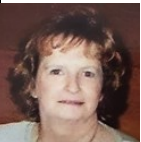
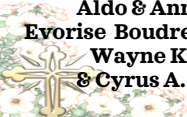


 <i>In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, & Aken Families</i>	 <i>In Memory of Kathy Theriot 11/27/45-12/28/20</i> <i>We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts.</i> <i>Love, Bubba and your family</i>	 <i>In loving memory of Nicolas & Loyce Hire</i> <i>Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 & Feb 10, 1933- Oct 7, 2022</i>	<i>Always in our hearts</i> Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria 'Tori' Felsler, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari, Eyorise 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!	 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.	 Stay in the Know with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter 

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St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of August 22 & 23, 2026

Established 1917

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.

Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday
8:30 - 2:30 pm
or as posted

Mass Schedule

Weekends
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am

Weekdays
Tuesday - Friday 8 am






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MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Aug 22.....	For the people
Sun, Aug 23.....	+Jack Kelly
Tue, Aug 25.....	Special Intention
Wed, Aug 26.....	+ Janet Johnston & Richard Johnston
Thu, Aug 27.....	The Lusk & Baker Families
Fri, Aug 28.....	Special Intention

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin meetings Sep 22. Registration forms and class schedules can be picked up in the vestibule.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16992: See a member for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod and Reel Combos. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of \$11 for \$100. Proceeds support St. Michael’s SVDP. The drawing will be held after 10 am Mass, Sun, August 30.

#iGiveCatholic, December 1, 2026, More info to come.

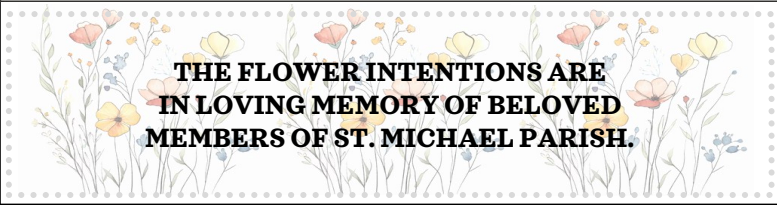
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JOINING FORCES TO RAISE AWARENESS, FOOD & FUNDS FOR ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY, WHICH BENEFITS OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN NEED IN EAST BILOXI, WE ARE HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. BELOW IS A LIST OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/HYGIENE ITEMS THAT ARE STOCKED IN OUR FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO EXPIRED FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS..

Peanut Butter	Macaroni & Cheese	Peanut Butter Crackers	<u>HYGIENE PRODUCTS:</u>
Jelly	Canned Soup or Stew	Vienna Sausage	<u>(TRAVEL SIZE)</u>
Canned Tuna/Chicken	Ramen Noodles	Potted Meat	Toothbrushes/Tooth paste
Spaghetti Pasta/Sauce	Jiffy Cornbread Mix	Pop Tarts	Soap
Oatmeal/Grits	Jello	Granola/Protein Bars	Shampoo
Canned Vegetables	Kool-Aid	Instant Mashed Potatoes	Deodorant
Canned Fruit	Beanie Weenies		Hand Sanitizer/wipes
Rice	Tuna Snack Packs		Chapstick
Dry or Canned Beans	Fruit or Pudding Snacks		Sunscreen
			Bandaids
			Rain ponchos
			Combs



THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF BELOVED MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH.

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS

Aug 15 & 16.....\$6624.00

Aug 22 & 23.....St. Michael Parish

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Mon Aug 24	Rv 21:0b-14, Jn 14:45-51
Tue Aug 25	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17, Mt 23:23-36
Wed Aug 26	Thes 3:6-10, Mt 23:27-32
Thu Aug 27	1 Cor 1:1-9, Mt 24:42-51, Lk 7:11-17
Fri Aug 28	1 Cor 12:26-31, Mk 6:17-29, Jer 1:17-19

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 would like to thank the VBS Children who made generous donations to our Food Pantry throughout the week! :)

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. 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 Jimmy Smith (Grand Knight) at 228- 366-3000 for information.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A
August 23, 2026

First Reading
Isaiah 22:19-23
God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
God’s kindness is forever.

Second Reading
Romans 11:33-36
Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 16:13-20
Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading
It is important to read today’s Gospel and next week’s Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew’s Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus’ prediction about his passion and death.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today’s Gospel, Peter’s recognition of Jesus’ identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus’ rebuke of Peter in next week’s Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus’ prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Peter’s Faith and the Church

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights a key moment in the Gospel. Peter declares that Jesus is the Son of God, and Jesus blesses him. He tells Peter that he will be the rock on which the Church is built.

Peter’s faith is not perfect. He struggles and makes mistakes. But he trusts in Jesus and speaks with conviction. His faith is strong enough that Jesus gives him a special role in leading the Church.

Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. This means the Church has a responsibility to guide people in faith. It is not just about rules but about leading people to God. The Church’s foundation is not on human wisdom but on faith in Jesus.

This Sunday reminds us that faith is what holds the Church together. Like Peter, we may struggle, but Jesus calls us to stand firm. The Church continues because of faith in Christ, and we are invited to be part of that foundation.

We are called to recognize Jesus for who He truly is. It also challenges us to trust in God’s wisdom and to lead with humility when given responsibility. Faith is the foundation of the Church, and we are all called to be part of that foundation. As we reflect on these readings, may we grow in faith and serve God with trust and love.

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Lord, you are the source of wisdom and strength. Help us to trust in your plan, even when we do not understand it. Teach us to lead with humility and to serve others with love. Strengthen our faith so that we may follow you fully. Guide us to always seek your truth. Amen.