

Fr. Michael is a native of Baton Rouge. He attended elementary school at St. Jude the Apostle, and is a 1998 graduate of Catholic High School. After CHS, he enrolled at Louisiana State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a concentration in religious studies and a minor in business. Fr. Michael then went on to earn a Master of Divinity from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Baton Rouge in 2007. Father served as Parochial Vicar along River Road in East St. James Parish & at St. John the Evangelist (Prairieville) before his first pastorate which was at St. Philomena in Labadieville, where he served for 7 years before heading back to Baton Rouge to be the pastor of St. Louis King of France. Within his first year, the diocese announced the closure of SLKF parish & school. Fr. Michael led the merger with St. Thomas More and has ministered to the combined community since 2017.

People often ask Fr. Michael, "Are you really a priest?" With his crazy socks, curly hair, and genuine joy, he loves life! Never short for a joke, yet always willing to offer a listening ear, Fr. Michael strives to live by his personal creed: make the person in front of you the most important person in your life. He's known for his ability to make the scripture come alive through his preaching and parish missions, helping others connect their lives to the Word of God.

Well known in the larger community, Baton Rouge has been Fr. Michael's home except when his ministry took him elsewhere. He was chosen by the Baton Rouge Business Report as a *40 Under 40* honoree in 2018. You will likely find him spending his day off in a coffee shop or enjoying a good meal at a local restaurant. With a passion for endurance sports, Fr. Michael completed ten marathons and most recently his first full Ironman. Chances are you might run into Fr. Michael on his daily run or bike around Baton Rouge as part of his personal commitment to maintain a healthy balance of mind, body, and spirit. He is thrilled to see what new adventures await at St. Aloysius and looks forward to serving the community. His first day as St. Aloysius pastor will be July 1, 2024.