ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of November 13 & 14, 2021

Established 1917

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL 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 RCIA Tuesdays 7pm

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



Ministry News

<u>~St Michael Fund Raising Committee</u> – The 2021 St. Michael Christmas ornament is here, and are on sale after Mass. See the back page for the beautiful image. Quantities are limited, so get them while they last, only \$20. Check out their supply of some previous years, there are still some available.

<u>~St Michael Knights of Columbus</u> -Time to bring back your baby bottle for the Knights annual charity fundraising drive. Bring it to Mass or drop it by the parish office. This year's proceeds will benefit the Gulf Coast Center for Non-violence. 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 November 8th at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

<u>~Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store –Ocean Springs–</u> Our Ocean Springs St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store thanks those generous parishioners who've donated. We've ended our year well and your generosity has enabled us to helped over three-dozen people in-need during our first 6 months. Your kind donations will continue to enable us to do more. Besides shopping, we would like to invite you to donate your talents and time. The holidays are just around the corner and we run specials during the holidays. We now our dollar bins. We've also added new Restoration Sleep mattresses and box springs. We invite you to come shop and volunteer with us. To volunteer call Sally at (228) 334-5222.

Other St. Michael Teams include: Altar Society, Card Ministry, Parish Life, Outreach, Youth Ministry, Choir and the Pastoral Council. Call the office if you are interesting in joining.



The official 2021 St. Michael Christmas ornament is here!

On Sale Now, until they are gone

Get yours while they last



Altar Flowers This Week

In memory of JJ Vollmuth

East Biloxi Youth Group News

Please join us at Nativity for <u>LifeTeen</u> on Sunday nights from 4-5:15! We will have fun, fellowship, and food! Please contact Lindsey Martin (228-861-8912) with any questions or for more information. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, November 14th-Lifeteen (Grades 6-12) 4:00pm Nativity BVM Youth Rm

Sunday, November 21st- No Lifeteen- Thanksgiving holiday

Sunday, November 28th- Our Youth group has been invited to attend 6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Our Lady of Fatima youth group. We encourage all teens to take advantage of this great opportunity to meet other Catholic teens and participate in Mass and Adoration together. Schedule will be as follows:

Meet at Nativity from 4:30-5:15pm for a group dinner. (We will also talk about what Adoration is and what to expect)

5:15pm Carpool to Fatima for 6:00pm mass

Stay after for Adoration from 7:15-8:30pm

Collections November 6 & 7, 2021 \$2974.00

This Weeks Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Nov 13th +Katie Lynn Pizzetta Sun Nov 12th For the People Tues Nov 16th +Elvina "Sis" Martino Wed Nov 17th +Nicolas "Corky" Hire Thur Nov 18th +Guise Thuang +Neil Broussard Fri Nov 19th +Carolina Dedoyco

UPCOMING Events In Our Parish

November 14: Altar Society's-Ham & Turkey Bingo FLC doors open at 1pm, Bingo starts at 2pm November 14: Open House St. Patrick 2-5pm November 14: Lifeteen 4pm Nativity BVM November 27: Loaves and Fishes November 28: Lifeteen Goes to Fatima 6pm November 30: #iGiveCatholic 2021 December 4: Advent Retreat, Blessed Seelos 8:30am December 9-12: Women's Cursillo December 21: Christmas Program/Nativity Play 6pm December 24: Christmas Vigil Masses 4pm & 6pm December 25: Christmas Mass 10am January 1: New Year's Day Mass 9am (Vigil still 5pm for Epiphany Sunday Jan 2)

In the Diocese

<u>St. Patrick Open House</u> and Ice Cream Social, Sunday November 14 from 2-5pm. Register at: stpatickhighschool.net/openhouse

Women's Cursillo Weekend, December 9-12, 2021 William J. Kelly Retreat Center, Bay St. Louis. Registration forms are in the back of the church, find them online www. biloxicursillo.org or contact Kathy Doyle for more information kbdoyle@aol.com or call 228-326-2347

Our SPEAK prayer group is hosting an all day

Advent Retreat, Sat, Dec 4 at Blessed Seelos church from 8:30am- 6pm. This is for both women and men. A light continental breakfast will be served as well as lunch and dinner (following mass). This is free and all are welcome. Registration is required by Tues, Nov 30th. For more information and to Register please contact Cherie Prentiss at 228-365-4017 or cmprentiss@att.net or Amiee Gautreaux at 337-296-5987 or gautreaux7family@yahoo.com

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

Have you heard it ... all of the dire warnings about critical shortages of products, especially popular ones, at Christmas time? It appears that Christmas could be the next victim of this strange supply chain crisis. Don't wait for a better price, the experts warn us; if you find it, buy it, and consider it a victory.

I eavesdropped on a conversation this past week between two people expressing great anxiety about this very issue. Apparently they were both interested in some gizmo that I may be the only one on planet Earth who's never heard of. From what I could gather, they were shopping for this item online, and one of them literally stayed up half the night on the chance that it might be offered spontaneously. By a twist of fate, her patience was rewarded; it was made available unannounced in the wee hours of the morning, in very limited supply, and all gobbled up within seconds. She was one of the fortunate few apparently.

So how does this conundrum of product shortages speak to the whole notion of gift-giving in the sacred season of Christmas? Well, at a time when we should be focused on the simple notion of WHY we share gifts at Christmas, and the WHO is gifting us, instead we find ourselves distracted by the WHAT the gift itself. And yet, it occurs to me that the gift is never as important as either the giver or the spirit of the giving itself. At Christmas, the simple act of giving is meant to be transformative; a gesture of acknowledging how special those we are gifting are to us. Think about it ... oftentimes the BEST gifts, the ones we hold on to, are the most simple, the ones we could never anticipate or even replace. I cherish a small, golf ball-looking ceramic doodad on my desk that one of our daughters made for me when she was a little girl; or the countless homemade cards our daughters made; or a special note someone shared with me; all of them nearly valueless to others, but to me, they touch a corner of my heart. Jesus makes clear to us that there will never be a shortage of love within any of us.

Truthfully, the only thing I'm concerned with not finding at Christmas ... is the spirit of the season itself.

... all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights ... James 1:17

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