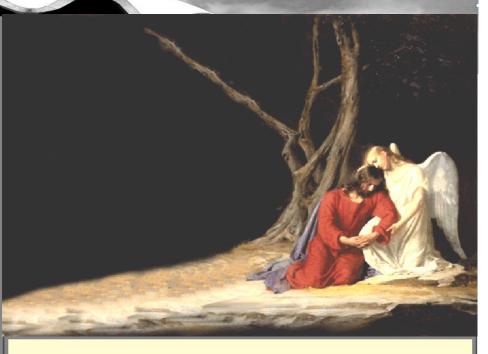
ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of February 20 & 21, 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> Fund raising team will be selling 1/2 Gallons of Chicken/Sausage Gumbo to enjoy with your family for Easter weekend for \$25. Pre-sales of half gallons of Gumbo will before and after Masses during Lent and pick up is Holy Saturday. Add this yummy homemade Gumbo to your Easter Feast! You can also call the office to place an order and electronic payment can be made on St. Michael's PayPal account, just make sure your name is added to the pre-sale list. Enjoy!

<u>~St Michael Card Ministry</u> Has been a huge success during this COVID era with so many of our parishioners away from us. This Outreach program, which runs purely on your donations, make a difference in our neighbors and friends lives. Thank you for all the help with postage and cards. To continue to give see a Outreach member or call the office.

<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. The money and food received stays in the East Biloxi area and supports our neighbors directly. Thank you!

<u>~St Michael Altar Society</u> 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—There are no flowers on the Altar because of Lent. 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.

1/2 Gallons of Chicken/Sausage Gumbo

Order your 1/2 Gallon before and after Masses during Lent for \$25. Pick up is on Holy Saturday, April 3rd from 10am-noon. Add this yummy homemade Gumbo to your Easter Feast! You can also call the office to place an order and electronic payment can be made on St. Michael's PayPal account, just make sure your name is added to the pre-sale



list. This yummy addition to our Easter tradition is sponsored by the St. Michael Fundraising Team.

Enjoy!

Friday Night Dinner is served!

St. Michael Knights of Columbus will be having "Take out Fish fries" each Friday evening during Lent. This pick-up dinner includes: fish, hush puppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans for \$10 a plate. Service starts at 5:30pm until gone.



Mass for the Intentions Week

Sun Feb 21st +Peter L Marilyn Kelly Tues Feb 23rd +Katie Lynn Pizzetta Wed Feb 24th +George Sekul Thurs Feb 25th +Hank Rogers Fri Feb 26th +Willard Newman Sat Feb 27th Brian L Norma Kozlowski



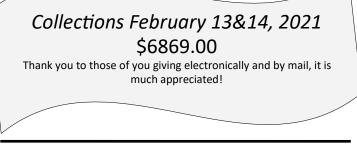
February 19: Stations of the Cross 6pm **February 19&26:** Take Out Fish Fry 5:30pm **February 26**: Stations of the Cross 6pm **February 27**: Loaves and Fishes **March 5, 12, 19, 26:** Take Our Fish Fry 5:30pm **March 5, 12, 19, 26:** Stations of the Cross 6pm **March 12:** Stations of the Cross, Blessed Seelos 6pm **March 13-14:** Youth Boys Retreat, Grades 9-12 St. Matthews Call the office for more information. **March 28:** Palm Sunday **March 28-April 3**: Holy Week **April 2:** Final Stations of the Cross 6pm **April 3**: Gumbo To Go pick up day 10am-Noon **April 4:** Easter Sunday

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.

Michele Pisciotta M.D., Director of Pro-Life Ministries, NFP Coordinator; Karen Rhodes, President Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life; Penny Sullivan, Founder Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life



Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike

"Michael?" The nurse called out my name, and then motioned me into one of the small cubicles where the covid-19 vaccine was being administered. After a few confirming questions, I rolled up my sleeve, and within minutes, I was on my way. It seemed somewhat anticlimactic after all the anticipation.

As I drove away, I had this odd, yet unfounded sense of security. I was now safe from the virus; and yet, the science would suggest otherwise, at least not entirely. Besides, it was only my first dose. And yet, there was still this undeniable sense of having crossed some elusive threshold.

As I reflected on that experience afterwards, I couldn't help but see the interesting parallels to my own faith journey.

Vaccines have one purpose ... to create in us an immunity to something that can harm us. So often I find myself knowing that God has placed things or people in my life that will help prevent me from wandering too far off the path God has set out for me. Call them, 'spiritual vaccines.'

I have to admit that my spiritual vaccine tends to come from some of the darndest places. When our daughters were little, the 'shots' I received from them tended to sting the most. I recall once sitting at the dinner table with our family spouting venom over some trivial frustration. Our daughters were curiously watching and listening, and when they could finally get an opening, one of them said calmly and with authority, "Dad, you're not acting like a Christian. You know, you're always telling us that!" Go ahead and give it to me, jab that needle in! Clearly, I needed to prevent that disease from happening ever again.

Spiritual health demands some awareness and effort on our part, and it requires being open to allowing others to be that vaccine for us against the forces that would have us wander away from our prescribed path. Whether that vaccine comes in the form of little or big people we love, or whether it comes in the form of something we read, an unexpected spiritual moment, a welcome break in our crazy, scheduled lives, we have to do our part by being open to God's offer to keep us spiritually healthy and close. Yeah, it may sting a little, but roll up that sleeve and get yourself healthy!

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. Ps 30:2

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This Weeks Gospel Mark 1:12-15

