ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of September 4 & 5, 2021

Established 1917

PRAYER TO SAINT <u>MICHAEL</u> THE ARCHANGEL

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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> Tues-Fri 8am

<u>Weekends</u> 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

Use your cell phone camera to link to the St. Michael store or make online donations.



Ministry News

<u>~St Michael Card Ministry</u> -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.

<u>~St Michael Knights of Columbus</u> -Interested in joining the Knights? Please see a member, find an application form in the entry of the church or you can join online. Next Knights of Columbus Meeting is September 14th at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

<u>~St Michael Altar Society</u> -Altar Society is hard at work planning some special purchases, for St. Michael for use in the celebration of the Word and Eucharist, from memorial donations. A complete listing will be published soon and if you have great ideas or want to be apart of this society please see a member or call the office.

<u>Saint Vincent de Paul</u>—Hours of Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry here at St. Michael is Wednesday's from 10am-11am. If you are interested in making a donation of food please leave in the basket in the entryway of the church, bring to office or contact a SVDP member. Gifts of money can be mailed to the church, checks made out to SVDP or left in the poor box in the back of church. Thank you for the continued support of this ministry which serves the people in our neighborhood. We can't do this with out you-Thank You!



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey to God and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Catholic Church, a people in pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. We are hoping to start this process in late September. Please contact Deacon Robert (228-392-2137), or the church office for details.



Altar Flowers This Week

In Memory of Lusk, McCaleb, Aken, Ryan & Baker Famílies

Hurricane Season is upon us!

- **Be Prepared:** Have a full tank of gas, locate and secure valuables and any important papers.
- Have a plan:

~Gather info about hazards in your area ~Meet with your family to create a plan

~Implement your plan when a hurricane watch is declared for your area. Plan the route you will take if you must leave. ~Have an alternative route. Tune into your local radio stations for available shelter information

~Practice and maintain your plan

~Arrange for one family member not in your area to notify friends and family of your where about and status.

• LISTEN AND LEAVE

Collections Aug 28 & 29, 2021 \$700.00

This Weeks Gospel Mark 7:31-37



Sat Sept 4th +Ralph Martino Sr Sun Sept 5th For the People Sat Sept 11th For the People

Mass Intentions: Tuesday-Saturdays excluding Holy Days. All of 2021 is full, scheduling 2022. If you would like to have Mass said in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call the office at 228-435-5578. Thank you!

Cuents In Our Parish

September 11: Alumni Mass and Social St. Patrick September 12: Sister Joan's Jubilee September 21: Automated External Defibrillator Training 8:30am (any parish member who wants to come, especially greeters, ushers, servers, & ministry) September 25: Loaves and Fishes September 25: Speak Retreat 8am Blessed Seelos October 17: USM Concert 4pm **October 30:** Lumen Christi Áwards at 4pm Liturgy Nativity of the BVM Cathedral November 7: 2pm Annual Mass of Wedding Anniversaries at Nativity BVM Cathedral. For couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40 etc. Register by Oct 15 November 14: Ham & Turkey Bingo FLC November 21: Gumbo Pick up Day (sales starting in September!)

In the Diocese

Our Women's prayer group, SPEAK (Sisters Praying Encouraging and Aspiring to Know God), faithfully invites all women to attend our upcoming retreat. Father Godfrey Andoh and members of our prayer group will be presenting...**Filled with Grace** Understanding and Living the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Saturday, September 25th, 2021, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Church in Biloxi, 8am- 6pm. This retreat is free to attend. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 cmprentiss@att.net or Amiee Gautreaux at (337) 296-5987 gautreaux7family@yahoo.com

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom" 2 Corinthians 3:17

CURSILLO DRAWDOWN IS BACK ON!!! The DRAWDOWN and SILENT AUCTION will take place at Sacred Heart in Pascagoula at 6 pm on September 11, 2021. There will be 30 drawings of \$100 with the final draw at \$5,000. Your name never goes out of the drawing, so there are many chances to win! You don't have to be present to win. Please contact Candace Atwood at 228-990-7823 or <u>candaceatwood@hotmail.com</u> for tickets.

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

A number of years ago, I backpacked the Grand Canyon, camping at the bottom along the Colorado River before hiking back out the next morning. Aside from memories of muscle cramping the likes of which I hadn't experienced before or since, what I remember the most about that experience was the feeling of being so incredibly small in the vastness of that special place.

That experience came back to me this past week on a morning run. The heat was intense even at that early hour of the morning. As I ran along, I thought about the dire warnings of climate change, and the catastrophic predictions for the future. I recalled visiting Alaska several years ago and watching enormous glaciers which took centuries to form breaking like glass before my eyes. I reflected on how overwhelmed I've been by news reports of desperate people trying to flee serious danger in their homeland in Afghanistan, as well as reports of another surge in this seemingly never-ending pandemic. Similar to my experience in the Grand Canyon, I was left feeling very insignificant when measured against the enormity of the world's problems.

So, what can one person do to make a difference in a world which seems so infinite at times? Later that day, the answer to that question came to me in a visit to a nursing home. For each person God placed into my midst, in that moment, the vastness of the world and all its problems were as small as the hands I held in prayer. In the example of Jesus, God doesn't give me the problems of the world to solve; but God does give me people in need, one at a time, to restore hope. Just imagine what the world would be like if each of us surrendered ourselves fully to the person God placed into our midst in any given moment.

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."



This is one of the most profound statements Jesus makes in his ministry. He does not say, "Without me, you can do a little bit." He says that we can accomnothing plish apart from him.



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US! WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.

Please bring your donations to St. Michael's office next week Tues-Thurs with potential delivery on Friday Sept 10th.

God Bless you and God Bless our Gulf Coast