



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

February 21, 2021 | 1st Sunday in Lent

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## Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday -  
Word & Communion Service  
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, February 28

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

## 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.

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020



## **Lent 2021**

The journey of Lent is always a good time to reevaluate your spiritual life and make more time in your life for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Mother of Good Counsel has some ongoing events, as well as some special one time events happening and materials for reflection.

- \* Stations of the Cross - Fridays except March 12 at 7 pm. Virtually or in person.
- \* Book Club - Virtual Faith sharing on The Inner Chapel - biweekly
- \* Church open for prayer Wed - Friday 12 - 5. Stop by and ring the doorbell for entrance.
- \* March 12 - Lunchtime - Drive By Fish Fry 11 - 1 pm.

## **Religious Education**

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on the following Sunday afternoon 2/28 from 2 to 3 pm.

## **Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples**

Sunday evening Feb. 28 from 6 pm to 7:30 our Teen disciples group will meet. March 7 from 6 pm to 7:30 our Confirmation Class will be meeting.

## **Enjoying Peace in Jesus Presence**

Is Jesus calling out to you this Lent? Given all the challenges we continue to live with, are you longing for a felt sense of "God with you"? Or perhaps Jesus seems distant without you knowing why, and there is a hunger to hear his words of reassurance, comfort and hope? Mother of Good Counsel Church will be available for prayer Wednesday - Friday from 12 pm until 5 pm for personal prayer.

## **Annual Appeal**

The annual appeal for the Diocese of Lexington is complete and Mother of Good Counsel met their goal of \$6000. Thank you for your contributions to the Annual Appeal.

## **Rite of Election**

During this season of Lent, we keep our candidates and Catechumnes in our prayers in a special way during this time of final preparation before they enter the Church at Easter. The Rite of Election takes place Sunday February 21 at the Cathedral and the Scrutinies will take place here in the parish on upcoming Sundays.

## **Second Collection**

The collection for the National Black and Native American Missions will be taken up in our diocese on Feb. 20-21, 2021. This collection helps support a wide variety of evangelization and educational efforts throughout the United States, including our own diocese. The Diocese of Lexington receives an annual grant from this collection to support multi-cultural efforts, to provide funding for speakers, conferences and trainings, and to purchase special resource materials for use throughout the diocese. Please be generous and help support the good work of the Black and Native American Missions.

## **The Inner Chapel**

During Lent parishioners will be reading the book The Inner Chapel by Becky Eldredge. A small faith sharing group will be meeting virtually beginning this next week. There are copies of the book available for \$15. You may read the book on your own or join us for small faith sharing group.

## **Blessings Bags**

Mother of Good Counsel is collecting the following items: include wipes, \$5 Subway gift cards, gloves, mask, hand sanitizer, new socks, and deck of cards. These items will be place in a drawstring bag and given to people who are homeless. Please drop off any items at Mother of Good Counsel by March 7, 2021

## **Parish Planners ( Council)**

The next parish planners meeting will take place on Wednesday February 3 at 7:45 pm via zoom. If you would like to attend or become a member please let Lori know. All parishioners are welcome. Planners meet the first Wednesday evening of the the month.

## *Our Weekly Offering*

for 02/07/2021

Loose: \$5

Envelopes : \$265

Monthly : \$240

Weekly Online Donations: \$45

**Total Weekly Offering: \$555**

for 02/14/2021

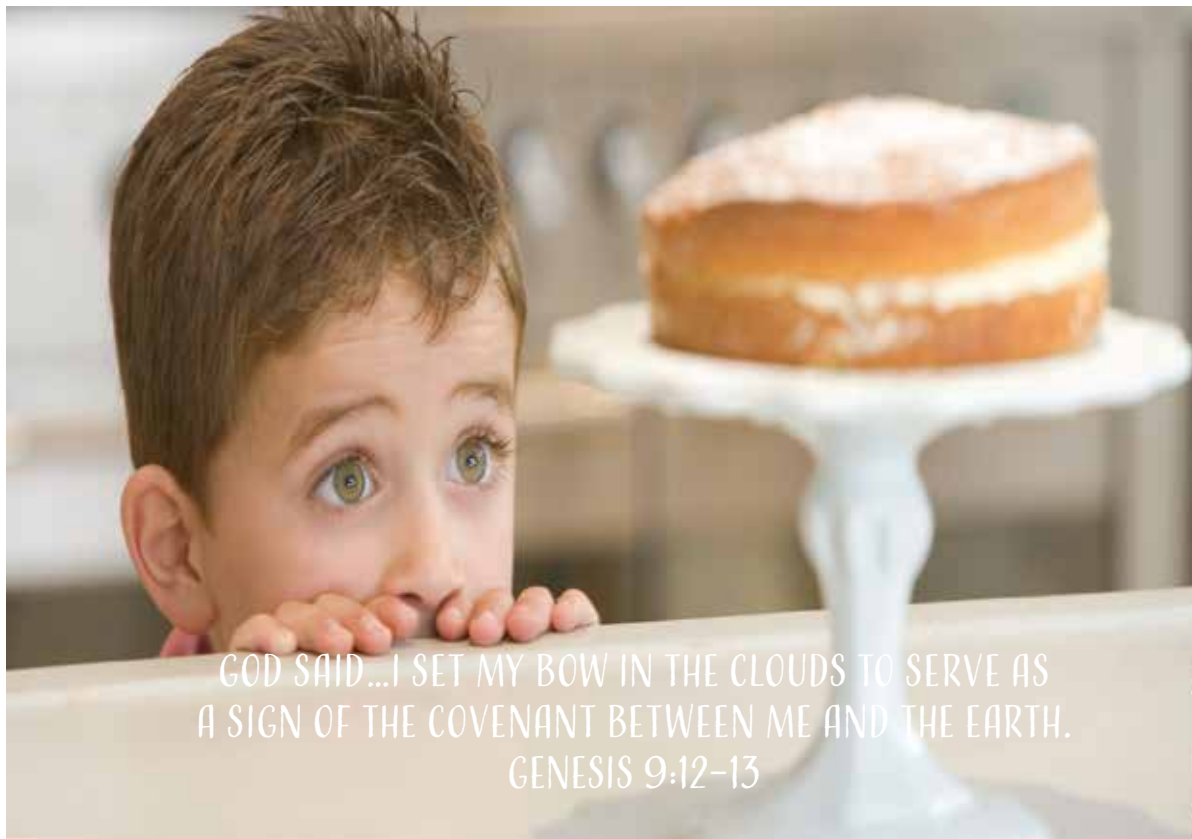
Loose: \$10

Envelopes : \$440

Weekly Online Donations: \$65

Ash Wednesday: \$30

**Total Weekly Offering: \$545**



GOD SAID...I SET MY BOW IN THE CLOUDS TO SERVE AS  
A SIGN OF THE COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND THE EARTH.  
GENESIS 9:12-13

## Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenantmaking. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance. One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

When you feel "lost at sea," recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.

How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?



# Readings for the Week

## Monday

FEBRUARY 22

*The Chair of  
St. Peter the  
Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

## Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

## Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24

*Lenten Weekday*

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

## Thursday

FEBRUARY 25

*Lenten Weekday*

Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25

Mt 7:7-12

## Friday

FEBRUARY 26

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

## Saturday

FEBRUARY 27

*Lenten Weekday*



# Dear Padre

February 21, 2021

**As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?**

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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## Invite us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown



## Birthdays This Week:

2/21: Pat Riestenberg  
2/22: Tom Karelis

## Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Himmertzheim, 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, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton 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.

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## Prayer Family:

### All Catechumens :

**Cindy Combs, Chet Bailey, Sarina Sahey, Natalie Sahey and Desitny Huff**