

# St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of June 8 & 9, 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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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 3:20-35

*Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In the section of the Gospel just before these verses, Jesus calls his Twelve Apostles. Now he performs his first exorcism. It is told within the context of conflict with his family.

A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat their bread. His family comes to take him away because they think he is beside himself. And the scribes think he is possessed by the devil. Jesus points out to them the absurdity of their thinking that he uses the devil to cast out demons. In fact, it is Jesus who ties up the strong man, Beelzebul, and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit.

Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood.

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

### **Prayer for Protection of Hurricanes**

***O God, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten our Gulf Coast during this hurricane season. Spare us from the memories of past tragedies and from the storms that threaten our homes. Blessed Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and with a spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of you Son, Jesus to reach Heaven where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen***

## Mass for the Intentions Week

*Sat, June 8: For the People*

*Sun, June 9: Christine, Joseph, & Roman Hand*

*Tue, June 11: +George "Nidgy" Pelaez*

*Wed, June 12: +Katie Lynn Pizzetta*

*Thu, June 13: +Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa, Sr.*

*Fri, June 14: +Brenda Mareno*

### *In Our Parish*

**June 10-14:** Vacation Bible School

**June 15:** Children's Boat Building Workshop

**June 20:** Ultreya, 7m at the Family Life Center

**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

**July 7:** Blessing of the Fleet, 11am-5pm, Great Lawn

### *In Our Diocese*

**June 10-14:** Process with Jesus across the Diocese of Biloxi. A few of our Parishes along the route will host events, prayer, Mass, and testimonies from the Perpetual Pilgrims that will be following Jesus along the entire St. Juan Diego Route.

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

See TV or flyer in the vestibule.

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

***Lay Leanings*** By Deacon Mike Stewart

Okay, I'm going to offer you a full sensory experience, are you ready? We're going to sing, and we're going to poke our imaginations in creative ways. Ready?

Our 3-year-old granddaughter, Gracie, is a walking, breathing sensory experience. Imagine a little girl with Shirley Temple ringlets, who, all throughout Mass on Sunday, is singing (usually not the song we're singing, but it works), and 'amen'ing', and 'alleluia'ing' her way through it all with an unrivaled spirit.

Recently, when we gathered for my brother's funeral, since our family is of Scottish origin, we included a bagpiper to begin the service. At the very sound of that unfamiliar instrument, Gracie wheeled around and was, at first, terrified, but that quickly evolved into complete fascination. The familiar sound of Amazing Grace was rich and unmistakable. Though there were no words sung, those words were nonetheless on all our hearts, and clearly on Gracie's heart as well. What has followed in these weeks for that little one has been a steady diet of YouTube videos of bagpipers playing Amazing Grace. But somewhere along the way, she began to put words to that song. Okay, here's the sensory part. Close your eyes and imagine that familiar hymn, and a little girl belting out at the top of her lungs, "O keeps, my Lord, O keeps my Lord, O keeps my Lord, O keeeeeeeeps ...," I think you get the picture.

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it," the words of Jesus in the 10th chapter of Mark's Gospel.

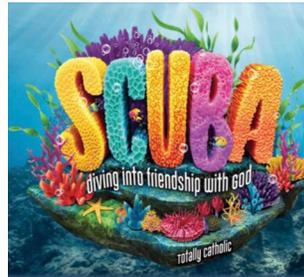
At the risk of needing to understand what may have inspired that little girl to well up those few, but curious words, it does nonetheless challenge us to consider what inspires us 'big people' to draw more deeply into the mystery of our faith.

It is certainly no surprise that Jesus drew on that powerful image of the uncluttered minds of children.

Why? Perhaps to help us move beyond needing to intellectualize our faith, to understand a God who is not to be understood, but rather to be believed and loved. For some like Gracie, the inspiration comes through music, and still others, perhaps through experiences. Whatever it is, however it comes, clearly God is encouraging us big people to move beyond the struggle that often comes from the insistence of understanding, and instead, to just freely surrender to whatever it is that brings us to that moment of mystery that is God.

By the way, Gracie finally figured out the right words to Amazing Grace; but honestly, I sort of liked her original version much better.

***Vacation Bible School or VBS*** Will be held in the FLC June 10-14 from 9am to 12pm each day. Children Kindergarten through



completed 5th grade are welcome to register. Registration forms are in the back of the church.

Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help set up and decorate the FLC beforehand and to assist the groups during the VBS program. Please speak with Cherie Prentiss 228.365.4017 (call/text) to volunteer.

*Collections June 1-2, 2024*  
\$4152.00

***Next Week's Second Collection is for Retired Diocesan Priests' Supplemental Income***

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



**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.



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*Religious Education*

**Stella Maris Explorers** Homeschool Ministry is currently registering for next academic year. Please scan QR code for more information.



*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*



*Genesis 3:9-15  
Adam and Eve eat the fruit of the forbidden tree.*

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



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