



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 13, 2020 | 24th Week in Ordinary Time

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion  
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass  
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

## **Ministers for next Sunday, September 20**

Sacramental Minister : Father Livinus Uba

## **Ministers at MGC**

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director  
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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing**

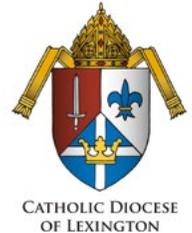
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

Give us your good counsel as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.

Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen.

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## **Parish Mission Statement**

Inspired and sustained in our Catholic faith through life-giving worship, we Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community, have as our mission to bring Christ and the teachings of the Catholic faith to one another and the larger community in a ways that draws us together as a supportive family, yet reaches out with a genuine concern for all people, so that we can be authentic witnesses in an area where Catholics are few in number.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Sir 27:30—28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35



### **A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

The increase in the rates of suicide in your cities, as well as bullying and various kinds of neediness, are creating new forms of alienation...I ask you to pay special attention to [the young] and their needs. Try to create spaces...of generous and selfless love...to everyone, and not only to those who have "made it"

MEETING WITH BISHOPS, TOKYO, NOVEMBER 23, 2019



**Becoming Catholic**

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the catholic Church? Our RCIA program will officially begin on September 22. We will meet via zoom from 7 to 9 pm.

**Religious Education**

Please register your children in kindergarden through twelfth grade. Religious Education and Teen Disciples will begin meeting virtually on September 27. Confirmation preparation will take place this year for those in 7th-12th grade who have not been confirmed.

Religious Education Sundays from 2 -3 pm  
Teen Disciples from 6 pm - 7:30  
Confirmation Class - beginning in October

**Parish Planners**

Our parish council will meet this Wednesday September 16 at 7:30 pm via zoom. If you would like to attend let Lori know and she will make sure you have the link to join our meeting.

**Stewardship**

Stewardship is the recognition that everything belongs to God. We are called to use the gifts, tools, and talents God has given us to glorify God. Good stewards live their lives in an intentional way. They trust that when they work in conjunction with the Lord's plan for them amazing and miraculous things happen. Please consider how you can be a steward at Mother of Good Counsel.

Stewardship Opportunities include: serving on Parish Council, landscape help, being a Catechist for children, young adults, or adults, clean the church or making a doantion.

**Virtual Trivia Night**

On Saturday September 19, Mother of Good Counsel will host its first ever virtual trivia night. Registration will be available Thursday September 10. If you would like to sign up for trivia but don't have a full team, email Lori your name and email address and I can create a team. Cost is \$10 per person with a maxium of 6 people per team.

**Drive By Fish Fry**

Mark your calenders for a lunchtime fish fry on October 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. People will be able to preorder for to go or delivery in Hazard. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

**Adult Faith Formation**

On September 23, the small faith sharing group will meet via zoom at 7:30 pm to discuss Chpater 10 and 15 of the book Jesus, a Pilgrimage by James Martin. Please register for the event via email.



**Season of Creation 2020  
September 1 - October 4**

The Laudato Si Commission will host a virtual conversation with Bishop John on Energy Effectiveness and Justice. This program is being presented in support of Pope Francis' call to celebrate the Season of Creation with the theme of Jubilee time for the Earth. You are invited to attend to engage in discussion and activities. For more information, or to register contact Lori.

**Resources**

Season of Creation 2020 Jubilee Time for the Earth: A Catholic Liturgical Guide  
<https://www.dominicancenter.org/season-of-creation-jubilee-time-for-earth/>

Meditative Reflection Guide for a Pilgrimage Walk:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ReMmStNOFpwmMlPcbVJnsEbrCwCor7u/view?usp=sharing>

**Grateful Bread**

You may have heard that Mother of Good Counsel has been selling bread at the Perry County Farmers Market. If you would like to order a loaf of bread duiring the week, orders can be requested on Mondays by noon for pickup the following Wednesday at the church. Contact the church via email, phone or messenger with your order. A limited number orders will be taken each week All proceeds benefit Mother of Good Counsel and our outreach ministries.

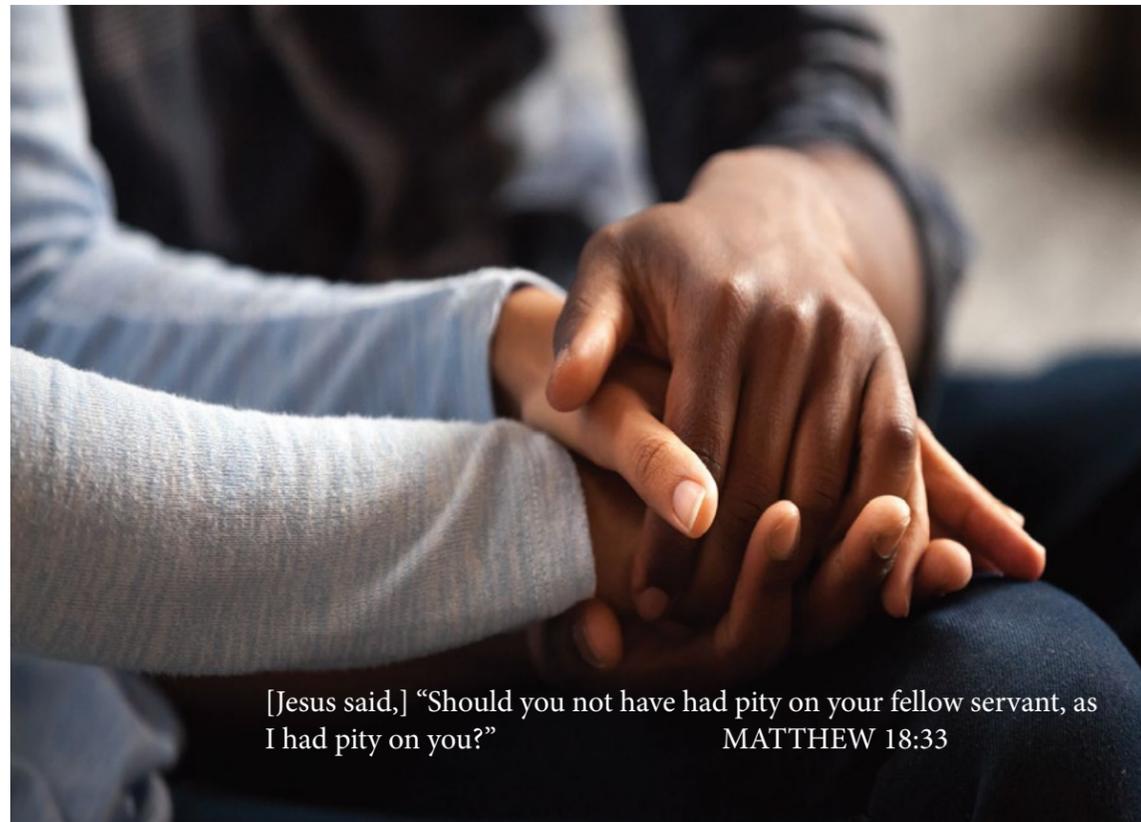
White Bread \$5 or Cinnamon Swirl \$7

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Our friends in the cluster at Holy Cross in Jackson are celebrating their feast day this week. They are celebrating with various in person and virtual events, watch online for more information. Let us remember them in our prayers this week.

*Our Weekly Offering  
for 09/06/20*

Loose: \$32  
Envelopes : \$540  
Monthly: \$290  
Weekly Online Donations: \$620  
**Total Weekly Offering: \$1482**



[Jesus said,] "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"  
MATTHEW 18:33

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must. We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA"

**For Reflection**

Say the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on " forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Do you carry resentment in your heart? Does clinging to it lessen its burden in any way?

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<b>Monday</b> SEPTEMBER 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
<b>Tuesday</b> SEPTEMBER 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Wednesday</b> SEPTEMBER 16 <i>Sts. Cornelius, Bishop, and Cyprian, Martyrs</i> 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b> SEPTEMBER 17 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50
<b>Friday</b> SEPTEMBER 18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b> SEPTEMBER 19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b> SEPTEMBER 20 <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a



## From the Parish Life Director Lori Helfrich

Hildegard of Bingen, a medieval visionary nun, was a woman of many gifts and talents including: being a writer, philosopher, composer and a German Benedictine Abbess. Hildegard lived a life of holiness and was recognized as a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 more than 800 years after she lived. Hildegard was one of the first herbalists with written documents of how to treat various ailments in Europe and still known for this. She was a woman who had experienced sacred visions yet kept these visions of God quiet for many years before speaking about them publicly in her writing. She only began to share her visions when God encouraged her to share these gifts with others because of her simple way of explaining God’s message to others. Her feast day is September 17 and she was a woman who influenced the church and her community greatly through her holiness. How can you live your life, in this time and place just as Hildegard did during her life? How is God calling you to share your gifts with the world?

### Dear Padre

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church’s stance on suicide? I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. “We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that “grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide” (CCC 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (CCC 2283). How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who’ve committed suicide? Generally they’re not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead “to God’s merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins” (Order of Christian Funerals, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

### Prayer for Suicide Prevention Week

God our Creator, you give breath to each person you made. You treasure the gifts of each unique person. But when life becomes a burden rather than a gift,  
**God of life hold us**

When darkness strangles the will to live, when days become endless nights,  
**God of light, shine on us.**

When no one seems to understand, when we walk and wait alone,  
**God of love, embrace us with your presence,**

When there is despair, bring hope; where there is shame, give value and worth: where there is emptiness, bring fulfillment: Where there is suffering in mind and body, bring healing.  
**God of hope, hear our prayer for life.  
Amen**



### Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Dolly & Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzheim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttner, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Donnie Combs, Christina Askew, and Renee Messer

### Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



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If you know of someone who needs a pastoral visit or is in the hospital and would appreciate a visit contact the parish and let Lori know about the request.

**Prayer Family:**  
All families of the parish