



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 18, 2020 | 29th 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, October 25

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-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and, insofar as possible, healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects or broken machines; each person must be valued and appreciated in his or her dignity.

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, NOVEMBER 24, 2016



Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for October will be on 10/11 and 10/25 from 2 to 3 pm.

Becoming Catholic

Our RCIA program will continue meeting on Tuesday evenings. We meet via zoom from 7 to 9 pm. Please email Lori for more information or the zoom link.

Adult Faith Formation

This Wednesday October 21, the small faith sharing group will meet via zoom at 7:30 pm to discuss Chapter 10 and 15 of the book Jesus, a Pilgrimage by James Martin. Please register for the event via email: lhelfrich@cdlex.org

Poster Contest in the Diocese

"The Diocesan Vocations Office is sponsoring a poster contest to kick off National Vocations Awareness Week, November 1 through 6, 2020. The theme for the poster will be "All Saints and All Vocations". The contest is for K-5th grade. Deadline for posters is October 29. More information on how to submit next week.

Trivia Night

Mother of Good Counsel is hosting a virtual Trivia Night on November 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Gather your friends who know all the fun and unusual facts and join us for a virtual trivia night from your living room.

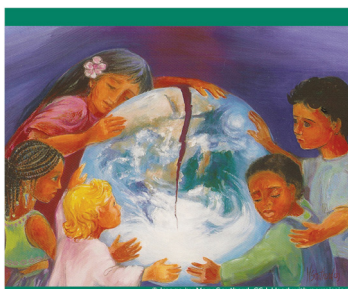
The entry fee to play is \$60 per team (\$10 per person for a team of six), and all proceeds will go to help support the parish and all the ministry we share with the community.

Please register your team.

<https://forms.gle/fWwxQ3SoPdFRR4uVA>

Respect Life Month

Through out the month of October as a church we continue to prayer for various respect life issues. This week we ask you to remember our common home and the beauty and mystery of life in all its stages



PROTECT LIFE.

PRESERVE THAT WHICH
SUSTAINS LIFE.

CARE FOR
OUR COMMON HOME.

POPE FRANCIS, *Laudato Si'*



Diocesan Annual Appeal

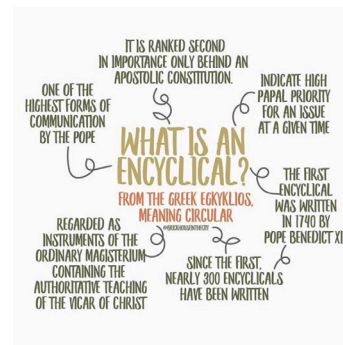
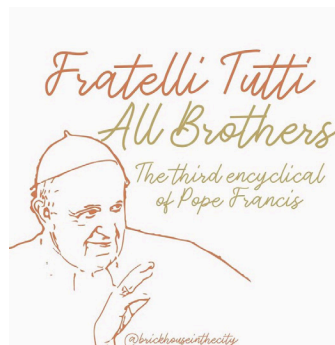
The yearly annual appeal for the Diocese of Lexington has begun. The goal for Mother of Good Counsel is \$6000. Currently we have raised \$1450 toward our parish goal. Please discern how you are able to support this appeal. Next Sunday we will share the Annual Appeal video 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

FRATELLI TUTTI (All Brothers)

This is the new encyclical on human fraternity from Pope Francis that was released on October 5, 2020. Encyclicals are such a gift to the church and I encourage you to take the time to read it. Even if it's just one or two paragraphs a day.

"Let us dream, the, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."

<https://bit.ly/2lgEbvT>



Our Weekly Offering for 10/11/20

Loose: \$32

Envelopes : \$1190

Weekly Online Donations: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$1362

Our Civic Duty

By coincidence, these readings appear during election time. They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- How seriously do you take your civic duty?
- How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?



"Calendar
Monday
OCTOBER
19
Sts. John de
Brébeuf and
Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions,
Martyrs
Eph 2:1–10
Lk 12:13–21
Tuesday
OCTOBER
20
Weekday
Eph 2:12–22
Lk 12:35–38
Wednesday
OCTOBER
21
Weekday
Eph 3:2–12
Lk 12:39–48
Thursday
OCTOBER
22
Weekday
Eph 3:14–21
Lk 12:49–53
Friday
OCTOBER
23
Weekday
Eph 4:1–6
Lk 12:54–59
Saturday
OCTOBER
24
Weekday
Eph 4:7–16
Lk 13:1–9

OCTOBER
25
Thirtieth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time Ex
22:20–26
1 Thes
1:5c–10

Readings for the Week



From the Parish Life Director Lori Helfrich

October 18 we celebrate the feast of St. Luke. Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D. Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: 1) The Gospel of Mercy 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation 3) The Gospel of the Poor 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit 6) The Gospel of Joy. Take some time to read part of the Gospel of Luke or Acts of the Apostles this week.

Preparing yourself to Vote

As election day 2020 in the United States draws near, we as Catholics are called to not only participate in our society by voting but are called to form our conscience on voting with our Catholic faith in mind. Faithful Citizenship is information from the USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) on how to prepare for voting. Take some time to pray for our elections and ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit as you form your conscience about the many issues and candidates that you will be voting for.

Faithful Citizenship from USCCB Link: <https://bit.ly/33OWTTW>
10/18/2020: Rights and Responsibilities

iVoteCatholic: During this sixth week, we focus on Rights and Responsibilities. Human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, have basic rights which protect our dignity and ensure all can live a full human life. Because these rights are universal, we have the responsibility to help maintain and protect these rights, not just for ourselves, but for all. Under this principle fall issues such as access to quality education, healthy food, healthcare, safe and affordable housing, and nonviolent neighborhoods. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.



As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more!

usccb.org/environment
wearesaltandlight.org/cst101
catholicclimatecovenant.org

Please recycle



Birthdays This Week:

10/20 : Criss Larong

Prayer List

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

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:
Matt Tuttle

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