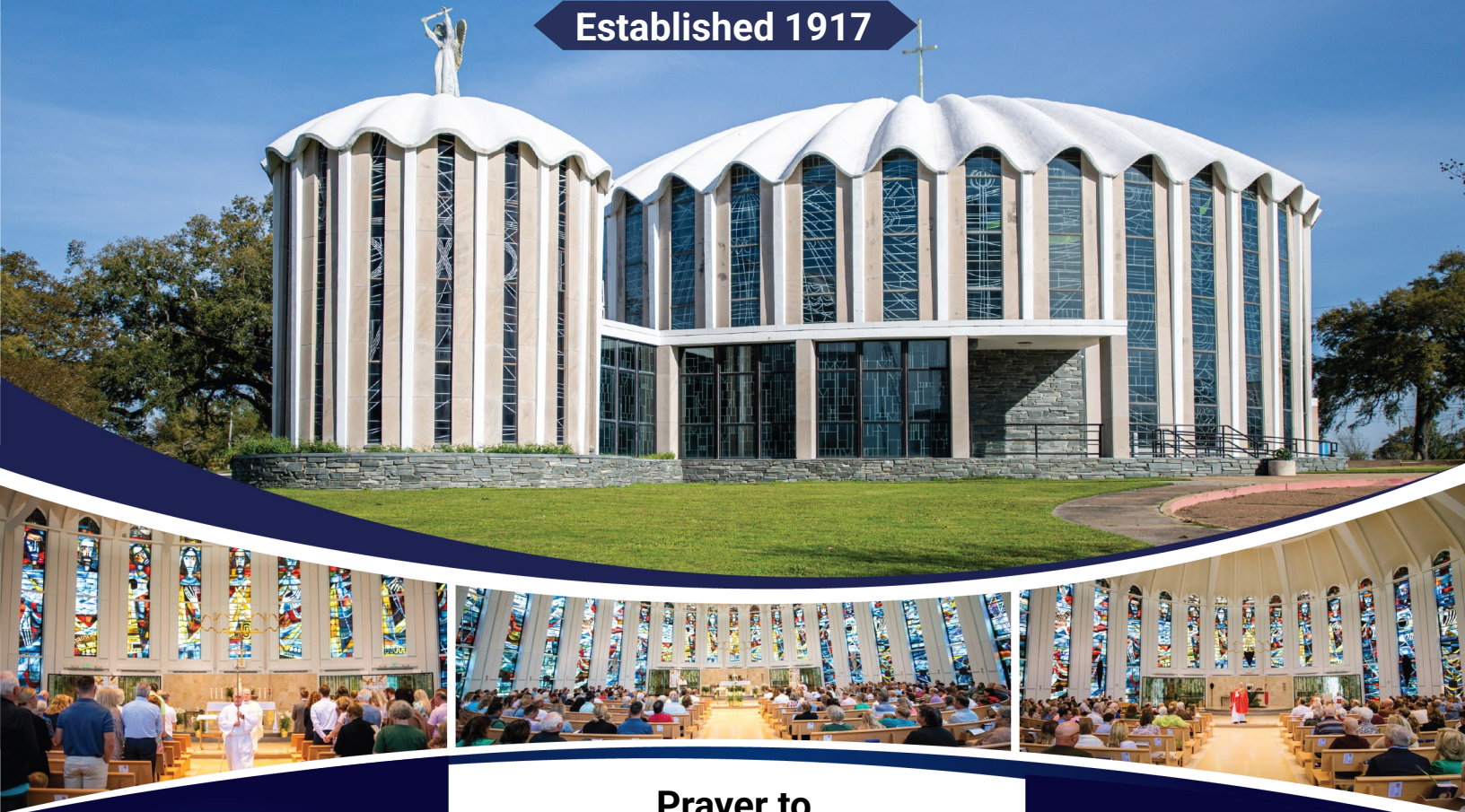


# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of August 10 & 11, 2024

Established 1917



## Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

## Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday  
8:30 - 3 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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## **Lay Leanings** By Deacon Mike Stewart

She looked at me with laser sharpness and then raised her voice in that unmistakable tone, “Listen to me!” Of course, I should know better. Honestly, it’s not the first time I’ve heard that.

A friend and I were once sharing our frustration about the fact that as our kids grew older, they didn’t seem to be listening to us as much. He unexpectedly turned our frustration inside-out. “As much as we harp on our kids and others, have you ever wondered who WE aren’t listening to?” Ouch.

Let’s be honest ... the ladies so often accuse us guys of having selective hearing, and while I won’t deny that for a second, certainly from my own perspective, I honestly don’t think listening is limited to any gender, race, or age.

The great Lutheran pastor and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer said this about listening, “The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as the love of God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. It is God’s love for us that He not only gives us His Word, but also lends us His ear.”

So I guess that means if God is patient enough to listen to my incessant whining, I suppose I have no excuse but to give the same courtesy to those whom God places in my presence.

And yet, I know in my heart, that when God eventually calls me home, there’s been much in my life that I’ve simply not been attuned to, much that I’ve frankly missed. Every call of my name, every laugh or cry, every routine or even critical conversation that I’ve shut out of my life, is like a gift from God, accepted, and then unopened and put on a shelf.



Altar Flowers are in honor of  
Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, & Aken  
Families.

Granted, the world is polluted with much noise. But the sacred sounds of those we love are, in actuality, God’s own voice calling to us through the noise of our lives.

What are you listening to? Pray about that this week.

*Whoever has ears ought to hear.*  
*Mt 11:15*

## Mass for the Intentions **Week**

*Sat, August 10: For the People*

*Sun, August 11: +Thomas Skymetti, Sr.*

*Tue, August 13: Joshua, Danielle, & Ryleigh Trussell*

*Wed, August 14: +Katie Lynn Pizzetta*

*Thu, August 15: +Tommy Hand*

*Fri, August 16: +Freddie & Vera Lusk*

## In Our Parish

**St. Vincent de Paul** is in need of non perishable canned items. There is a basket in the vestibule to drop off.

**August 11:** Jambalaya Fundraiser, FLC, 11am

*\*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary\**

**August 14:** Holy Day Vigil Mass at 6pm followed by Adoration.

**August 15:** Holy Day Mass 8am and noon.

**August 15:** Ultreya, Family Life Center, 7pm

**August 25:** Hamburger Plate Fundraiser, FLC, 11am

## In Our Diocese

**September 15: Wedding Anniversary Mass:** The Bishop will recognize couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years or more with a Mass and reception. Please fill out the form in the vestibule.

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:41-51

*Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd, who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God.

Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week’s Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>



In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

Collections August 3 & 4, 2024

\$4,288.00

Next Week’s Second Collection is for

St. Vincent De Paul Society



*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 and your family*

**The Little Ones**

Jim Burrows



A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun,  
and the moon under her feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Rev 12:1

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*In loving memory of*

*Nicolas & Loyce Hire*

*Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021*

*Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022*

*Together in Heaven*



*Always in our hearts*

*Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen,  
Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard,  
Aldo & Anna Caprari, Evorise Boudreaux Broussard  
& Cyrus A. Broussard*



**In Loving Memory of  
Berniece Louise Garner**

**Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022**

**Truly an example of Amazing  
Grace.**

St Michael Altar Society has created a way to honor  
your loved ones past or present with an arrange-  
ment of fresh flowers on the altar. Honor your  
loved one's Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations  
or any milestone you wish to celebrate or remem-  
ber. Arrangements are cost \$40 each. Please call  
the office to schedule your dates.

*Happy Wedding Anniversary*



**Giving Thanks for  
69 Years  
Together  
July 22**

*Congratulations*  
**Pete & Harriet  
Aufdemorte**

**The Magnificat**

My soul magnifies the Lord  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;  
For behold henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;  
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His name;  
And His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear Him.  
He has shown might with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.  
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has given help to Israel,  
his servant, mindful of His mercy  
Even as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his posterity forever.