Hey you! … parents; grandparents; retired teachers … you … the person looking for a purpose, a way to serve God … you … you … are needed.

Elementary & High School Teachers Needed!

We are asking you to prayerfully consider helping … be what God is calling you to! Calling you to serve!

For Elementary: Call Harriet @ 225-206-7033 for Sacred Heart or Donna @ 225-869-5751 for St. Joseph. Elementary and for High School contact Missy Laurent @ 225-869-5751.

St. Michael’s has all their teachers.

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:
Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus I will test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.”

(Ex 16:4)

Psalm:
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

(Ps 78)

Second Reading:
… be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

(Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:
“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

(Jn 6:35)
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST**

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass Times:** 8:00 A.M. (C) 10:00 A.M. (P) 5:00 P.M. (G)

The Lord provides heavenly food for the Israelites to eat. Jesus proclaims himself to be the very bread of life. We lay aside our way of life to be created anew in his image.

**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION:** 7:00–7:50 A.M. (C) 4:00–4:50 P.M. (G)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND WEEKDAY; SAINT PETER JUNIUS EYMARD, PRIEST**

**Mass Time:** 7:00 A.M. (L)

Moses grows impatient with the Lord when the Israelites grow hard of heart. Jesus feeds the hungry crowds with five loaves and two fish.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD WEEKDAY**

4:30 P.M. NOVENA/COMMUNION SERVICE (C)

Aaron asks to be forgiven for not trusting God’s servant, Moses. Peter fails to place his trust and faith in Jesus. It is that which comes from within that defiles.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

**SAINT JOHN VIANNYE, PRIEST**

**Mass Time:** 5:30 P.M. (L)

The Israelites fail to trust in God. The Canaanite woman places faith in Jesus to heal her daughter.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH WEEKDAY; THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR**

In the desert of Zin, water gushed forth for the children of Israel who tested the Lord though they had seen his works. You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Transfigured in glory, the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion. He will come again in glory.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH WEEKDAY; SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS; SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST**

**Mass Schedule:** 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. If your faith and trust are strong enough, nothing is impossible.

**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION:** 3:00–3:50 P.M. (P)

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**NOTICE:**

Fr. Vincent will leave for Sabbatical on Thursday, August 5th and will return on Wednesday, September 22nd. All Parish Council and Administration Meetings for the months of August & September have been canceled. Fr. Frank Uter will preside over the regular Masses in Fr. Vincent’s absence. Spiritual needs of the Cluster will still be available by calling the Pastoral Center.

There will be no 7:00 A.M. Mass on Thursday August 5th & Friday August 6th.

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**Knights of Columbus**

Thursday Night Bingo

7:00 P.M.

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**Volunteers Needed:**

Call: 869-1078
M * W * F 10-2:30
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Food For Needy Sunday
-August 29th -
Please be generous!

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**Things You Need to Know About Receiving the Sacraments**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sun.-St. Michael, 2nd Sun.-St. Joseph & 3rd Sun.-Sacred Heart. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete online course now offered. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751).

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children):**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

**MATRIMONY:**

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at 362-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date.

No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:**

For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.
Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment. Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we’re being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven’t we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He’s led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can’t go any further. No, I won’t do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.
Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

**Apostleship of Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**Sunday:** For Francis, our Pope, Michael, our Bishop, Vincent, our Pastor, Alfred & Sam, our deacons, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

**Monday:** Spirit of meekness and humility.

**Tuesday:** Spirit of Faith.

**Wednesday:** Spirit of Charity.

**Thursday:** Love of the Holy Eucharist.

**Friday:** For peace within our country.

**Saturday:** Love of charity & the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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**Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:**

- Christie Melancon (LC)
- Leon & Audrey Keller (SM)
- Alvin “Bubbie” St. Pierre (SJ)
- Gaston & Florence Bourgeois (SH)
- Ruby Ordeneaux (AC)

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**Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner**

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

- Darcie Bland
- Emily Milazzo
- Kristin Naquin
- Chantay Zeno
- Holly Millet
- Kaitlin Steib
- Courtney K. Roper
- Megan L. Roper
- Lauren B. Terrio
- Traci Hymel
- Michaela M. Sisson
- Nicole Champagne
- Kristin Sweeny

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**Prayer Network**

- Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers to be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother’s womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious lives, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creatures. Amen.

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**In Loving Remembrance**

**Corinne Esnault Kliebert Robert**

June 04, 1928-July 11, 2021

**Joyce S. Nobile**

January 22, 1943-July 11, 2021

**Edward John “Copperhead” Copponex**

March 24, 1951-July 14, 2021

**Traveling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

Host family August 4th-11th Donnie Joe & Irene Melancon

Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque, 225-206-2929

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary**

Host family August 1st-7th Jean Simonexaux (St. Michael)

**Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs:**

To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact:

- Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124;
Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today’s Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn’t understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

PRAYER
God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

Attention Elementary & High School PSR Parents:
Mark your calendars for the upcoming Parent Meetings:

St. Michael Elementary & High School Meeting-Monday, August 30th 6:30 P.M.
@ St. Michael Church
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Joseph Elementary & Jr High-Monday, August 23rd, 6:30 P.M.
@ Sacred Heart Church
Sacred Heart & St. Joseph 9th & 10th Grades-Sunday, August 15th 7:15 P.M.
@ Sacred Heart Church
11th Grade Confirmation Class-Sunday, August 15th 6:15 P.M. @ Sacred Heart Church

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized
Ripp Michael Roper
Ripp Michael is the son of Dustin Paul & Ashley Nicole Rizzuto Roper. Ripp Michael was baptized by Deacon Alfred Adams on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at St. Michael Church.

Ripp Michael Roper
you are now initiated into the Catholic faith, and welcomed into the membership of the church and the holy body of the people of Christ. Congratulations!

Cluster Personnel~DRE’s~Pastoral Staff~Maintenance Supervisor~Cemeteries~Pastoral Council Members

Pastoral Center Staff
Sherry Bourgeois, Tammy Martin & Allison Badeaux
Deacon Sam Sammartino
Social Responsibility, Marriage Preparation, Tribunal Advisor
Maintenance Supervisor: Gordon Jenkins
Cemeteries: Deacon Alfred or Gordon Jenkins - St. Michael; Deacon Alfred - St. Mary
Pastoral Center 869-5751- St. Joseph

Faith Formation
Deacon Alfred Adams-DRE; High School PSR, Marriage Prep., Lay Ministry Coordinator
Melissa Laurent-DRE; Youth Ministry, High School PSR, Lay Ministry Coordinator & Baptism Prep
Harriet Molancon-DRE SJ Elementary PSR, & Bulletin Editor
Carol Ann Rome-DRE SM Elementary PSR
Donna Waguespack-DRE SJ Elementary PSR

St. Michael Pastoral Council
Mollie Arceaux, Jon Hotard, Rodney Roussel, Spencer Chauvin, Jane Poche & Laurie Roussel
St. Joseph Pastoral Council
John Abreo, Tania Bourgeois, Tim Detillier, Garland Poche, David Richard & Emery Forsythe
Sacred Heart Pastoral Council
Allie Bourgeois, Earl Deroche, Jr., Jocelyn Hebert, Jody Ordeneaux, Donna Roche & Connie Loupe
Michael G. Duca, "As your bishop, I promise to re-experience in the classroom. CDC, the Louisiana State Department of Education, and our in the communities related to COVID but the guidelines are subject to change based on circumstances According to Bishop Duca this is how the school year will begin, of us rise to our calling and dignity as God’s people. value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God’s presence and our sense son@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations. The divine presence is often symbolized in the bread and wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. However, each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God’s presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life-as a priest or religious-then you contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

**Answer:** Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God’s people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God’s presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God’s people.

**Return to Love**

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist Church, 15208 Hwy. 73, Prairieville

**Return to Love: Red Stick Catholic Fest**

Red Stick Catholic Fest is the Diocese of Baton Rouge’s annual high school youth conference that celebrates the unique spirituality of Louisiana’s capital city. The event features live entertainment, breakout sessions, powerful keynote speakers and adoration.

Cost is $30 per participant. Registration opened Monday, July 12. Contact your local church parish to reserve a spot. For more information, contact Melissa Laurent at the Pastoral Center, 225-869-5751.

High schoolers will enjoy an afternoon packed with dynamic speakers, praise and worship, small-group time, confession and adoration. Parish registration for this event will open on July 12th and will go until August 6th.

**Saturday, August 7, 2021, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Entering Canaan Support Gathering**

Entering Canaan is a ministry of healing from abortion. The Support Gatherings are for men and women who have attended an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing retreat, a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat or have begun the healing process in some other way. The Support Gatherings include a time of prayer, Scripture reflection and discussion on a particular aspect of healing. For more information, including meeting location, contact Danielle at EnteringCanaan@diobr.org or (225) 325-3459. All inquiries are confidential.

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**St. Matthew Icon Workshop**

Friends of the LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens will present a St. Matthew Icon painting workshop Sunday, August 8 – Friday, Aug. 13 at the Orangerie in the Burden Gardens, 4500 Essen Ln., Baton Rouge. Cost of the workshop is $350. To register or for more information, call Kitty Hessburg Wiemer at 225-284-7440 or Diana Wells at 225-927-8646.

**In and Around Our Community**

**July 18, 2021**

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