

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of January 14 & 15, 2023

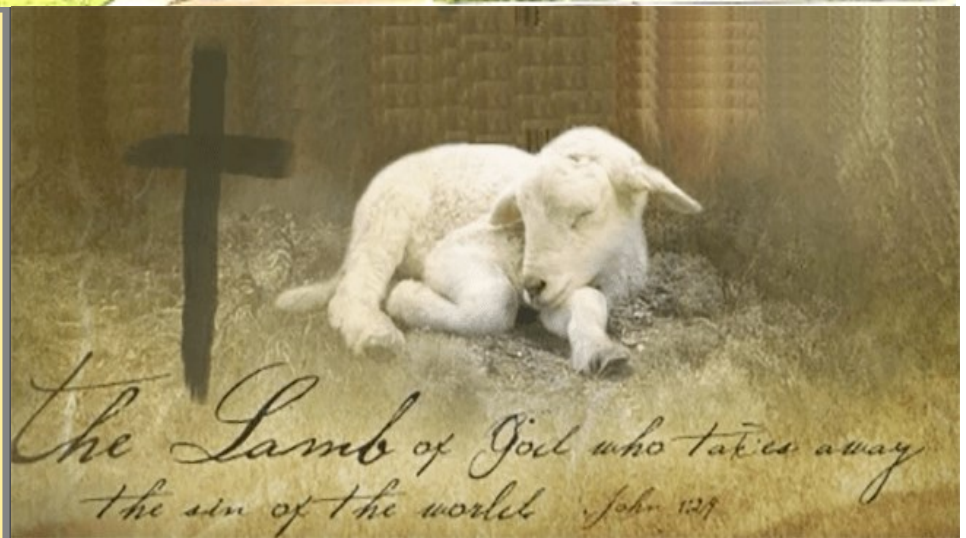
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PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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.



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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays
Tues-Fri 8am

Weekends
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am

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Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs
8:30am-3pm

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God,
God's own Son.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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

**Next Week's Second Collection is for
The Church in Latin America and Saltillo
Mission**

Ministry News

St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul

SVDP is holding a food drive to restock the food pantry. Your gift of non perishable food can be left in the vestibule collection boxes or brought to the St. Michael office. Thank you!

Fundraising Team

On January 22 the fund raising team is sponsoring a Shrimp Spaghetti lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 22nd, in the Parish Life Center. The cost is \$10.00 and will include shrimp spaghetti, bread, dessert, and drink. Please join us for a delicious lunch as well as some wonderful fellowship to start the New Year.

Religious Education

Life Teen and Edge groups, consisting of youth in grades 6-12 from Blessed Seelos, Nativity, Our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Michael parishes, meet in the Sacred Heart Center.

Please keep our youth and adult CORE team in your prayers. Are you a youth that would like to join our Life Teen/Edge group? Are you an adult that would like to provide a meal, a dessert, or join our adult CORE team? Contact Kristy Arguelles: 228-324-9934, eastbiloxiyouthministry@gmail.com



St. Michael Altar Society will begin collecting 2023 Member dues \$20 beginning January 28. If you are interested in joining or would like more information call Cynthia Powell at 228-392-4847

**Altar Flowers this week are in
Memory of Margaret Fielder**

*Collections January 7 & 8, 2023
\$6258.04*

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, Jan 14 +Norman Powell Sr.

Sun, Jan 15 For the People

Wed, Jan 18 +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

Thurs, Jan 19 +Michael Allen Dye Jr.

Fri, Jan 20 +Jeanne Marie Baker

Mass Intentions: Tuesday-Saturdays excluding Holy Days. If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office at 228-435-5578. Thank you!

**UPCOMING
Events**

In Our Parish

January 19: 7pm Ultreya hosted by St. Michael

January 22: 11am FLC Shrimp Spaghetti Lunch \$10

January 29: 11am FLC New Parishioner Luncheon

February 1: 6pm Altar Society meeting

Ongoing Events:

Sundays: 4pm LifeTeen

Mondays: 7pm Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays: 7pm RCIA

Wednesdays: 10-11am SVDP Food Pantry

Wednesdays: 5:30 CCD

Envelope Users-New envelopes are in the back of the church. Many have already been taken-Thank you. Please annotate on the sheets provided the box number you took or let the office know. Please include your name on the envelope for the first few weeks of 2023 to make sure the number matches your account.

As well, if any information has changed for you or your family please let the office know so that we have your current information. Thank you!

In Our Diocese

January 26-The Role of Beauty in the Spiritual Life
7pm Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Free and all welcome

January 27-28-Sacred Music Workshop \$40 Registration required by January 13 Our Lady of the Gulf Church Email workshop@classicalartsfoundation for more information.

May 3-14, 2023- Holy Land Trip, Fr. Joe Dilettuso is very excited to announce this tour to Israel. It will be a 12 day customized pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the cost is approximately \$5699 per person (double occupancy.) Contact Heidi Clark 228 388-4429 heiditravel66@gmail.com

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

Are you a dog person? My wife and I are not dog people. We've had dogs throughout our marriage, and our most recent four-legged member of the family, Zoe, went off to doggy heaven, wherever that is, over a year ago. While we miss her, there is a clear freedom in being dog-less.

I was listening to devoted dog people during the holidays, and their stories did anything but create the desire in me to add another four-legged member to our family. It seems as though most people I talk to allow dogs on their furniture, you know, where we invite our two-legged guests to sit and share in dog hair; or on beds, where people are going to curl up with whatever lives on Fido. And then, there's the ever-present threat of having to clean up unspeakable things, or neighbors complaining about barking, etc, etc.

Don't get me wrong, we love dogs; we just don't love all of the work and responsibility that comes along with owning them. From just listening to others, my wife and I couldn't come up with a single reason why we would ever want another dog. But I have an even greater respect for those who don't share our views.

As I was reflecting on all this, it occurred to me that God could very easily say the same thing about you and me. While it's very true that God certainly doesn't need me; it's also true that there's nothing I can add to God's greatness that God doesn't already possess. God is God, and I am not; and no amount of me will add a single measure to who God is.

So if God doesn't need us, why are we here? I would suggest that we're here for the same reason many of us have animals; simply because God wants us. He wants us to give and share love with; he wants to teach us how to love each other the way he loves us – unconditionally; and he wants us to see how much we need one another and how utterly dependent we are on God. Rest assured, I still don't want one, but kudos to those of you who do.

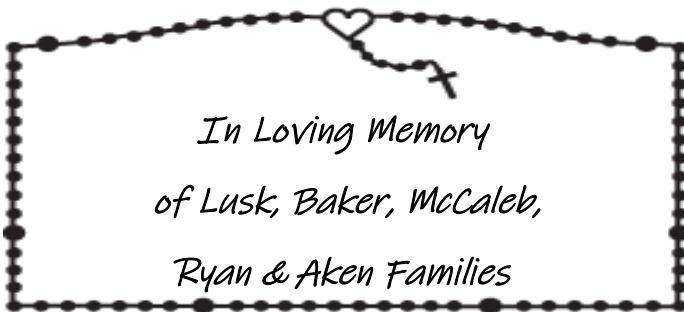
Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Matthew 6:26



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

Pray for our country in this new year! That every one of us realize the promise of Jesus and that we are all God's Children. And through him we are all saved. Amen!



*In Loving Memory
of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,
Ryan & Aken Families*

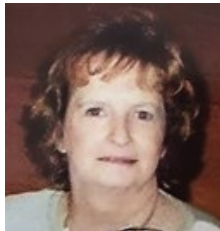


In loving Memory

John A Rogalski

9/6/1926-1/22/2011

Always in our Hearts



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.*

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Birthday Blessings

Wishing a fabulous Birthday to

Thelma Rogalski

January 16th!!



In loving memory of

Nicolas & Loyce Hire

Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021

Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Together in Heaven



Happy Birthday in Heaven

Janet Johnston

We love and miss you

*Love, Richard, Kids, Grandkids
and Great Grandkids.*

**In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner**

Dec. 8 1932—Dec. 22, 2022

**Our Mother,
Truly an example
of Amazing Grace.**



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The Diocese of Biloxi Pro Life Ministry is proud to announce our very own Pro Life Billboard license plate! The sale of these plates will help support the Pro Life Ministry. You may purchase the plate by downloading an application on the Diocesan website at biloxidiocese.org or scanning the code below.

