lk 17:11-19, Is 61:1-3d, Mt 25:31-40
Thu Nov 12 Phln: 7-20, Lk 17:20-25, Eph 4:1-7,11-13, Jn 17:20-26
Fri Nov 13 Jn 4-9, Lk 17:26-37

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA, NOV 11, 7 pm: God *perfects*: The Communion of Saints and Angels, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Devotions.

PRIZE BINGO, NOV 22: Join us in the FLC for Prize Bingo – Doors open at 11. Concessions will be available and Bingo begins at 1pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Registration for St. Michael's First Holy Communion group has begun. 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 Feb 17. Questions may be directed to Ashley Rodriguez, 410.693.8825 or rodfamily2015@gmail.com.

The 2025 Limited Edition St. Michael Christmas ornaments will be on sale before and after Masses beginning November 7 for $25.00 each until all are sold.

IN OUR DIOCESE

CCD & LIFE TEEN Contact Mrs. Kristy Arguelles (228) 324-9934 or Mrs. Lauren Ellis at (228) 324-0447. LifeTeen is for youth in grades 6-12. We provide ways for our youth to minister as we lead teens closer to Christ. Grab a schedule in the back of the church.
RELIC COLLECTION THE DIOCESE OF BILOXI has been given over 1,700 relics of saints, one of the largest collections in the country. At present, over 450 relics are on display in the Marian Chapel. Refer to NativityBVMCathedral.org for updated viewing hours.
GUEST SPEAKER, MAR 17 Nativity Parish will host Chris Stefanick with REBOOT. See the back of the bulletin to see how to get tickets. This event will sell out.

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 A CONGRATULATIONS to Kenneth Powell on his Jubilarian Award for 38 years of service to the poor with St. Michael's SVDP Conference.

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. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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. Consider joining today. Contact our local council #16992 or contact Jimmy Smith (Grand Knight) at 228- 366-3000 for information.

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Oct 31 & Nov 1..... $5087.13
Nov 7 & 8.....St. Michael Parish

THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUSK, BAKER, MCCALEB, RYAN, & AKEN FAMILIES

Lord, help me seek wisdom and live with understanding. Guide me to make choices that bring peace and prepare me for what is ahead. Strengthen my faith so I may trust in Your promises. Teach me to be ready for Your coming and to walk in Your ways each day. Amen.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
Sunday, November 8, 2026

First Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16 - Wisdom will come to those who seek it.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8 - Our souls are thirsting for God.
Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - God will raise all those who have died.
Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13
Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.
When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?
Sunday Connection | Loyola Press

Lady Wisdom and True Understanding
The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights the importance of wisdom. The first reading presents Wisdom as radiant and unfading, always available to those who seek her. This image of Wisdom as a woman is striking. It reminds us that true understanding is not hidden but waiting to be found by those who search with open hearts.

This reading encourages people to pursue wisdom actively. It does not simply appear out of nowhere. Wisdom is found by those who watch for it and seek it sincerely. Just as people must put effort into learning and growing, they must also seek wisdom in their spiritual lives.

The way Wisdom is described also challenges how people view women. Women are often expected to be intelligent and strong, yet they are sometimes overlooked or not taken seriously. This passage reminds people to value wisdom wherever it is found, including in the insights and leadership of women.

Wisdom leads to freedom from worry. When people make wise choices, they avoid unnecessary trouble and stress. The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that wisdom is not just about knowing things but about living in a way that brings peace. Seeking wisdom helps people live better and grow closer to God.

Being Ready for What Comes
The parable of the ten virgins in the Gospel for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches about preparation. The wise virgins bring extra oil, while the foolish ones do not. When the bridegroom arrives, only those who are ready can enter the wedding feast. This story is a reminder that people must always be prepared for what comes next.

The foolish virgins want to borrow oil, but the wise ones do not share. This might seem selfish, but it teaches an important lesson. Some things in life cannot be borrowed or given away. A person cannot rely on someone else's faith or preparation. Each person must take responsibility for their own spiritual journey.

Preparation takes effort. Just as the wise virgins brought extra oil, people must make time for prayer, good works, and faith. These things help a person stay ready for God. Without them, a person risks being caught unprepared.

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourages people to reflect on their own readiness. Are they prepared to meet God? Do they take their faith seriously? The parable shows that those who prepare will find joy, while those who delay may miss out on what truly matters.
https://young-catholics.com

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 & 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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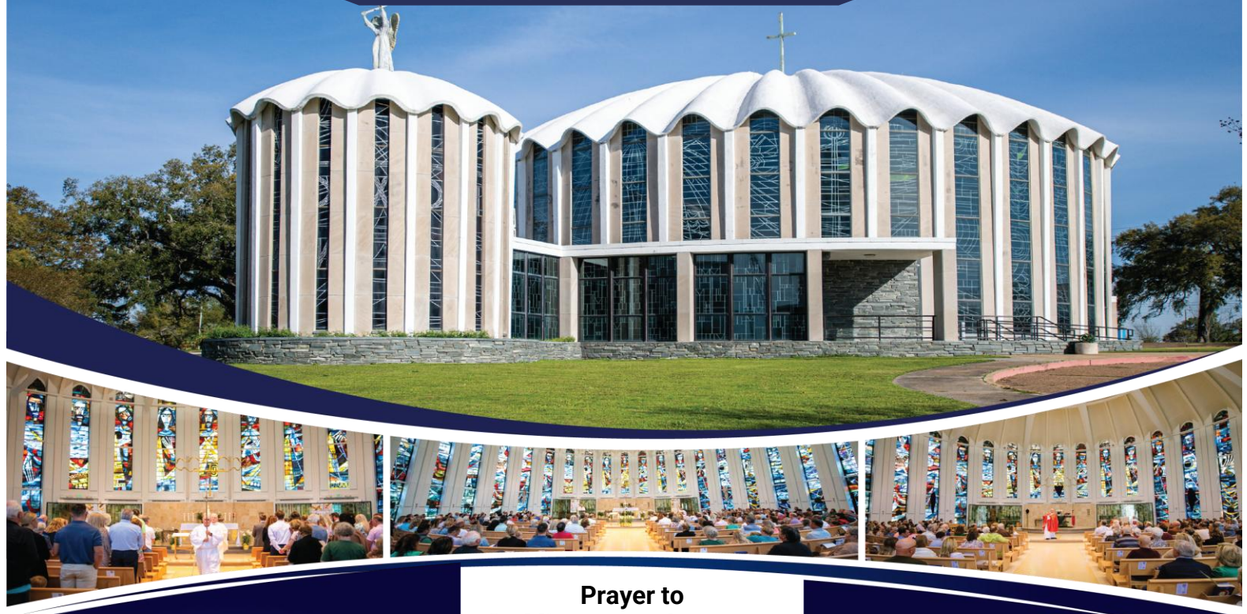

Confessions

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

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