### ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of February 13 & 14, 2021

### PRAYER TO SAINT 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: <u>Weekdays</u> Tuesday-Friday 8am

<u>Weekends</u> Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am



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**Confessions:** Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs 8:30am-12 & 1pm-3:30pm

### Ministry News

<u>St Michael Fund Raising Team-</u>Get your 2020 Christmas ornaments before they are gone. On sale after Mass. If you were not able to get yours, please call the office and we can arrange an ornament purchase for you. Thank you.

<u>~St Michael Card Ministry</u> The card ministry is in need of postage, please consider donating postage or money to this program. This now one of the only ways some of our St Michael family is keeping in touch during COVID and it is one of our favorite Outreach programs which runs purely on your donations.

<u>~St Michael Knights of Columbus</u> – The Knights of Columbus will be selling fried fish plates each Friday during Lent. Donations will be \$10 a plate and will include fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans. Take out only beginning at 5:30 pm until we run out. Proceeds are to benefit Priest Education and Pro Life funds. If you are interested in becoming a Knight applications are in the back of the church.

<u>~St Michael Saint Vincent de Paul</u> food pantry is s open Wednesday's from 10-11, offering food to those in our neighborhood who are in need. SVDP would like thank everyone who has donated to this volunteer or-ganization and who continues to donate. The money and food received stays in the East Biloxi area and supports our neighbors directly. Thank you!

<u>~St Michael Altar Society</u> Officers for the Altar Society were voted on and chosen for this year, serving as President is Shaun Braun, Vice is Susan Pizzetta, Secretary is Cynthia Powell and Co-Treasurers are Laurie Kuluz and Maria Vollmuth. Thank you and congratulations! If you are interested in joining the Altar Society please see a member or call the office. For those of you who are distanced from us due to COVID your input and ideas are also needed, please call the office if have any questions or ideas.

#### Altar Flowers\*\*

\*\*Starting next week., there will be no flowers on the Altar because Lent begins. Lent is a time of penance and introspection. It is based on Jesus' 40 days in the desert overcoming temptation. This is also why there are no weddings or baptisms during the Lenten period. However all that changes on Holy Thursday, then barren again on Good Friday, then glorious again for Easter Vigil and stay that way through Pentecost.



Altar Flowers This Week

In Memory of Junius & Sylvia Creel St. Michael Knights of Columbus plan on having take out, fish fries each Friday evening during Lent, starting February 19th. This pickup dinner includes: fish, hush puppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans for \$10 a plate. Ser-



## Mass for the Intentions Week

Sun Feb 14th +Junius & Sylvia Creel Tues Feb 16th +Katie Lynn Pizzetta Wed Feb 17th +Jack & Leona Gazzo +Kevin Lechner Thurs Feb 18th +Kathy Theriot Fri Feb 19th +Arthur Baker Jr. Sat Feb 20th For the People

# Successful In Our Parish

February 17: Ash Wednesday Masses 8am&12:15pm February 19&26: Take Out Fish Fry 5:30pm February 27: Loaves and Fishes March 12: Stations of the Cross, Blessed Seelos 6pm March 13-14: Youth Boys Retreat, St. Matthews March 28: Palm Sunday March 28-April 3: Holy Week April 4: Easter Sunday

<u>Wanted:</u> We are in desperate need of collection counters on Sundays after the 10am Mass. If interested please let Monsignor know or call the office.

### In the Diocese

~On Friday, March 12th the Women's Prayer group will lead the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm at Blessed Seelos church. Immediately following the stations, all women are welcome to stay for a special Lenten women's prayer group meeting. It will be an opportunity to pray for and with each other through scripture, discussions and music. Please bring your Bibles, rosary and a heart open to all the ways Jesus wants to bless you. Please call or email Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or <u>cmprentiss@att.net</u> for more information.

~The St James Pro Life Initiative has now expanded diocesan wide. Our name is now "Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life". You can still use St James Pro Life Billboard on our Facebook page for news & updates. If you would like to support & continue to keep this ministry alive, please donate directly to Venmo @ dioceseofbiloxiprolife or mail checks directly to: Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life, 1700 Popps Ferry Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532, and mark "Pro-life" on memo line of check. Thank you all for your support & please continue to pray for the unborn. Collections January 6 & 7, 2021 \$4083.75 Thank you to those of you giving electronically and by mail, it is much appreciated!

#### Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike

Of course I can't go running this morning ... the windchills are near zero. I mean, really, you'd have to be crazy to go out in this kind of stuff? I contently poured myself a second cup of steaming hot coffee as I looked out the window at the frozen tundra. To be honest, I was as comfortable as a pig in mud sitting there on that couch with my furry slippers.

Then he ran by, and every guilt neuron in my brain fired at the same time. Not only did he run by, but as cold as it was, he wore nothing more than a light running jacket ... and he looked happy!!! Now what? Every attempt to rationalize it in my mind came down to this ... I'm older than him, and he's running and I'm not. I've been told for years that guilt is not an attractive look on me. Within minutes, my comfy turned to frosty, and I managed to outrun my guilt.

Whether we realize it or not, others can have a profound impact on us. Sometimes they strengthen our will NOT to do something, simply by being a witness to their poor decisions. But others can also present a challenge to us, oftentimes without their even being aware of it. Young people frequently tell me that they view Christians as hypocritical, hearing them preach the faith, but then watching closely as their actions fail to align with their words.

Whether we realize it or not, others are watching us, listening to us, paying attention. I suspect that more people are brought to the faith by the example of others than by even the most riveting of sermons (certainly not mine!). But it's probably more likely that many more have walked away from the faith by the example of those who fail to walk their talk. Hmmmmmm.

If others are, in fact, paying attention to you, would what they see and hear reveal you as a Christian? Let's pray about that.

There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.

Luke 12:2

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### This Weeks Gospel Mark 1:40-45

