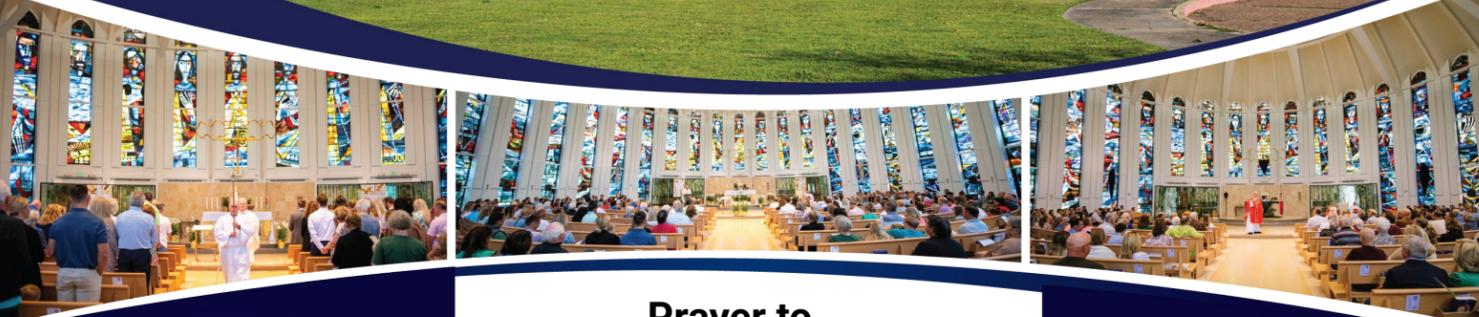


<p><i>In Loving Memory of Lusk, Baker, McCaleb, Ryan, & Aken Families</i></p>	<p><i>In Memory of Kathy Theriot 11/27/45-12/28/20</i>  <i>We love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck. You are forever in our hearts. Love, Bubba and your family</i></p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Nicolas & Loyce Hire Oct 2, 1921-Mar 9, 2021 & Feb 10, 1933-Oct 7, 2022</i>  <i>Together in Heaven</i></p>	<p><i>Always in our hearts Stanley "Rook" Kopszywa Sr, Lola Broussard Derouen, Victoria "Tori" Felsher, Rogers "Poochie" Broussard, Aldo & Anna Caprari, Everise Boudreaux Broussard, Wayne Kopszywa, & Cyrus A. Broussard</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of Berniece Louise Garner  Dec. 8, 1932—Dec. 22, 2022 Truly an example of "Amazing Grace"</p>	<p>NEW TO THE PARISH: If you are a recently registered new parishioner or if you are interested in joining our community – we extend a very warm word of "Welcome!" to you. We would love the opportunity to speak with you! Please contact the Office at 228.435.5578 and leave your name and contact information so we can contact you. We are delighted that you are with us!</p>	<p>Available on the App Store ANDROID APP ON Google play  myParish The App for Catholic Life Every Day™ Have you downloaded this app yet? It's a one stop shop for real time information about St. Michael via your cell phone. Consider downloading today and select our Parish after opening.</p>	<p>WE ARE ALL GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE. The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.</p>
<p>WORD on FIRE. Word on Fire harnesses <i>beauty, goodness, and truth</i> to draw people into or back to the Catholic faith.</p>	<p>Stay in the Know with the Diocese of Biloxi Friday Email Newsletter  GULF PINE FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>	<p>Your ad here</p>
<p>HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT! Open your heart, home, and family to a foreign exchange student for the 2025-2026 school year! International Cultural Exchange Service is looking for loving families to host students from across the globe. If you would like more information contact Emily Aldrich at 228.234.6613 or ealdrich@icesusa.org</p>	<p>SUE STONE Owner EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGNS OF BILOXI 228-233-6074 228-223-4024</p>	<p><i>Remember in Prayer The Misko & Skrmetta Families</i></p>	
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St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of March 29 & 30, 2025

Established 1917

Confessions

Saturday 4 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday—Thursday
8:30 - 2:30 pm
or as posted

Prayer to St. 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

Weekends
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am

Weekdays
Tuesday - Friday 8 am

Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor

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MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat, Mar 29.....	+Doug Thompson
Sun, Mar 30.....	For the People
Tue, Apr 1.....	Jude Gollott
Wed, Apr 2.....	Special Intentions
Thu, Apr 3.....	Special Intentions
Fri, Apr 4.....	Special Intentions

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA: Apr 6 at 7pm; the theme this weeks is “God enjoins: Sexual Morality, Theology of the Body; Presentation of the Creed.”

BULLETIN ADS: If you would like to run a on the back of our bulletin please contact the church office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please call the church office to request a Mass for your special intention (s).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep our children preparing for their First Reconciliation (4/9) and First Holy Communion (5/3) in your prayers. If your child is making their First Holy Communion with their school or CCD class and you would like them to be recognized with the St. Michael First Communion group, please submit the child's name to the parish office.

LENT RECONCILIATION & ADORATION: April 9, 6-7:30pm; come spend time in prayer and reflection with Jesus. There will be a few priests available to hear confessions.

ALTAR SOCIETY BINGO: April 6 at 11am in the FLC—mark your calendar, all are welcome!

BELLS FOR EASTER VIGIL: You may bring in bells from home for the Easter Vigil.

USM ACAPELLA GROUP: Concert here at St. Michael, Apr 30, 4pm.

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Mar 22 & 23.....	\$5185
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS	
March 29 & 30.....	Catholic Relief Services
April 5 & 6.....	SVDP

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Altar Society members. Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP provides assistance each Wednesday from 10—11 am. We value your time and your donations! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

STELLA MARIS EXPLORERS homeschool ministry serving catholic children grades PK3-12th with a Thursday morning program in the FLC. If you're interested in dropping in for a club meeting or to get more information, please visit our website (StellaMarisExplorers.com).

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
ALTAR SERVERS	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	
GREETERS	
LECTORS	
Sat, Mar 29	Douglas Roll Kenneth & Cynthia Powell
5 pm	Jacklyn Cummins & Kenneth Girouard Laurri Garcia
Sun, Mar 30	Ira Elijah Jones Jimmy & Debbie Smith
10 am	Don & Susan Pizzetta Richard Schellhammer
Sat, Apr 5	Ira Elijah Jones Vicky Wescovich & Walter Freeman
5 pm	Don & Susan Pizzetta LaWanda Jones
Sun, Apr 6	Douglas Roll Kenneth & Cynthia Powell
10 am	Jacklyn Cummins & Kenneth Girouard Amiee Gautreaux

IN OUR DIOCESE

DIocese OF BILOXI PASSPORT FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope Passport was created to encourage and allow you to pilgrimage across the coast this year, Pick up a passport in the vestibule of the Church.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL: Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

**4th Sunday of Lent
Background on Gospel Reading**

**Luke 15:1-3,11-32
Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.**

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree.

Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son.

When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

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LENT/EASTER 2025

STATIONS OF THE CROSS :
Fridays 6pm—There is a sign up in the vestibule for you/family/group up to lead.

Apr 9: Adoration/Reconciliation 6-7:30pm

HOLY WEEK

- Apr 15: Chrism Mass, 10:30am, Nativity BVM
- Apr 16: Daily Mass, 8am
- Apr 17: Holy Thursday Mass 6pm
- Apr 18: Good Friday Stations 12noon
- Apr 18: Good Friday Liturgy 3pm
- Apr 19: Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm
- Apr 20: Easter Sunday Mass 10am

RSVP Speak Lenten Events

