

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of May 4th & 5th, 2024

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.

**GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS: TO LAY DOWN
ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.**



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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays
Tues-Fri 8am

Weekends
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am



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Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Temp Office hours: Tues & Thurs
1-4pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 15:9-17

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat, May 4th For the People

Sun, May 5th + Ursula Simmons Skrmetti

Tues, May 7th + Lauren E. Hayes

Wed, May 8th + Stanley Wayne Kopszywa

Thurs, May 9th For the People

Fri, May 10th Joseph "Joey" Jurich

UPCOMING

Events In Our Parish

May 12: May Crowning 10am Mass

June 10-14: Vacation Bible School

June 15: Children's Boat Building Workshop

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

In Our Diocese

First Saturday Devotions-Adoration, Rosary Meditation and Confessions, first Saturday of each month, St. Mary Church, Woolmarket 9:45am followed by Mass at 11am. All are welcome.

April 29-June 2- "33 Days Eucharistic Consecration Challenge" based on the book "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." to start on April 29th to June 2nd. Participants will receive a copy of the book along with a wellness planner and journal to embark on a journey towards holistic well-being of body, mind, and soul. For more information, please visit mercyrunsonlove.com

May 20-Father Tony Arguelles invites St. Michael Parishioners to his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination Mass at 6pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral

July 17-21-10th National Eucharistic Congress

Calling all 2024 Graduates



High school and college graduates will be recognized with a special blessing at the 10am Mass on Sunday May 26th. Please submit names to the parish office for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

Collections April 27 & 28, 2024
\$4847.50

Next Week's Second Collection is for Catholic Communications

Lay Leanings By Deacon Mike Stewart

I saw a notice about a large art fair held near where we live each summer. As a fledgling artist myself, I love art fairs, and I love summer, so it had my attention.

I was recalling the last time I attended this enormous art fair. Now, I'm an insatiable people-watcher; so I have to admit, some of the people there were better than the art itself. I try not to be too critical of other's tastes, but hey, I thought to myself; as my dear departed father-in-law used to say, "there's a rear-end for every seat." So there I was, standing in front of a booth trying to determine what the heck I was looking at without looking too conspicuous. I didn't want the artist to think I might be interested, despite the fact that I honestly felt sorry for this poor soul. Other booths were teeming with people; this booth was like an ice cream stand on a frigid winter day.

Suddenly, two women walked up, and in a near shriek, one exclaimed, "It's perfect! Oh my God, would you look at that!" Oh my God, indeed. I concentrated hard, and after looking at it for sometime, I frankly didn't see what she was seeing. What I saw was a cross between a tree trunk with paint, a pot holder, and a retro-grandfather clock! The truth is ... I'm not sure what it was. Clearly, the other art-gazers saw something I did not. There is, indeed, a rear-end for every seat.

It struck me that this is similar to how we view God. Some see God as Judge Judy, donned with a black robe and sitting in judgment of us at all times. Some see God as a gentle lamb, a loving grandfather, a peaceful caregiver. Some see God as their best friend; a person to share the events of life, good or bad. Some see God as a magician, waiting at our beck-and-call to reach into a bag of tricks and solve our every problem. However we see God, it is important to understand that we do so through our own eyes, given our unique circumstance, and our upbringing. As human beings, we get into trouble when we expect others to see God as we do. Wars start over stuff like that. People divide over stuff like that.

I'm always drawn to the fact that while on earth, Jesus could have drawn his closest followers from

among people who were just like him. Instead, we see Jesus surrounding himself with people who were very different; people with whom most of us would have found little in common. Jesus had a way of doing that. Jesus still has a way of doing that. We just have to take those filters off our eyes and let them be who they are.

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May Crowning

All children are invited to help crown Mary both in the church and in the grotto (weather dependent) next Sunday (5/12) at the 10am Mass. The children will gather in the back of the church after communion.

Flowers will be provided.



Knights of Columbus

Speck & Snapper Give Away-tickets go in sale this weekend \$10 each or 11 for \$100 for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod/Reel combos. One for inshore and one for offshore fishing adventures. Drawing May 26th, see a Knight for tickets.

Religious Education

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



VBS 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.



*Altar Flowers are in honor of
deceased mothers with love
from the French Club*

Save the date!

VBS 2024

June 10-14
9am-noon

at St. Michael
Catholic Church

Registration will begin in May

*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.



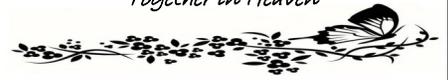
In loving memory of

Nicolas & Loyce Hire

Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021

Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022

Together in Heaven



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Please call and leave a message if you need anything

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*



Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord GOD, that we Thy Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of The BLESSED MARY, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy eternal happiness. Through JESUS CHRIST our Our Lord. Amen.



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*Our Lady Of The Rosary,
Pray for us!*



In Loving memory of
Stanley Wayne Kopszywa
Love and miss him...

May 6th.1947–February
14th 2024

Congratulations!

Ava Marie Fox

on your
First Holy Communion!



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