

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of July 30 & 31, 2022

Established 1917



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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.

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”



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Mass Schedule:
Weekdays
Tues-Fri 8am

Weekends
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am

Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

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

Use your cell phone camera to link to the St. Michael store or make online donations.





18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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

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So Long, Summer CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

SUNDAY, July 31st
St. Mary Catholic Church
8343 Woolmarket Rd., Biloxi
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Star of the Sea Court #2767
Is hosting a fundraiser
"So Long, Summer—Champagne Brunch"
on Sunday July 31st, from 9:45 am—1 pm
in Murray Hall. Brunch Menu includes:
Shrimp & Grits, Quiche, Bacon, Fritata, Ham,
Boston Butt, Cabbage Dressing, Biscuits, Danish,
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Hurricane Season is upon us!

Be Prepared: Have a full tank of gas, locate and secure valuables and important papers.

Have a plan:

- Gather info about hazards in your area.
- Meet with your family to create a plan.
- Implement your plan when a hurricane watch is declared in your area.
- Plan a route and alternate route if you leave.
- Tune into your local radio and news stations for shelter information.
- Arrange for someone not in your area to notify friends and family of your plans and whereabouts.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, July 30 +Nicolas "Corky" Hire
Sun, July 31 For the People
Tues, Aug 2 +Frances Broussard

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

July 30: Knights of Columbus Take a Kid Fishing Day, 8:30am for kids ages 6-12; Point Cadet Fishing Bridge; Bring your own rod & reel. Bait and tackle provided.

In Our Diocese

Looking for school uniform shorts, shirts or khaki pants?

We have a selection! Come shop at St. Vincent De-Paul Thrift Store, 2200A Bienville Blvd, Ocean Springs. Open Monday thru Friday 10 am—6 pm, Saturday 10 am—3 pm. Mondays and Wednesdays all clothes are half price!! Call 228-334-5222 for more information.

Ministry News

St. Michael Saint Vincent de Paul - To make a donation of food or money bring to St. Michael's office, leave in basket in entry of church (money can be placed in poor box, checks payable to SVDP) or give to Mrs. Cynthia Powell. Thank you for all your support in this worthwhile ministry that helps the people of East Biloxi.

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This Weeks Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

A friend was late to a breakfast meeting, and presumed that the others had already arrived. He tried calling one of them, ensuring he would arrive soon. He had done it countless times before; tap the little 'call' button on the steering wheel. When the automated female voice responded, he issued the command to call his friend. The voice, however, did not comply, issuing instead a response that he had not encountered before. Confused, he tried once more; again with the same result. Now growing increasingly late and frustrated beyond measure, he issued the command one last time. This time, the command was crystal clear, 'No phone detected.' Obviously the call button feature only works when you remember to carry your phone with you.

How many times in your life do you find yourself unashamedly frustrated with God for leaving your prayers unanswered? You plead and bargain and barter with God for something; perhaps even something or someone very dear to you, and yet your 'call' goes unanswered. We all know people who have literally given up on faith when God goes silent in their lives.

Many of us have heard some variation of the story of the man in the flood. As the waters rose, local authorities scrambled to assist, urging residents to leave for their own safety. Nevertheless, one resident, a man of great faith, chose to stay insisting that he trusted God to hear his prayers. When the floodwaters had nearly breached his home, other residents fleeing in canoes offered him a seat, but once again, he refused, continuing to trust in God. When the waters had now engulfed his first floor, he retreated upstairs, all the while continuing to plead his case to God. Soon rescuers in a life-raft reached him, but he persisted in his trust that God would hear him. Finally, the man had nowhere to go but to the very peak of his roof as the waters continued to climb. Suddenly, a helicopter hovered overhead dropping a rope and harness to him. The rescuers pleaded for him to grab the rope, but still he refused. Inevitably the man succumbed to the waters and found himself in heaven. When presented with the opportunity, he confronted God with his frustration, 'God, why didn't you answer and save me?' To which God replied, 'I did answer you, my child. I sent you a canoe, a boat and a helicopter.'

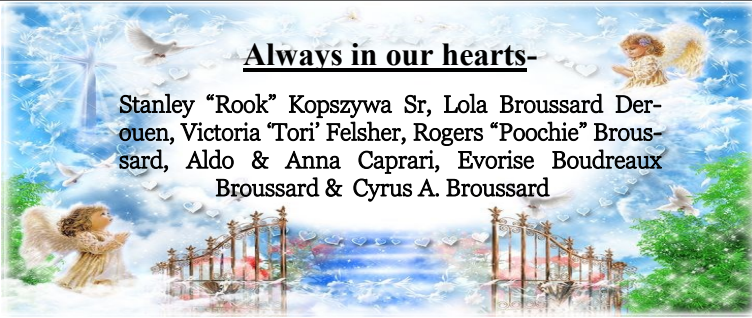
It has been my experience that when God answers our prayers, God also gives us the gifts and the grace to participate in the response itself. For example, if we pray that God will bring healing to someone dear to us, perhaps God is also challenging us to visit that person, and/or offer to assist them in some way such as offering to cook a hot meal. Prayer will always be vitally important; but oftentimes God's response to our prayers includes none other than you.

Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours. Mark 11:24

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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



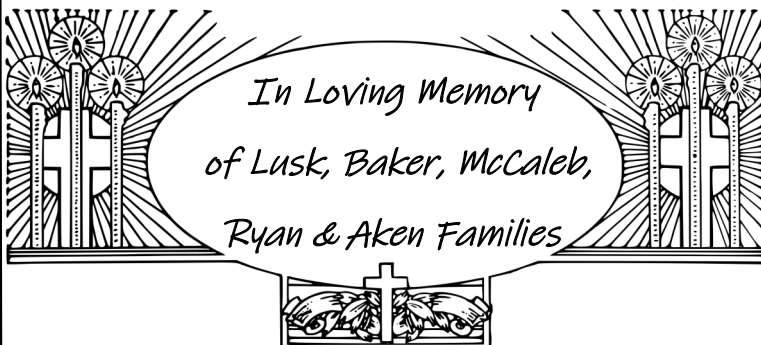
Pray for our first responders!



July 2022

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of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb,
Ryan & Aken Families*

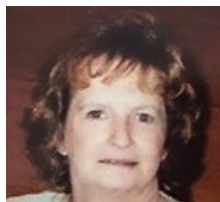


*Happy Birthday
in Heaven
Katie Lynn Pizzetta
We miss you!
Forever in our Hearts
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Birthday
Ronald Baker
July 29**



*In loving memory of
Nicolas "Corky" Hire
Oct 2, 1921-
Mar 9, 2021*

