

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



the Basilica of **St. Michael the Archangel**

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MAY 2026

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**PREPARE A**

*place for you.*

JOHN 14:1

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MAY 3, 2026

## THE PARISH PICNIC

Parish picnics emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as vital American church traditions, fostering fellowship and community in relaxed settings. Originally, families brought packed meals to church grounds to socialize, eventually evolving into major, often annual, fundraisers featuring games, raffles, and traditional foods like fried chicken and mutton.

**19th Century:** Picnics, including "graveyard picnics," were popular social events, sometimes designed to facilitate courtship.

**Early 20th Century:** The picnics became deeply integrated into church life and were often used to raise money for charity or community needs.

**Adaptation:** Even during times of conflict or pandemic, many parishes have managed to pause, adapt, and revive their annual picnic traditions.



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 5/3: Ray Ball  
Bridgid Thomas  
Logan McFadden
- 5/4: Dorothy Jacobs  
Terri Craney  
Frank Sower
- 5/5: Lilian McGee
- 5/6: John Pellegrino
- 5/7: Karen Jasper
- 5/8: Paul Doss
- 5/9: Karen Hessler

**Traditional Roots:** The tradition grew alongside the American, less formal approach to the European "pique-nique," focusing on outdoor fellowship and breaking away from work routines.

### Our Picnic at The Brendan Center

The St. Brendan Center for Evangelization and Spirituality is a 38 acre parcel in the Beulah community of Pensacola which will serve our diocese as a focal point for our local Church's mission to the world. Formerly operated by Ascension Sacred Heart hospital as Miracle Camp, the property was purchased by the diocese in 2023 and renamed after St. Brendan the Navigator of Ireland, the patron of sailors, navigators and the U.S. Navy. -Bishop Wack chose this special patronage to honor the Irish priests and religious sisters and brothers who came left their homes to spread the Gospel and minister to God's people in the United States.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for April 26, 2026

In-Church Offering:	\$8,782.00
Online Offering:	\$4,537.52
Total Offertory:	<b>\$13,319.52</b>

2026 C.S.A. Campaign as of April 26, 2026

Pledged:	\$111,552
Given:	<b>\$90,934</b>
Families Participating:	<b>117</b>

### CROWNING OF MARY

9:00 AM Mass

### Last "Our Lady Sodality" Meeting Before Summer

**MONDAY, MAY 4TH IN THE PARISH HALL**

4:30 Social Gathering / Meeting / Member Photos

5:00 Potluck Dinner (Please bring an Entree or Side.)

\*New members welcomed for 2026-27 sessions

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



# the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

Please visit the Basilica's website at [stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.

## PARISH PICNIC TODAY ! Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 1:30 PM



The St. Brendan Center for Evangelization and Spirituality  
9840 Beulah Rd, Pensacola, FL 32526

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1. Notify usher or guardian of your concern.
2. Report the threat:
  - Dial 911 for immediate danger or...
  - Dial 850-435-1965 for non-emergency
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4. Follow the directions of Ushers, Guardians, or First Responders.

## JOIN "THE MEN OF SAINT MICHAEL"

For the "Development of Men's Spirituality & Service to Basilica Ministries"

**Join after mass or online!**



Liturgies & Mass Intentions for  
the **Week of MAY 3, 2026**

### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(9 AM)

*John Myrick †*

(11 AM)

*For the People of the Basilica*

### MONDAY: 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Keith & Dale Wood ††*

### TUESDAY: 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Pisacreta Family & KC Chinapen*

### WEDNESDAY: 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

*June Merritt †*

### THURSDAY: 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Lawrence Lingner, Jr.*

### FRIDAY: 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Alfonso Torres †*

**Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall**



### THIS WEEK'S ALTAR FLOWERS

In celebration of the wedding of  
**Grace Mougey & Graham Guirl**

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