

*In Loving
Memory of Lusk,
Baker,
McCaleb, Ryan,
& Aken Families*



Always in our hearts
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Established 1917

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!

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Congratulations Pete & Harriet Aufdemorte
on your **71st Wedding Anniversary**, July 22, 2020
We joyfully celebrate this sacred union and pray
that God continues to bless you with good health,
peace, and love!

Remember in Prayer
the
Misko & Skrimetta
Families



Happy 83rd Birthday,
Ronald Baker, Sr.!!!
July 29

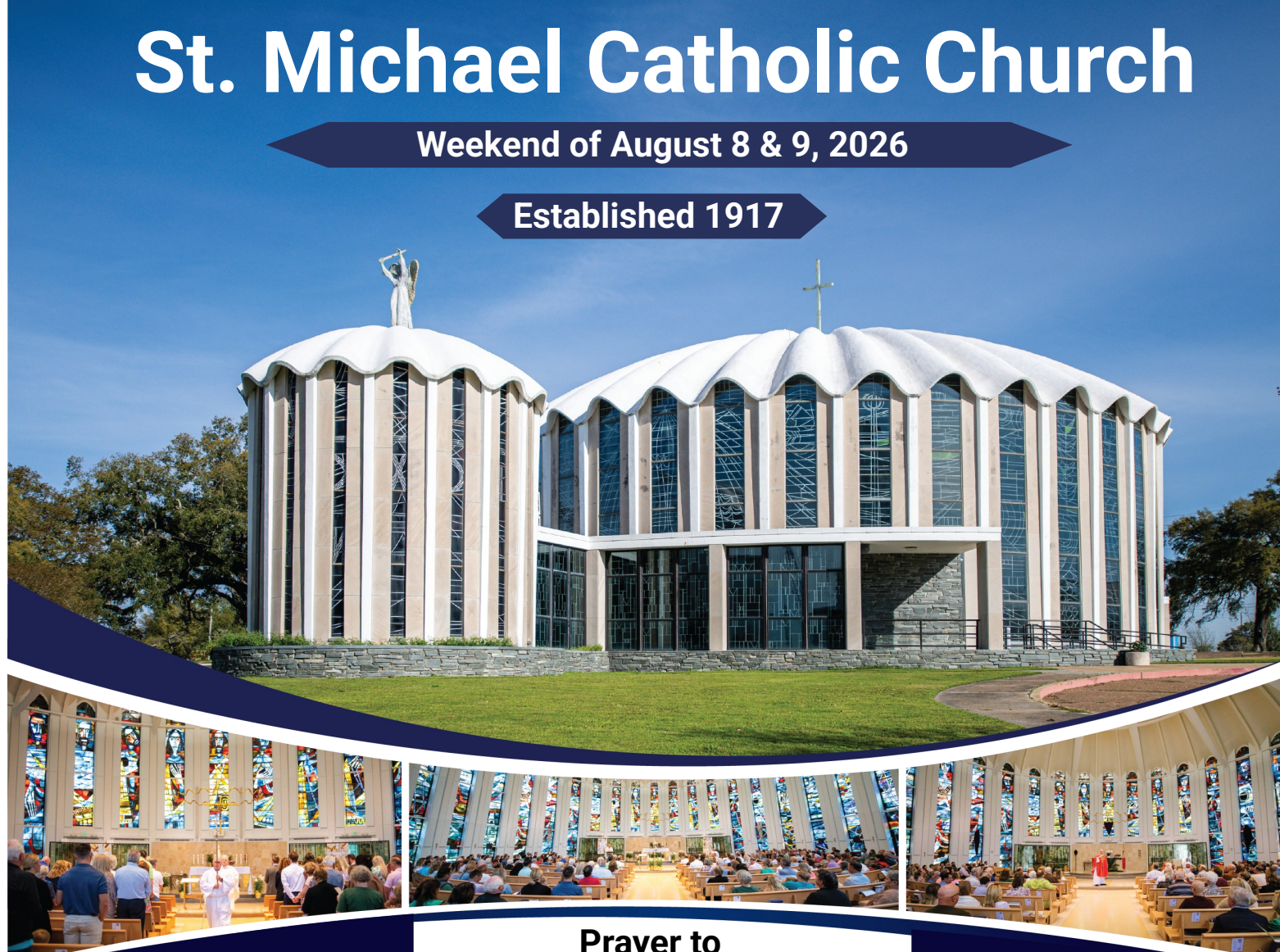
Shirley Aufdemorte Roberts
Happy 89th Birthday!
May the Lord continue to
bless you with
Peace, Joy, and good health.

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St. Michael Catholic Church

Weekend of August 8 & 9, 2026

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The image is a promotional graphic for St. Michael Catholic Church. The top half features a large, modern church building with a white, scalloped dome and tall, narrow stained-glass windows. A statue of an angel stands on the roof. The building is set on a green lawn under a clear blue sky. The bottom half of the image is a collage of three interior shots showing a church service. The left shot shows the front of the church with people standing and a priest at the altar. The middle and right shots show the congregation seated in pews, looking towards the altar. The text 'St. Michael Catholic Church' is at the top in a large white font. Below it, 'Weekend of August 8 & 9, 2026' is in a white font on a dark blue banner. Below that, 'Established 1917' is in a white font on a dark blue banner. At the bottom, the text 'Prayer to' is in a white font on a dark blue background.

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MASS INTENTIONS
Sat, Aug 8.....For the people
Sun, Aug 9.....+Freddie & +Vera Lusk
Tue, Aug 11.....+Tommy Hand
Wed, Aug 12.....+Kathy Theriot
Thu, Aug 13.....+Corky & +Lois Hire
Fri, Aug 14.....+Michael & +Kim Perry

IN OUR PARISH

OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin meetings Sep 22. Registration forms and class schedules can be picked up in the vestibule.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16992: See a member for a chance to win 2 Shimano Rod and Reel Combos. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of \$11 for \$100. Proceeds support St. Michael’s SVDP. The drawing will be held, Sun, August 30.

2026 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS; CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The 2026 Christmas ornament contest has begun! Registration forms containing all the details are on the table in the vestibule.

IN OUR DIOCESE

THE ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES will take place on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 years (or any anniversary above 60) of marriage are welcome to attend.

Our online registration form is available below to fill out. You can also download and print the paper version to turn in, located under parish toolkit. The deadline for registration is September 10, 2026. You can return the form by mail to my attention at the above address or e-mail it to me at jmitchell@biloxidiocese.org.

CATHOLIC RECOVERY PROGRAM An organizational meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton church in Ocean Springs on Monday, August 3 at 6 pm about starting a Catholic in Recovery program to start in the fall. This is a Catholic program for people recovering from any kind of addiction. Please attend if you are interested in this program or are in recovery or are a family member of someone with an addiction. For more information, contact Lois Ravera at 228-324-3304.

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS
Aug 1 & 2.....\$6046.00
Aug 8 & 9.....Building Fund

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mon Aug 10 2 Cor 2, Jn 12:24-26
Tue Aug 11 Ez 2:8—3:4, Mt 18:1-5m 10, 12-14, Phil 38:8-14,
Wed Aug 12 Ez 9, 1-7,; 10:18-22, Mt 18:15-20
Thu Aug 13 Ez 12:1-12, Mt 8:21—19:1
Fri Aug 14 1 Cor 15: 16, 6:1-2, 1 Cor 1:55b-57, Lk 11:27-28

MINISTRIES: God is calling YOU. Can you answer the call? We are in need of Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters! Prayerfully consider God’s calling to serve your St. Michael Family. Call 228.435.5578 or email stmichaelccbiloxi@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The SVDP would like to thank the VBS Children who made generous donations to our Food Pantry throughout the week! :)

CARD MINISTRY Sends out inspirational cards monthly to homebound parishioners and friends. Stamps are always needed. Drop off in the church office or contact Cynthia Powell.

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).

OCIA The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge in the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, contact Deacon Wescovich at 228-860-1575.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council Father Herbert Mullin # 16992 held a membership drive, and we might have missed you. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find the Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today, simply go to kofc.org/joinus, complete the information about you and enter 16992 in the box asking you about the local council number or contact Jimmy Smith (Grand Knight) at (228) 366-3000 for local information.

Lord, help me to trust You in all things. When life feels uncertain, remind me that You are near. Teach me to listen for Your voice in quiet moments and to hold onto faith during struggles. Strengthen me when I feel weak and guide me closer to You each day. Amen.

THE FLOWER INTENTIONS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF BELOVED MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
August 9, 2026

First Reading
1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 85:9-14
The Lord is the source of salvation.

Second Reading
Romans 9:1-5
Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel directly follows last week’s account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew’s Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples’ growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week’s Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today’s Gospel is also about what the disciples’ faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week’s Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter’s fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter’s example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God’s only Son.

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Anchored in Faith

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A highlights faith during challenges. Elijah, in the first reading, finds God not in loud events but in a quiet whisper. In the Gospel, Peter walks on water but doubts and begins to sink. Both stories show that faith is about staying focused on God, even in hard times. Faith is not about avoiding struggles. It is about trusting God through them. Elijah was afraid, but God was with him. Peter doubted, but Jesus saved him. These stories remind people that God does not leave them, even when they feel uncertain. Sometimes, faith wavers, just like Peter’s. Fear and doubt can creep in. But God is always present, offering help and strength. The key is to keep looking toward Him. Faith does not mean never struggling—it means trusting God even in the struggle. This Sunday’s scripture calls people to anchor their faith in God. Life has storms, but faith keeps people steady. By trusting in God, they find the strength to move forward, knowing He will always be there.

Faith is not about having all the answers or never feeling doubt. It is about trusting God even when things seem unclear. We see that God is always near, whether in silence or in struggles. By listening to Him and keeping faith, people find strength and peace.

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JOINING FORCES TO RAISE AWARENESS, FOOD & FUNDS FOR ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY, WHICH BENEFITS OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN NEED IN EAST BILOXI, WE ARE HOSTING A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF AUGUST. BELOW IS A LIST OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD/HYGIENE ITEMS THAT ARE STOCKED IN OUR FOOD PANTRY. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO EXPIRED FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS..

Peanut Butter Jelly Canned Tuna/Chicken Spaghetti Pasta/Sauce Oatmeal/Grits Canned Vegetables Canned Fruit Rice Dry or Canned Beans	Macaroni & Cheese Canned Soup or Stew Ramen Noodles Jiffy Cornbread Mix Jello Kool-Aid Beanie Weenies Tuna Snack Packs Fruit or Pudding Snacks	Peanut Butter Crackers Vienna Sausage Potted Meat Pop Tarts Granola/Protein Bars Instant Mashed Potatoes	<u>HYGIENE PRODUCTS:</u> <u>(TRAVEL SIZE)</u> Toothbrushes/Tooth paste Soap Shampoo Deodorant Hand Sanitizer/wipes Chapstick Sunscreen Band-aids Rain ponchos Combs
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