

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of August 3 & 4, 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

I didn't watch it, since it's rare that I ever watch television in the first place. I honestly lack the time, and when God gives me the time, I find much greater value in reading. So, I didn't watch it; and from the sound of it, I benefited greatly.

The Olympic opening ceremonies are usually a time of great celebration, and particularly a time for the host country to promote the richness of the nation, its history and culture, and its people. So, we are left to wonder why France, a nation steeped in its contributions to Christian history, chose to quite brazenly permit the depiction of the sacred Gospel story of Jesus with his disciples at the Last Supper through drag queens. As Bishop Robert Barron said so aptly, had the target of this deliberate mocking been Islam or another faith held sacred by its people, imagine the outcry of the world!

Admittedly, I later saw a clip of this incident via the internet, and it saddened me to consider how many otherwise 'professional' people were complicit in allowing this to be aired, coupled with the fact that apparently no one considered how offensive this might be to the nearly 2.5 billion Christians around the world. So as Christians, our outrage should be no less evident, lest our silence be interpreted as condoning.

Please don't misinterpret my personal outrage as somehow casting judgement on any particular group, ethnicity, gender or race. Rather, it's a reminder to all of us of just how deeply secularization has filtered into the very spine of our modern culture, its people, its institutions, its politics, and how it has no regard for what has long been held sacred. Look no further than the ancient cultures of Rome and Greece to see what happened to great cultures that lost their sense of the sacred.

And when mockery of the sacred can happen right under our nose without consequences, has the die of our future as a culture been cast? If we pray about anything, we should pray about that.

If you feel no sense of outrage by this blatant act of mockery, then I would suggest you pray about what that might imply. But for the rest of us who feel that sense of outrage, prayer isn't enough! Don't sit in silence. Defend the faith that has been handed onto us by our ancestors, if even by turning off your television sets, and refusing to feed the beast that brought this mockery to the world stage in the first place. Otherwise, our silence screams!

*Bear with me while I speak; and
after I have spoken, you can mock!*

Job 21:3

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, August 3: +Creed York

Sun, August 4: For the people

Tue, August 6: +Wayne Kopszywa

Wed, August 7: +Joshua Myers

Thu, August 8: Brian, Savannah, Carter,

& Jane Kozłowski

Fri, August 9: +Sharon Girouard

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 15: Holy Day, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass 8am and noon.

August 15: Ultreya, Family Life Center, 7pm

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.

**ST. MICHAEL
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
FR. HERBERT
MULLIN
COUNCIL #16992**



**ST. MICHAEL
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

Joining forces to raise awareness, food, & funds for St. Michael food pantry. This 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.

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| -Peanut Butter | -Macaroni & cheese | -Peanut butter crackers | Hygiene Products: |
| -Jelly | -Canned soup/stew | -Vienna Sausage | (Travel Size) |
| -Canned tuna | -Ramen noodles | -Potted meat | -Toothbrushes |
| -Canned chicken | -Jiffy cornbread mix | -Pop tarts | -Toothpaste |
| -Spaghetti pasta | -Jello | -Granola bars | -Soap |
| -Pasta sauce | -Kool-Aid | -Protein bars | -Deodorant |
| -Oatmeal/grits | -Beanie weenies | -Instant mashed potatoes | -Hand sanitizer |
| -Canned vegetables | -Tuna snack packs | | -Sanitizer wipes |
| -Canned fruit | -Fruit snacks | | -Chapstick |
| -Rice | -Pudding snacks | | -Sunscreen |
| -Dry beans | | | -Band-Aids |
| -Canned beans | | | -Rain ponchos |
| | | | -Combs |

**AUGUST
FUNDRAISERS**

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

**Sunday, August 11
@11am, FLC**



**Sunday, August 25
@11am, FLC**



Hamburgers & sides

Members of the Knights & SVDP will be on hand in the vestibule after each Mass in August to answer any questions you may have. Look for us in our green or blue shirts.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity.

They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God.

As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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



*Altar Flowers are in honor of
The Lusk, McCaleb, Baker,
Ryan, and Aken Families*

Collections July 27 & 28, 2024

\$4,835.85

Next Week's Second Collection is for

Building Fund

*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

JESUS NEVER SENDS ANYONE AWAY HUNGRY; AND NEITHER SHOULD WE.



Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!" Mt 14:16

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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 Louing 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 arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar. Honor your loved one's Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations or any milestone you wish to celebrate or remember. 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*



Almighty God We give you our schools. We give you all the teachers and staff, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love. A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

