

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Sep 13.....	+Obrey Langlinais
Sun, Sep 14.....	For the people
Tue, Sep 16.....	+Katie Lynn Pizzetta
Wed, Sep 17.....	Joshua, Danielle, Raleigh, & Samuel Trussel
Thu, Sep 18.....	+Thomas Skrmetti
Fri, Sep 19.....	+Raymond & +Paula Migués

IN OUR PARISH

CCD Registration is now open. The CCD program is designed for children in public schools grades k-5. We invite all children who are seeking to learn more about their faith and/or receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion. There is a \$25 registration fee per child. Grab a form in the vestibule.

LIFETEEN Registration is now open. The LifeTeen program is designed for teens in public AND Catholic schools grades 6-12. We invite all teens from our east Biloxi parishes. There is a \$25 registration per teen. Grab a form in the vestibule.

OCIA begins Sep 30! If you or someone you know is interested in gaining a deeper understanding of our faith please grab a registration form in the vestibule or online.

O Lord, we thank you for the goodness of the earth, for the beauty of the dawn, and for the glory of the nightfall. You give us the land and all within it, as a glimpse of Your heart, holy and forever loving. You compel us to take courage, no matter the difficulty. You place servants before us – men and women whom You entrust to safeguard against human calamity. These heralds of blessing shield the most vulnerable, offer solace for the parched, and carry the brokenhearted. They sacrifice their own lives to yield our living. We thank you, O Lord, for those who bring forth Your Spirit in our midst. May we who fix our hope in God be filled with all joy and peace in believing.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S COLLECTION BASKETS	
Sep 6 & 7.....	\$4468.10
UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS	
Sep 13 & 14.....	Center for Int’l Seafarers
Sep 21 & 22.....	Catholic School Subsidy
Sep 27 & 28.....	Loaves & Fishes

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon Sep 15	1 Tm 2:1-8, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35, Heb 5:7-9
Tue Sep 16	1 Tm 3:1-13, Lk 7:11-17, 2 Cor 4:7-15, Jn 17:11b-19
Wed Sep 17	1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35
Thu Sep 18	1 Tm 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50
Fri Sep 19	1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3
Sat Sep 20	1 Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15, Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39, Lk 9:23-26
Sun Sep 21	Am 8:4-7, 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Altar Society members. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578

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.

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. We will begin OCIA classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Family Life Center. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Numbers 21:4b-9
Moses made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he or she was healed.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 78:1-2, 34-34, 36-37, 38
Do not forget the works of the Lord.

Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11
Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.


Gospel Reading
John 3:13-17
As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ death on the cross as well as his resurrection and return to the Father are one event. For him, the cross is a sign of exaltation. The serpent that Moses lifted up in the desert to offer healing to those injured by snake bites prefigures Jesus’ being lifted up on the cross, bringing salvation.

The eternal life God offers through Jesus is not life without end but life lived in the unending presence of God. That is why it can begin now in this life. The world to which God sends the Son is not a place but those people who are at odds with Jesus and God. Jesus is sent to this world as a gift. Only believers accept the gift.

Finally, God’s judgment on the world is not a future cosmic event but a present reality. God sent the Son out of love for the world. However, the world has to decide to accept him. Those who accept him have eternal life at the moment of the decision. Those who reject him don’t.
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We welcome back to St. Michael Church, classmates of the graduating classes of 1975 from Notre Dame and Sacred Heart Academy, where they celebrated their Commencement Mass 50 years ago!

