

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of March 20 & 21, 2021



PRAYER TO SAINT MI- CHAE 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.

Truly, truly I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains by itself alone.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

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Holy Week Schedule 3/30-4/5

Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

Holy Thursday 6pm

Good Friday 6pm

**Easter Vigil Holy Saturday
7:30pm (bring a bell)**

Easter Sunday 10am

Mass Schedule:

**Weekdays
Tuesday-Friday
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-12 & 1pm-3:30pm**

Ministry News

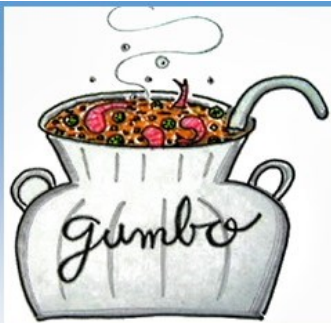
~St Michael Fund Raising Team- Fund raising team will be selling 1/2 Gallons of Chicken/Sausage Gumbo to enjoy with your family for Easter weekend for \$25. Pre-sales of half gallons of Gumbo will be before and after Masses during Lent and pick up is Holy Saturday. Add this yummy homemade Gumbo to your Easter Feast! You can also call the office to place an order and electronic payment can be made on St. Michael's PayPal account, just make sure your name is added to the pre-sale list. Enjoy!

~St Michael Card Ministry Has been a huge success during this COVID era with so many of our parishioners away from us. This Outreach program, which runs purely on your donations, make a difference in our neighbors and friends lives. Thank you for all the help with postage and cards. To continue to give see a Outreach member or call the office.

~St Michael Knights of Columbus –Last Friday is here!! The Knights of Columbus will be selling fried fish plates each Friday during Lent. Donations will be \$10 a plate and will include fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans. Take out only beginning at 5:30 pm until we run out. Proceeds are to benefit Priest Education and Pro Life funds. If you are interested they are currently holding a membership drive, all dues and membership fees waived for 2021-Now is the time to join!!!

~St Michael Altar Society If you are interested in joining the Altar Society please see a member or call the office. For those of you who are distanced from us due to COVID your input and ideas are also needed, please call the office if have any questions or ideas.

~Saint Vincent de Paul Society The new St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store opens with its “First Look” on Sunday, March 21st. Tickets are \$20.00 and enable you to be the first to gain access to all the wonderful goods. Funds collected go to help pay for the store’s front illuminated signage. Contact Lori McCormick at 228-806-1722, or Sally Greuling at 228-215-1610. You can stop at the store for tickets too. 2200 Bienville (back door).



1/2 Gallons of Chicken/Sausage Gumbo

Order your 1/2 Gallon before and after Masses during Lent for \$25(Cash, Check or Square). Pick up is on Holy Saturday, April 3rd from 10am-noon at the Family Life Center. Add this yummy homemade Gumbo to your Easter Feast! Sponsored by the St. Michael Fundraising Team and all proceeds go directly to St. Michael Building Fund. Enjoy!

If you are unable to attend Mass to order please call the office 228-435-5578.

Collections March 13 & 14, 2021

\$3798.88

Thank you to those of you giving electronically and by mail, it is much appreciated!



St. Michael Knights of Columbus will be having “Take out Fish fries” each Friday evening during Lent. This pick-up dinner includes: fish, hush puppies, coleslaw and meatless baked beans for \$10 a plate. Service starts at 5:30pm until gone, pickup from Family Life Center.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sun Mar 21st For the People
Tues Mar 22nd +Katie Lynn Pizzetta
Wed Mar 24th +Mary Nell Stubblefield
Thurs Mar 25th +Ronnie Eleuterius
Fri Mar 26th +George Sekul
Sat Mar 27th For the People

UPCOMING
Events

In Our Parish

March 26: Take Out Fish Fry 5:30pm
March 26: Stations of the Cross 6pm
March 27: Loaves and Fishes
March 27: Retreat-Blessed Seelos
March 28: Palm Sunday Mass 10am
April 1: Holy Thursday Mass 6pm
April 2: Good Friday Service 6pm
April 3: Gumbo To Go pick up day 10am-Noon
April 3: Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm, Bring a bell
April 4: Easter Sunday Mass 10am

Volunteers from St. Michael are available to drive parish members who may need transportation to get a COVID19 vaccination. Please call the office for more details.

Pray for Me, Saint Joseph

Solemnity of St. Joseph: March 19

Saint Joseph,

I long to follow your example
of loving righteousness.
Please ask the Lord to help me
to forgive with gentleness.

Like a rough-hewn plank of wood
that you knew how to plane,
Please ask the Lord
to smooth out
my rough edges that remain.

As you used the tools
of your trade
to build for others' needs,
Please ask the Lord to fulfill
hope built into my good deeds.

Amen.

Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike

Okay, this is uncomfortable to talk about, but it must be said. Here goes something must be done about cell phones in bathrooms! There must be a national referendum to outlaw this outrageous offense. Write your legislators; prepare your picket signs. If I walk into a public restroom one more time and hear the sound of someone talking from beyond the stall, I'm going to scream.

It always strikes me that if we go to this extent to stay connected, what else will or won't we do? It ranks right up there with cell phones and airplanes. It's amusing how difficult it is for many people to turn their cell phones off when asked to do so before takeoff, and yet how quickly those same people dive for their on-button when the wheels literally touch the ground. We can't stand not to be connected. It makes you wonder what the heck we did before cell phones, doesn't it?

While I'm not sure how staying connected has become such an obsession in our culture, it does strike me as odd that many of us will try equally as hard to avoid connecting with God. Catholic storyteller, John Shea tells a great story which serves a point about being connected.

A monk rode an ox into town and came to a group of people.

The people asked him, "What are you looking for, Monk?"

He said, "I am looking for an ox."

They all laughed.

He rode his ox to the next group of people. They asked him, "What are you looking for, monk?"

He said, "I am looking for an ox."

They all laughed.

He rode his ox to a third group of people. They asked him, "What are you looking for, monk?"

He said, "I am looking for an ox."

They said, "This is ridiculous. You are a man riding an ox looking for an ox!"

The monk said, "So it is with you looking for God."

Many of us struggle in staying connected with God – either finding it difficult to connect, or doing everything within our human capacity not to, for whatever reason. And yet, no matter how hard we try to connect or disconnect with God, the truth is that God is ever-present to us. It's fruitless to try and influence the presence of God. A wise retreat master once told me, "Shut up this weekend and just listen to God." I did, and I'll be darned if God wasn't right there.

Yet you are near, O Lord, and all your commandments are true.
Ps 119:151

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This Weeks Gospel John 12:20-33



Prayers for all those affected by Loneliness

March 2021

YOU MAY PURCHASE A FAMILY AD BY CALLING THE OFFICE BY NOON ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.

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

*Remembering
Salvadore 'Penue' Taranto
We love and miss you!
Your Children and
Grandchildren*



*Our love for you lives on, Stanley "Rook,"
Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen,
Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie"
Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari,
Evorise Boudreaux Broussard &
Cyrus A. Broussard*

*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*



*Always in our hearts the
Broussard, Denning, Merten
& Taranto Families*



Use your cell phone camera to link to the St. Michael store. Available now-Pre-Orders for our 1/2 Gallons of Chicken and Sausage Gumbo Event. Available for Pick up April 3 from 10am-Noon, just in time for your Easter Feast.



Fun Facts: What does John 12:26 Mean?

Jesus is speaking in front of a group of non-Jewish seekers, who have come to see Him in Jerusalem (John 12:20–22). The main message He is giving deals with the need for a person to "die" to themselves in order to "live" in eternal life. This is not a question of earning one's salvation—rather, it's a measure of a person's sincerity. Those who earnestly want to submit to God will put Him at the very top of their priorities. They won't "love" things as much as they "love" God and His will. To the world, that looks like death, just as burying a seed has all the appearance of killing it (John 12:24). In reality, that act is what allows the seed to achieve the purpose for which it was created! In the same way, being a born-again believer in Jesus Christ means "dying" to one's self and self-interests (1 Corinthians 15:36–42; Romans 6:6–8). Those who resist that obedience are like a seed which is never planted; seeming to "live" but merely stagnating in a state of immaturity and barrenness (Mark 10:21–23).

Read more: [What does John 12:26 mean? \(bibleref.com\)](http://bibleref.com)