# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of November 28 & 29, 2020

# <u>PRAYER TO SAINT</u> <u>MICHAEL</u> <u>THE ARCHANGEL</u> 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: <u>Weekdays</u> Tuesday-Friday 8am

<u>Weekends</u> Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am BE PREPARED MARK 13:32-37

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**Confessions:** Saturday 4-4:30 pm or by Appointment

Office hours: Tues-Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm

# Ministry News

<u>St Michael Fund Raising Team-</u>is selling our 2020 Christmas ornaments for \$20 each. Get yours, after Mass, starting this weekend. If you can't get to the church please call the office and we can arrange an ornament purchase for you. Thank you.

<u>~St Michael Card Ministry</u> The card ministry is in need of postage, please consider donating postage or money to this program. This now one of the only ways some of our St Michael family is keeping in touch during COVID and it is one of our favorite Outreach programs which runs purely on your donations.

<u>~St Michael Knights of Columbus</u> The Knights Shrimp Spaghetti Lunch "To Go" pick up is this weekend (Sunday) starting at 11am. Don't forget to pick up your pre-ordered lunches. Thanks for everyone who ordered. If you are interested in becoming a Knight applications are in the back of the church.

<u>~St Michael Saint Vincent de Paul</u> is now back open, they are opening with limited services of only the food pantry at this time. SVDP would like thank everyone who has donated to this volunteer organization and who continues to donate. The money and food received stays in the East Biloxi area and supports our neighbors directly. Thank you!

<u>St Michael Altar Society</u> is having a membership drive in advance of their next meeting December 13th at 11am in the Family Life Center. If you want to be a member of this renewed society dues are \$10/year and you can be as active as you want. 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.

2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal as of November 24, 2020-Goal \$23,757, Pledged-\$11,397.75, Paid-\$11,035.95



St Michael Altar Society is creating a new way to honor your

loved ones past or present with an arrangement of fresh flowers on the altar for a week. Honoring your loved one's Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations or any milestone you wish to celebrate or remember. Arrangements are made by our very own Maria Vollmuth and come in 3 sizes for \$30, \$40 or \$50 dollars. Please call the office to schedule your dates. Thank you!

#### SEARCH-What is Search?

A SEARCH Weekend is a Christian life experience. It is peer guided and peer given by the seniors in high school and adult team. On a SEARCH weekend there is haring by the community members songs, prayer, small group discussions, Eucharist, Reconciliation, quiet time and a great fellowship between you and your 'new' friends.

#### Who can come?

The SEARCH weekend is designed for high school teens (grades 11-12). Applications will be accepted according to the grade levels with SENIORS having first priority. With the realities of COVID-19, we've expanded our efforts this year to reach our young people by providing a day long retreat encounter experience five times this year (one in each deanery) to allow more youth to encounter Christ. Sign-up sheets and more information are in the vestibule of the church or by calling the office.

Dates Dec 5 Sacred Heart D'Iberville, Jan 9-St Mary Gautier, Jan 30-St Thomas Hattiesburg & Feb 27 St Clare Waveland



Sun Nov 29th For the People Tues Dec 1st +Pam Williams Wed Dec 2nd +Noah Demet Thurs Dec 3rd +Ben Baker Fri Dec 4th +Katie Lynn Pizzetta +Rhonda Freeman Sat Dec 5th For the People

**Mass Intentions:** Tuesday-Saturdays excluding Holy Days. There are many dates available for 2020. If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office at 228-435-5578.



\*\*Please feel free to take a new 2021 missal home and bring it back and forth with you to church. They are located in the entry. Limited quantities.

November 26: Thanksgiving Mass 9am
November 28: Loaves & Fishes
December 1: #iGiveCatholic (Opens Nov 16th)
December 7: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Vigil Mass 6pm
December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Mass 9am
December 13: Altar Society Meeting 11am FLC
December 24: Christmas Vigil Masses 4pm & 6pm
December 25: Christmas Day 10am
December 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Vigil Mass 6pm
January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass 10 am

<u>Wanted:</u> St Michael is in need of Altar Servers, Lectors and counters. There is an orientation with Monsignor and you serve based on your schedule. Contact the office.



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### School News

**<u>St. Patrick Catholic High School</u>** is excited to launch our 2020-21 **LUCK OF THE IRISH RAF-FLE**, our school's fall fundraiser! The Luck of the Irish Raffle supports all of our athletic teams and student activities at St. Patrick.

Tickets are \$20 each, and a lucky \$1,000 winner will be drawn each month throughout the school year. Each month, the winning ticket remains in the drawing, so those who purchase tickets have a chance to win up to \$10,000. The first drawing was October 16! Tickets can still be purchased online at <u>stpatrickhighschool.net/irishraffle</u>.

### In the Diocese

Parishioners at St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs invite you to join them in praying a public rosary on Saturday December 5th at 11am at the Villa Maria on Washington Ave.

### **Community** Notes

Deaconess Hospice in Biloxi is looking to grow a volunteer program to help us all give and serve in our communities. Volunteer opportunities range from administrative duties, running errands for patients, companionship, and much more depending on needs and skills. For more information call Cara Wilson 228-435-2265 or by email cara.wilson@ihcgroup.com

## **Religious Education**

<u>CCD</u> Wednesdays 5:30pm

LifeTeen\* Sundays 4pm

#### RCIA

Tuesdays 6pm

St Michael Fundraising Team presents the

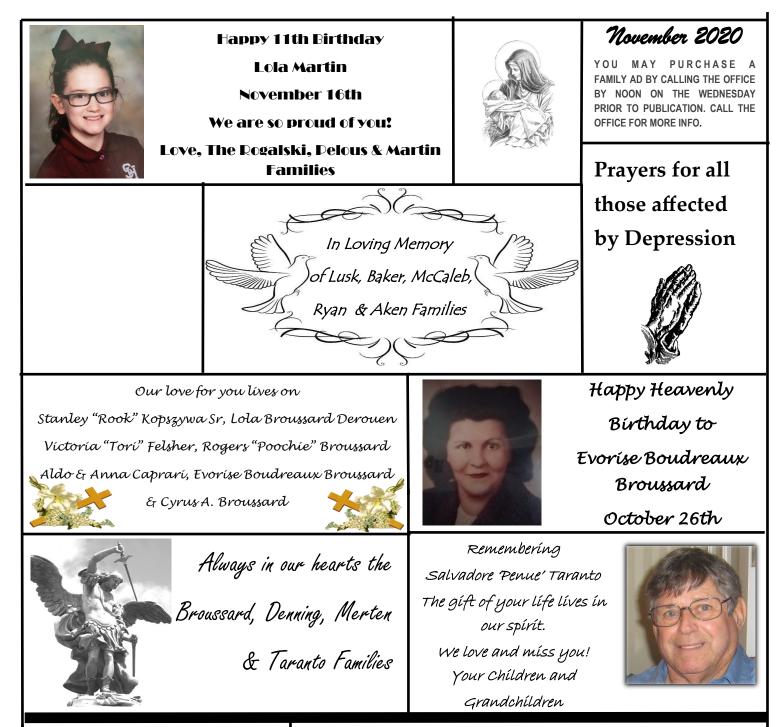
2020 St Michael Christmas Ornament by local artist Kathy Shaughnessy

On sale now!

\$20 Each

Get yours after weekend masses or by calling the office. Thank you!







Happiest of Birthdays to Cynthia Powell and Diana Kopsyzwa Cheers to many more and God Bless you in your next year!!

**Fun Facts-Advent-**For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.