

**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 ever 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  
*Together in Heaven*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Berniece Louise Garner**  
 Dec. 8 1932—Dec. 22, 2022  
 Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"

**SUE STONE**  
 Owner  
**EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF BILOXI**  
 228-233-6074  
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*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**


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 with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter  
**GULF PINE FRIDAYS**  
 DIOCESE OF BILOXI

**WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.**  
 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.

*"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*  



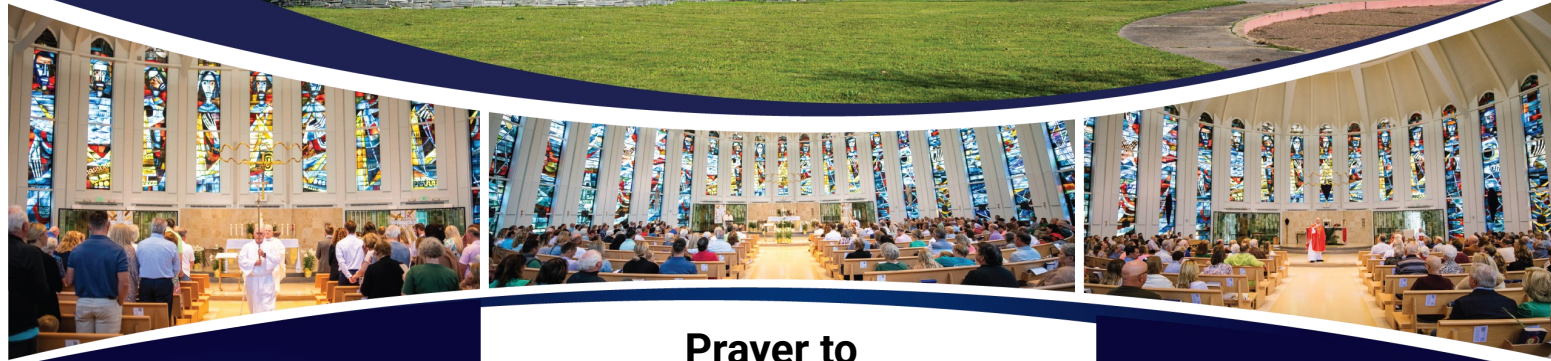
**NEW TO THE PARISH:**  
 If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you in learning more about us and we about you. We are delighted that you are with us!

  
 Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of January 4 & 5, 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, Jan 4.....For the people  
Sun, Jan 5 .....+Arny Gollott, Jr.  
Tue, Jan 7.....+Patsy Kuluz  
Wed, Jan 8.....+Joanie Averett  
Thu, Jan 9.....Sister Sarah Palomino  
Fri, Jan 10.....+Marie Jurich

**IN OUR PARISH**

**OCIA, JAN 7, 7pm:** The theme is God Forms: Introduction to Christian Morality.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** 2025 boxes are in the vestibule. Please verify your envelope number on the list and take the box with your number on it.

**BULLETIN ADS:** If you would like to run a business ad or recognize a special anniversary on the back of our bulletin please contact the church office. Ads can be weekly, monthly, or yearly.

**SVDP:** The pantry will reopen on Wednesday, January 8.

**PRAY FOR A PRIEST:** Pick up a Jan and Feb prayer calendar in the vestibule to pray for our priests.

**JANUARY MINISTRY SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE USHERS CLOSET.**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Dec 24 & 25.....\$9154.00  
Dec 28 & 29.....\$3489.00

**UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

Jan 4 & 5.....Aged & Infirm Priest  
Jan 11 & 12.....Building Fund

**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.

**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 group meets most Thursday mornings in the Family Life Center. The Explorers Club is an art, faith, and science enrichment program primarily for PK3-5th graders. Call Ashley Rodriguez at 410.693.8825 for more information.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
ALTAR SERVERS  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST  
GREETERS  
LECTORS**

**Sat, Jan 4**  
**5 pm**  
Ira Elijah Jones  
Darnell Schreck & Jimmy Smith  
Don & Susan Pizzetta  
Debbie Smith

**Sun, Jan 5**  
**10 am**  
Phil Rodrigue  
Cynthia Powell & Mary Rodrigue  
Jacklyn Cummins & Bridgette Whiting  
Laurri Garcia

**Sat, Jan 11**  
**5 pm**  
Jimmy Smith  
Rose Sliman & Debbie Smith  
Don & Susan Pizzetta  
Cassandra Lizana

**Sun, Jan 12**  
**10 am**  
Doug Roll  
Therese Drake & Kenneth Powell  
Pete Broussard & Kenneth Girouard  
Cynthia Powell



**THE FLOWER INTENTIONS  
ARE FOR OUR BELOVED PARISHIONERS OF  
ST. MICHAEL.**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
Background on Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 2:1-12  
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Cycle C | Loyola Press

**The Feast of the Epiphany**

“On the twelfth day of Christmas...”, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany! This special day celebrates the coming of the Magi - the three wise men (or kings), from the East who followed a star, and travelled to adore Jesus. The definition of the word “epiphany” is a divine or supernatural manifestation - just as the wise men discovered Jesus.

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**CHARITY BINGO/SILENT AUCTION, JAN 12, 1 pm:** Our Lady of Fatima invites you to a benefit for Danny Lechner. Doors open at 11am.

**HEALING MASS, JAN 17, 5:00pm:** Join us at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian for a night of Healing with Adoration, Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and One-on-One Pastoral Counseling.

**DIOCESE OF BILOXI WALK FOR LIFE & ROSARY RALLY, JAN 19:** Nativity BVM is hosting the Rosary Rally & Mass for Life beginning at 2pm, then we will take part in a Eucharistic Procession to Lighthouse Park and have Eucharistic Adoration. Please make plans to attend.

*A Prayer for 2025*

*As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.  
Amen*