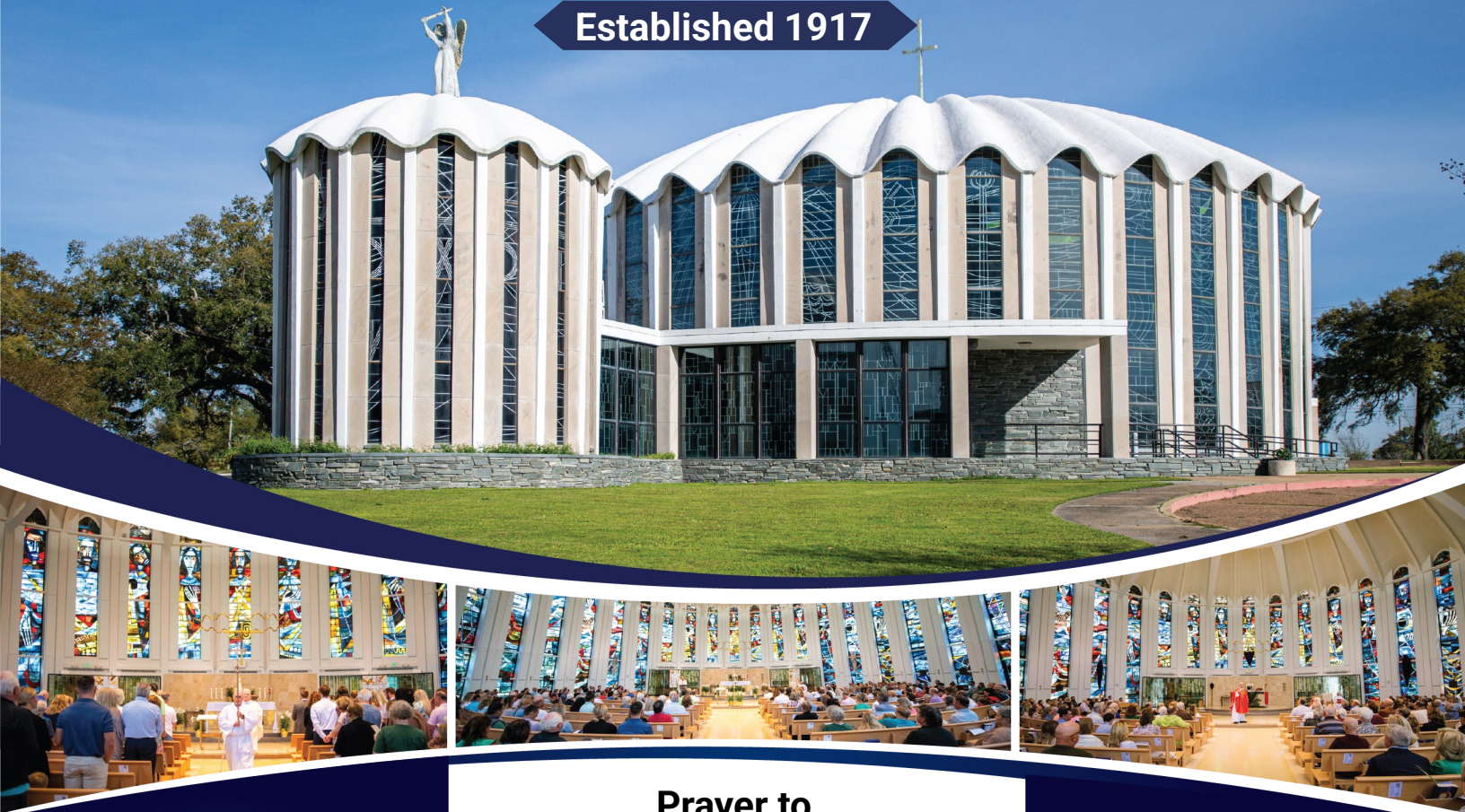


# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of June 29 & 30, 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**  
Tuesday - Friday 8 am











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## Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike Stewart

This past week, I saw a friend I've not seen for a long while. It was good to see her, and since I know that she was widowed at a fairly young age, I wondered how she was doing. She's tried a few of the popular match-making websites, even some Christian ones, without much luck. Well-intentioned friends have tried to match her with someone, but for some reason, she continues to find herself alone.

After I listened to my friend's update, I said simply, "Well, maybe you should stop trying so hard. I've done some of my best fishing without bait." My friend looked puzzled. I explained that most of the major decisions in my life came when I gave up on conventional means, and just surrendered the issue to God, who is the only one with vision into my future. And yet, so often I forget to start any decision through surrender.

Many years ago, our neighbor shared that their old car was worn out, and besides, it was just too small for their growing family (including several adoptions). They needed a van, but couldn't afford a new one. Naturally, I wanted to offer my solutions (I'm a guy, a natural 'fixer'), all of which were very rational and practical. My friend listened politely and then announced, "Thanks, that's all very good advice, but my wife and I are praying for God's guidance in this, and we're confident he'll lead us." I recall being both stunned, and frankly a bit humbled by that 'ah-ha' moment. 'Pray? Of course ... pray,' I remember thinking to myself, admitting that what was so natural to this couple had never even entered my mind.

As I've grown older, I have surrendered to the need for instant gratification from God. I will not reduce God to a vending machine nor a fast-food line, acknowledging instead that God uses everything in our lives - the good and the bad, the obvious and the obscure, the right and the wrong - to form us and to lead us closer to him.

Every time I've 'waited' God out rather than trying to go it alone, I've been rewarded; not by getting what I want, but by recognizing what I MOST needed in the first place. I met my wife, my best-friend, my soulmate in a moment of absolute surrender, at perhaps the loneliness time in my life over 45 years ago ... fishing without bait.

These days, when confronted with a challenge, God is not my last straw, but my first thought. Let's pray about that.

*"We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can ... namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in*

## Mass for the Intentions **Week**

*Sat, June 29: +Paula Hire*

*Sun, June 30: For the people*

*Tue, July 2: +Nick & Olga Alan*

*Wed, July 3: All Deceased Fishermen (6pm)*

*Thu, July 4: +Pete Jurich*

*Fri, July 5: +Dick Conant*

### *In Our Parish*

**July 3:** Mass Honoring Deceased Fisherman  
6pm

**July 6:** 95th Blessing of the Fleet Mass, 4pm

**July 6:** Crowning of the Shrimp King & Queen, 6pm, Croatian Cultural Center

**July 7:** Blessing of the Fleet, 10am-4pm, Harrah's Great Lawn



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

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mark 5:21-43**

*Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

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

*Collections June 23-24,  
2024*

**Next Week's Second Collection is for  
St. Michael's Parish**

**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 Our Diocese**

**First Saturday Devotion: Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Mass, St. Mary Catholic Church, 9-11am**

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

**July 10: Healing America Mass Service:** Holy Family Church, Pass Christian, 6:30pm

This Special Evening of Prayer is to pray for the Healing of Our Country, our Nation's Military Service, Police and Fire Department Personnel, both active and retired. There will be EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

**July 17-21: 10th National Eucharistic Congress**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**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.

*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 Hite*

*Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021*

*Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022*

*Together in Heaven*

