

St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of July 13 & 14, 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
Masses resume July 18











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Blessings and Glory By Tom Schmidt

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. If you take it apart, you see that Paul is very encouraging. He is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us.

He says that we are chosen by God and destined for spiritual blessings: First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. The things of the world, possessions, wealth, or power that pretend to make us happy are replaced with love of God; we then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people. Another blessing Paul notes is adoption by God to a new relationship as brothers and sisters of Christ; holiness is now for all believers, not just priests or religious.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God, or as Paul says, "to bring all things together in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Eph 1:10)

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath. Mark 2:28

Mass for the Intentions **Week**

Sat, July 13: +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

Sun, July 14: For the people

There are no daily masses July 15, 16, 17

Thu, July 18: +Tommy Hand

Fri, July 19: +Katie Lynn Pizzetta

In Our Parish

***There are no daily Masses
July 16-17***

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of easy open canned items. There is a basket in the vestibule to drop them off. Items of need:

Vegetables-Chicken-Tuna-Fruit

In Our Diocese

July 2024: "*Pray for a Priest*" each day as well as an increase in our Diocesan vocations calendar in vestibule.

August 23-25: *Rachel's Vineyard* is an international retreat that provides an opportunity for women and men to find forgiveness and healing from abortion., William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. Contact Deacon Johnny Williams at 228-702-2169

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.



Altar Flowers are in honor of
St. Michael's Parishioners

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles,

Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel. Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

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



Collections July 6 & 7, 2024
\$4526.75

**Next Week's Second Collection is for
The Catholic School Subsidy**

*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



In Loving Memory of
Berniece Louise Garner
Dec. 8 1932–Dec. 22, 2022
Truly an example of Amazing Grace.



In Memory of Victoria "Tori" Felsher
Daughter, Friend,
Blessing Committee Member, and
Shrimp Queen.

You live forever in our hearts, never far from our thoughts and always loved.

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
Nicolas & Loyce Hire
Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021
Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022
Together in Heaven*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Amy Gollott, Jr.

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.

2018 SHRIMP KING



In life, we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still. In
our hearts you hold a place,
no one else will ever fill.
Happy heavenly birthday
Katie Lynn!

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms... -Deuteronomy, 33:27



Show Your Love

If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office. Or honor your loved ones past or present with an arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar for a week. Honor your loved one's birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or any milestone you wish.

Lord, grant us strength and endurance as we go out and speak Your Truth. We acknowledge that the task before us is not easy, and we may face challenges and obstacles along the way. But we rely on Your unfailing power to sustain us. Renew our physical, mental, and spiritual strength. May our efforts be guided by Your love and grace, and may we discover the courage to let go and begin again even when faced with rejection.