ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekend of November 6 & 7, 2021

Established 1917



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.

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> -Have you picked up your baby bottle for our annual charity fundraising drive? Parishioners are encouraged to take home a bottle, fill it with their spare change and return them to the Parish at the end of the month. 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> \sim St Michael Altar Society</u></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 Thrift Store –Ocean Springs–</u> St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Ocean Springs: Come check out our Blue Boat Specials! Children, women and men clothes all \$1.00! Open 10 am -6 pm Monday thru Friday, 10 am - 3 pm Saturday. 2200A Bienville Blvd. 228-334-5222.



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 Remembrance of the Deceased Ferrill and Toche Family members.

East Biloxi Youth Group News

Sunday, November 7th- Lifeteen (Grades 6-12) 4:00pm Nativity BVM Youth Rm

Friday, November 12th- Friday game and pizza social night at the Prentiss house. Only 9th- 12th graders from 6-9pm. Contact our Youth Minister, Lindsey Martin at 228-861-8912 for more information.

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

Students will need to be picked up from Our Lady of Fatima church at 8:30pm .





Sat Nov 6th +Nicolds Corky Hire Sun Nov 7th For the People Tues Nov 9th +Rick Mararac Wed Nov 10th Health and Vision Thur Nov 11th +Frankie Barhonovich Fri Nov 12th +Nicolas "Corky" Hire

"Events" In Our Parish

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 7: Lifeteen 4pm Nativity BVM Youth Rm November 11: Ultreya FLC 7pm **November 12:** Lifeteen Pizza/Game Social 6-9pm November 14: 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 Youth Rm 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

In the Diocese

Please join us at Nativity for <u>Youth Group</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!

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

<u>Women's Cursillo Weekend</u>, 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 <u>cmprentiss@att.net</u> or Amiee Gautreaux at 337-296-5987 or gautreaux7family@yahoo.com

Lay Leanings

By Deacon Mike Stewart

In the midst of darkness, light persists.

 \sim Mahatma Gandhi

I couldn't agree more with Gandhi, even if we may disagree about the Source of that light. Especially in these days where so many of us are feeling the effects of the long 'winter' of covid, light is like a soothing balm.

Mental health experts contend that pandemic fatigue is real, and whether we know it or not, many of us are feeling its effects. One of those effects is a sense of hopelessness and a prevailing gloom, fed by the constant fear of new variants and their inherent threat. It may lead us to question, either consciously or subconsciously, whether this thing will ever end. For some, it literally draws life from them, not to mention whatever else might be going on in their lives at any given moment.

This might be an ideal time to find inspiration in John's Gospel, which draws heavily on this tension between light and darkness. In the third chapter, we meet Nicodemus, a Pharisee. Clearly he knows the Jewish law, but he finds something in Jesus drawing him; and yet, John tells us that he came to Jesus, 'at night'. In the following chapter, Jesus encounters a foreigner woman at a well in the oppressive heat of the day. Though surely the sun was intense, the woman comes to that well in the darkness of rejection by her community as a result her past. Both Nicodemus and the woman encounter in Jesus a light that pierces their darkness; a light that no darkness can overcome.

In these dark days of uncertainty and change, may we turn to that Light to restore our hope in the future.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12

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This Weeks Gospel Mark 12:38-44

