



<p><i>In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, &amp; Aken Families</i></p>	<p><i>In Memory of Kathy Theriot 11/27/45-12/28/20</i></p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Nicolas &amp; Loyce Hire Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 &amp; Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022</i></p> <p><i>Together in Heaven</i></p>	<p><i>Always in our hearts Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo &amp; Anna Caprari, Everise Boudreaux Broussard, Wayne Kopszywa, &amp; Cyrus A. Broussard</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of <b>Berniece Louise Garner</b> Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022</p> <p>Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"</p>	<p><b>NEW TO THE PARISH:</b> 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!</p>	<p>Available on the App Store   ANDROID APP ON Google play</p> <p><b>myParish</b> The App for Catholic Life Every Day™</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.</b></p> <p>The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.</p>
<p><b>WORD on FIRE.</b> Word on Fire harnesses <i>beauty, goodness, and truth</i> to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.</p>	<p>Stay in the Know with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter</p> <p><b>GULF PINE FRIDAYS</b></p>	<p>Your ad here</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>
<p><b>HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!</b> Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org</p>	<p><b>SUE STONE</b> Owner EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF BILOXI</p> <p>228-233-6074 228-223-4024</p>	<p><i>Remember in Prayer The Misko &amp; Skrmetta Families</i></p>	
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# St. Michael Catholic Church

**Weekend of April 19 & 20, 2025**

**Established 1917**

**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, Apr 19.....	For the People
Sun, Apr 20.....	For the People
Tue, Apr 22.....	+Sharon Girouard
Wed, Apr 23.....	+Betty Jean Hughes
Thu, Apr 24.....	+Patsy Kuluz
Fri, Apr 25.....	The Merrill Family

**IN OUR PARISH**

**OCIA:** Congratulations to the newest members of our Catholic Faith!

**BULLETIN ADS:** If you would like to run a on the back of our bulletin please contact the church office for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please call the church office to request a Mass for your special intention (s).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please keep our children preparing for their First Reconciliation (4/9) and First Holy Communion (5/3) in your prayers. If your child is making their First Holy Communion with their school or CCD class and you would like them to be recognized with the St. Michael First Communion group, please submit the child's name to the parish office.

**USM CIVIC CHOIR GROUP:** Concert here at St. Michael, Apr 27, 2:30pm.

**2025 FLEUR DE LIS MEN AND LADIES SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Applications are in the vestibule

**\$10K RAFFLE FUNDRAISER** is off to a great start! Books of tickets have been mailed to you, if you have not received yours or if you need more to sell they will be set up in the vestibule next weekend, April 26-27 or call 228.697.2559.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed for meetings next week. If you need to stop by, kindly call or email the office ahead of time to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your understanding!

WEEKLY OFERING	
Apr 12 & 13.....	\$4622
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS	
Apr 19 & 20.....	Easter Sunday
Apr 26 & 27.....	Catholic Home Missions

**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 assistance 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).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
ALTAR SERVERS	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	
GREETERS	
LECTORS	
<b>Sat, Apr 19</b>	Jimmy Smith
	Vicky Wescovich & Walter Freeman
	5 pm Don & Susan Pizzetta Debbie Smith/Kathy Doyle
<b>Sun, Apr 20</b>	Phil Rodrigue
	Kenneth & Cynthia Powell
	10 am Pete Broussard & Bridgette Whiting Jessica Gollott
<b>Sat, Apr 26</b>	Ira Elijah Jones
	George & Rose Sliman
	7:30 pm Don & Susan Pizzetta Darnell Schreck
<b>Sun, Apr 27</b>	Douglas Roll
	Therese Drake
	10 am Noel Aucoin, Jr. Larry Girouard & Bridgette Whiting Laurri Garcia

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**DIOCESE OF BILOXI PASSPORT FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE:** The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Passport was created to encourage and allow you to pilgrimage across the coast this year, Pick up a passport in the vestibule of the Church.

**ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL:** Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Easter Vigil  
Background on Gospel Reading**

**Luke 24:1-12**  
**The women go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and are greeted by two men who announce that Jesus is risen.**

Each of the four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C and we read from the Gospel of Luke. On Easter Sunday, the Gospel reading is always taken from the Gospel of John.

In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James.

Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard.

These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during his journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on his way to the crucifixion site and witnessed his death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing his body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the apostles. Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed.

We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they hold a position of authority in the community of disciples. At the start of his ministry, Luke tells us that Jesus chose the Twelve and named them apostles (Luke 6:12-16). The word apostle means "one who is sent." During his lifetime, Jesus prepared these apostles to be his witnesses by sending them to heal the sick, to exorcise demons, and to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ.

**Easter Sunday  
Background on Gospel Reading**

**John 20:1-9**  
**Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.**

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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*Easter Prayer*

Christ the Lord is risen  
And, as all the world rejoices,  
Singing of his glory  
With such joyful hearts and voices,  
May you find that Easter brings you  
Peace and faith and hope anew,  
And may these blessings fill your heart  
With joy the whole year through.