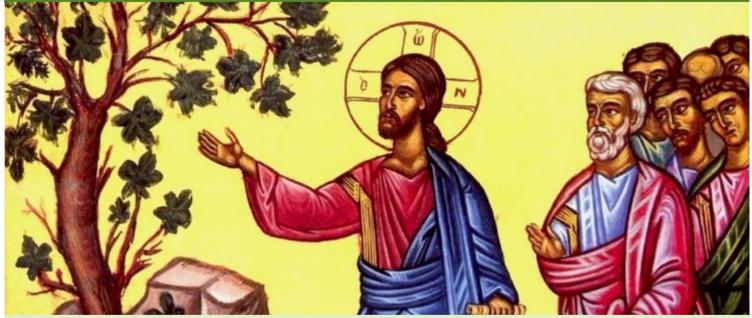


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Vigil Mass: SAT 5:30 PM | Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

MARCH 2, 2025 | WEEKLY BULLETIN | 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Luke 6.43-44a

What a great way to examine the direction of your life! This Gospel passage gets to the heart of how we can best discern whether or not we are truly fulfilling the will of God. Oftentimes we may struggle with knowing clearly if we are doing that which God wants of us. There are many directions in life that we can be pulled toward and many goals we can come up with on our own. For that reason, it is useful from time to time to stop and do an honest inventory of our lives.

When you look at the past year of your life, what do you see? Specifically, do you see good fruit being born? Such an examination is helpful to do from time to time. It is useful to make such an examination not only for the past year but for different time periods. Perhaps start by looking at the big picture by looking at all the times in your life that were most fruitful for the glory of God. From there, try to look at your life decade by decade, year by year and then even month by month over this past year. Look for the most blessed moments in your life as well as the most challenging moments.

When we examine our lives in this way, it's important to understand what to look for. For example, there may be moments when all went well in one way or another and then other times that were painful and very difficult. What's important to know, from a divine perspective, is that just because something "went well" at one point, or just because something was "painful and

very difficult" at another point in our lives, this doesn't mean that the former was the most fruitful for the Kingdom of God or the latter the least fruitful. In fact, heavy crosses and difficulties in life can often be the most fruitful times for us, spiritually speaking.

Just look at Jesus' life. Of course, everything He did was fruitful for the glory of the Father in Heaven, but we can easily point to the most painful moment of His life as the most fruitful. His Crucifixion brought forth the greatest good ever known.

So it is with our lives. The fruitfulness of our lives is not best discerned by looking at those moments when all was easy, fun, memorable and the like. Though those may also be graced moments, we need to look at spiritual fruitfulness from the divine perspective. We need to look for the moments in our lives, be they easy or difficult, when God was clearly present and when we made choices that gave Him the greatest glory.

Reflect, today, upon your life being like a tree that bears spiritual fruit. What times of your life, decisions you made, or activities that you were engaged in produced the most virtue in your life? When was your prayer life the deepest? When was your charity the strongest? When was your faith and hope the most evident? Return to those moments, savor them, learn from them and use them as the best building blocks for the glorious future our Lord desires for you.

Excerpts: My Catholic Life!
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Whether you are new to the area, just stopping by for a quick visit, or looking for a new parish home, we are delighted that you could join us today to worship our LORD. Please feel free to browse our website and our campus to familiarize yourself with the parish. Please introduce yourself to me after Mass. We are a friendly and loving community and would appreciate the opportunity to welcome you.

If you are new to our parish or have been attending mass and have not registered with our parish, please complete the registration form located on the library counter in the vestibule and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. Parish Family Registration Forms are also available on our website at www.stmichaelvicksburg.org which can be printed and emailed to the parish office at office@stmichaelvicksburg.org.

God Bless You! Fr. Robert

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

5:30 PM - Vivian Bishop (RIP)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

5:30 PM - Restituto Guerrero (RIP) 11:00 AM - Luis Diaz (RIP)

> **MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025** 8:30 AM - Jim Conway (SI)

> TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

8:30 AM - U.S. Government Leaders (SI)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

8: 30 AM - People of the Parish 5:30 PM - Mike Ruggles (SI)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

8:30 AM - Increase in vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

8:30 AM - End to Abortion

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

5:30 PM - In Thanksgiving

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic Tradition. Mass Intentions can be requested for someone who has died recently or in years past, or for the living to commemorate a special occasion such as a birthday, baptism, marriage, anniversary. Mass intentions can also be offered in thanksgiving for an answered prayer, for a social issue, or for someone is struggling with illness, life event, or trauma. Masses are scheduled in advance by calling the parish office or submitting your request using the Mass Intentions envelope located on the gift table in the back of the church. The usual Mass stipend is \$10.00 per request.

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY: MON & TUE 8:30 AM | WED 5:30 PM | THR & FRI 8:30 AM **VIGIL MASS:** SAT 5:30 PM | **SUNDAY MASS:** 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SATURDAY 4:30-5:00 PM or by Appointment

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

February 23, 2025 \$12,002



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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes help our staff count weekly collections and maintain accurate accounting records. If you are not currently receiving monthly giving offertory envelopes, please call the parish office to get started or you can give online using your assigned envelope number. If you do not have an envelope number or do not know what your number is please call the parish office. Please do not use any envelope number other than your assigned number.

Please use the contribution envelopes located on the gift table at the back of the church to remit stipends for Mass intentions, altar flowers, memorials, or other contributions in lieu of weekly offertory and drop in the collection basket or turn into the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



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California wildfires

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcement must be submitted to the parish office one week in advance *no later than 11 AM* on *MONDAY* to be Approved by Father Robert.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY in HIS Service

MARCH 1 & 2

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Bailess Stewart & VOLUNTEER
8:30 AM Hannah Ryan & Maddie Barnette
11:00 AM Jameson Piazza & Timothy Haggerty

Lector/Commentator

5:30 PM Amy Chaney & Gwyn Neill8:30 AM Joe Coccaro & Jeanine Hanks11:00 AM Ann Roberson & Mimi Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Tod Dorbeck, Mary & Mike Stewart

VOLUNTEERS

8:30 AM Cathy Blanche, Kathy Castellane

Kerry Roberts, Mary Wilds

11:00 AM Karen & Mike Calnan

Ana & Brady Clark

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

Ana & Brady Clark, Adrienne Eckstein

Offering Counters

Joe Coccaro, John Moore, David Vanderberry



MARCH 8 & 9

Altar Servers

5:30 PM Elizabeth Bednar & Hanna Hadia8:30 AM John Hossley & Syal Gonzalez11:00 AM The Lambiottes

Lector/Commentator

5:30 PM Tony Dardeau & Amy Bednar8:30 AM Robert & Tricia Sadler11:00 AM Mark Jourdan & John Farrell

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Sharon Andrews, Waverley Artz John Barnes & VOLUNTEERS 8:30 AM Bev & John Piazza, Burnie Ratcliff

6.30 AIVI DEV & JOHN PIAZZA, BUTTHE RALCHIII

VOLUNTEERS

11:00 AM Paul & Theresa Donovan April Farrell, Evelyn Riveros

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon Andrews & Susan Smith

Offering Counters

John Barnes, Donna Batallio, Babs Hearn



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS | 9:30-10:45 AM

FAITH FORMATION for children and youth (K-8TH grades), including First Communion

Preparation meets in the Education building on Sundays from 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

SPRING BREAK!

NO CLASS MARCH 9th & 16th

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS | 9:30-10:45 AM

Our Adult Faith Formation class welcomes all adults to join in a faith filled, spiritual discussion every Sunday at 9:30. Contact Deacon David at 870-904-1187 for more details.



RCIA meets WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM in the Education Building.

Our candidates will celebrate the following:
Ash Wednesday, March 5th
Rite of Sending, SUN, March 9th, at 8:30
Rite of Election, SUN, March 9th, at 2 PM at
St. Francis of Assisi in Madison
No Session - WED, MAR 12th - Spring Break
Sessions resume on Wednesday, March 19th

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith, then we invite you to *Come and See*.

For more information please contact Cheryl Roberts, RCIA Coordinator, at rcia.st.michael.vicksburg@gmail.com

Celebrating the Sacraments

*If you are celebrating a sacrament this year, a recent copy of your baptismal record must be provided to the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism guidelines for infant baptism

In order to have your infant baptized at St. Michael Catholic Church, the parents of the child must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to celebrating the sacrament and attending Mass regularly.

STEPS TO PREPARING YOUR INFANT FOR BAPTISM

Expectant parents can begin preparations for their infant's baptism prior to birth—you do not have to wait until after your child is born. All parents of children from birth to six-years should complete the **Baptismal Registration Form** found on the church website at www.stmichaelvicksburg.org or call the parish office at 601-636-3445.

Please complete the Baptismal Registration Form and turn it into the parish office. **Do not schedule a date for your child's baptism without contacting the parish office.**

A one-hour baptismal preparation class is required for all parents. The sacramental Coordinator for Baptism is Evelyn Riveros (601-415-0005).

Once you have completed the Baptismal Preparation Class, and all other requirements under baptismal guidelines have been met it is time to select godparents.

It is through baptism that your child becomes a child of God, and a member of the Catholic church and the parish community. Therefore, it is preferred that baptisms be celebrated during one of the weekend masses.

SELECTING GODPARENTS

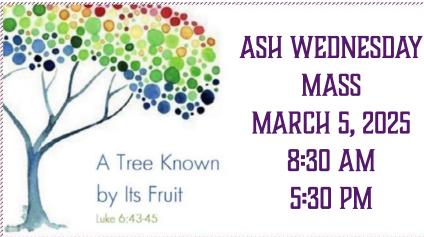
Godparents serve a special role in the life of the baptized person, sharing responsibility for the religious education and spiritual formation of that person. They also represent the church and the community of faith into which the child is being baptized.

- •Godparents should be faithful individuals who are ready to accept the responsibility of being part of a godchild's spiritual life.
- •Therefore, parents should choose a godparent not just because of a blood relationship or friendship; rather, a godparent should be a trustworthy witness of the Catholic faith who will help the godchild attain salvation.
- •The child may have no more than two godparents (one male and one female). One must be of the Catholic faith and committed to nurturing the faith of the godchild for life.
- •If the chosen godparent is not a member of St. Michael parish, a letter of recommendation from the pastor of the parish where they are a registered member must be sent to the parish office prior to scheduling a baptism.

The Sacrament of Marriage

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated by registered parishioners who are actively practicing their faith. To ensure sufficient time for preparation, couples should contact the priest six months in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Robert to begin marriage preparation.







Black and Indian Missions

Collection Date: March 9 & 10, 2025

The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions! Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, each organization cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. They are: The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, the Commission for the Catholic Missions among the Colored People and the Indians and the Catholic Negro-American Mission Board. This collection is coordinated by the Black and Indian Mission Office.

Recognizing a need to call the faithful to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established this Catholic Church charity for the Catholic Missions in 1884 to administer a national collection—the first of its kind in the United States—to support missionary work. Ever since the first Collection in 1884, the Commission has administered the yearly, national **Black and Indian Mission Collection.** The generosity of the good People of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

MINISTRY CONTACTS

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY AS PART OF YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY.

The following is a list of different ministries within our parish and the contact person.

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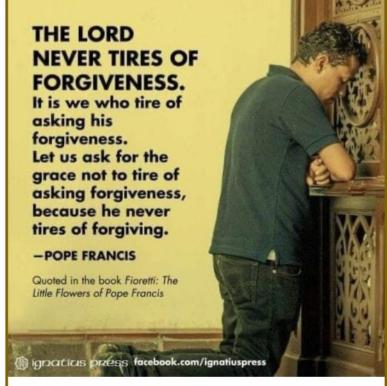
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Cheryl Roberts

Call or email the Parish Office to volunteer: (601) 636-3445 office@stmichaelvicksburg.org Visit our website at www.stmichaelvicksburg.org for full description of each ministry.

Like good stewards of the varied graces of God, use whatever gift each one of you has received to serve one another (I Peter 4:10).



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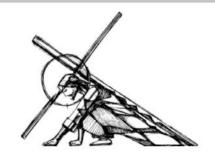
MONDAY | MAR 24 | 5:30 PM | St. Mary Yazoo City

TUESDAY | MAR 25 | 7:00 PM | St. Michael Vicksburg

WEDNESDAY | MAR 26 | 6:00 PM | Holy Savior Clinton

THURSDAY | MAR 27 | 5:30 PM | St. Paul Vicksburg

FRIDAY | MAR 28 | TBA | St. Mary's Vicksburg



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 PM | Every Friday of Lent 3:00 PM | Good Friday



Have you moved recently? Changed phone numbers?

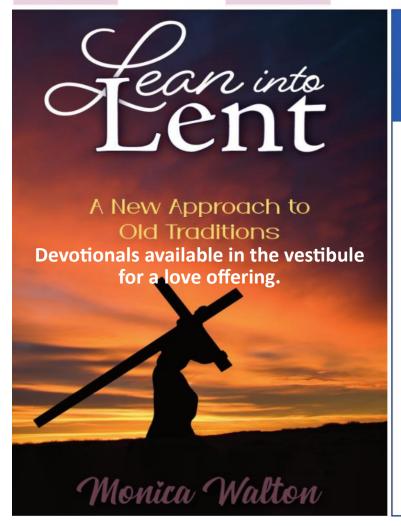
LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, would you kindly let us know so we can keep our records updated? It's easy. Just call the parish office at (601) 636-3445 or you can email us at office@stmichaelvicksburg.org.



MARCH 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAR 3	MAR 4	MAR 5	MAR 6	MAR 7	MAR 8	MAR 9
8:00a - Rosary 8:30a - Daily Mass	8:00a - Rosary 8:30a - Daily Mass	ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30a - Mass 5:30p - Mass	8:00a - Rosary 8:30a - Daily Mass 10:00a - KnitWits	8:00a - Rosary 8:30a - Daily Mass STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30 PM	4:30p - Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30p - Vigil Mass	8:30a - Mass 9:00a - Coffee & fellowship in the Ed. Building 9:30a - Adult Faith Formation 11:00a - Mass
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MAR 10	MAR 11	MAR 12	MAR 13	MAR 14	MAR 15	MAR 16
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is a fraternal society of Catholic men who act by organizing and assisting a variety of church, community, and youth programs. In Vicksburg our Council, #898, is comprised of men from all three local Catholic churches. We invite all parish men ages 18 years and older to join us.

For more details, come to our next meeting Tues. at 7:00 pm at the KC Home at 310 Fisher Ferry Rd., or email Conrad Rabalais at conrad@rabalais.net or Charles Hahn at cdhpc2@yahoo.com.

Rosary - Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM Council Meeting - Every Tuesday at 7 PM

<u>Lenten Devotionals</u> will be handed out at the Vicksburg parishes while supplies last.

SAT MAR 1: Come to the Vicksburg Mardi Gras Parade and see our float!

WED MAR 5: MEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY 7PM
Open to all Catholic Men (1ST Wednesday of the Month).

FRI MAR 7: Lenten Fish Fry

We are still collecting donations for Coats for Kids. Donations can be given to KC members or online at

https://kc898.square.site

For more information check the KC website: www.ms-kofc.com/898

or KC Facebook page: https://facebook.com/kc898





Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.
All Catholic women welcome.

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