



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

February 28, 2021 | 2nd 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, March 7

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Ministers at MGC

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

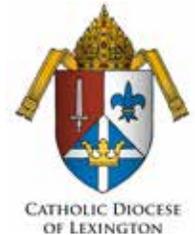
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

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.

Second Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020



Lent 2021

Our Lenten Journey continues this second week as we are called to go deeper in our relationship with God, and hear how God is calling us to tackle difficult tasks for building the kingdom of God. Check out Mother of Good Counsel's website www.mgccc.or/lent for lots of resources including online retreats, study, prayers and ways to give this Lenten Season. MGC 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

- Wednesday - Friday 12pm - 5pm. Stop by and prayer in the church, ring the doorbell for entrance.

- * March 12 - Lunchtime - Drive By Fish Fry 11 - 2 pm.

Religious Education

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

Feb 28

March 14& 28

April 11& 25

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.

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 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. There will be a group that meets on Thursday at 7 pm and a group that meets Saturday morning at 10 am. Please register for bookclub and we will make sure you have the virtual link.

Blessings Bags

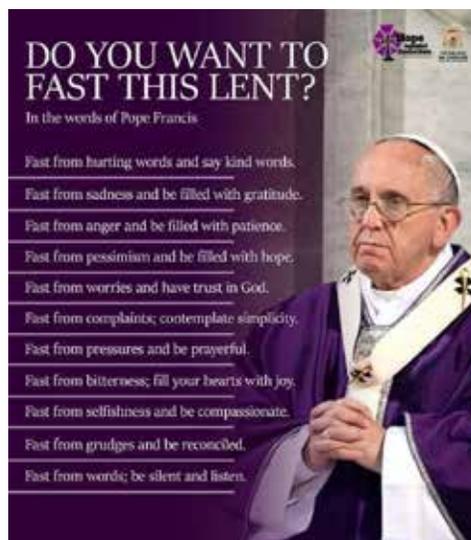
Mother of Good Counsel is collecting the following items: include wipes, \$5 Subway gift cards, and deck of cards. These items will be placed in a drawstring bag and given to people who are homeless. Please drop off any items at Mother of Good Counsel by March 7, 2021

Parish Planners (Council)

The next parish planners meeting will take place on Wednesday March 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 month.

Drive By Fish Fry

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a fish fry on March 12 from 11 am to 2 pm. Preorders are required. Pickup times are needed Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12.



Our Weekly Offering

for 02/21/21

Loose: \$33

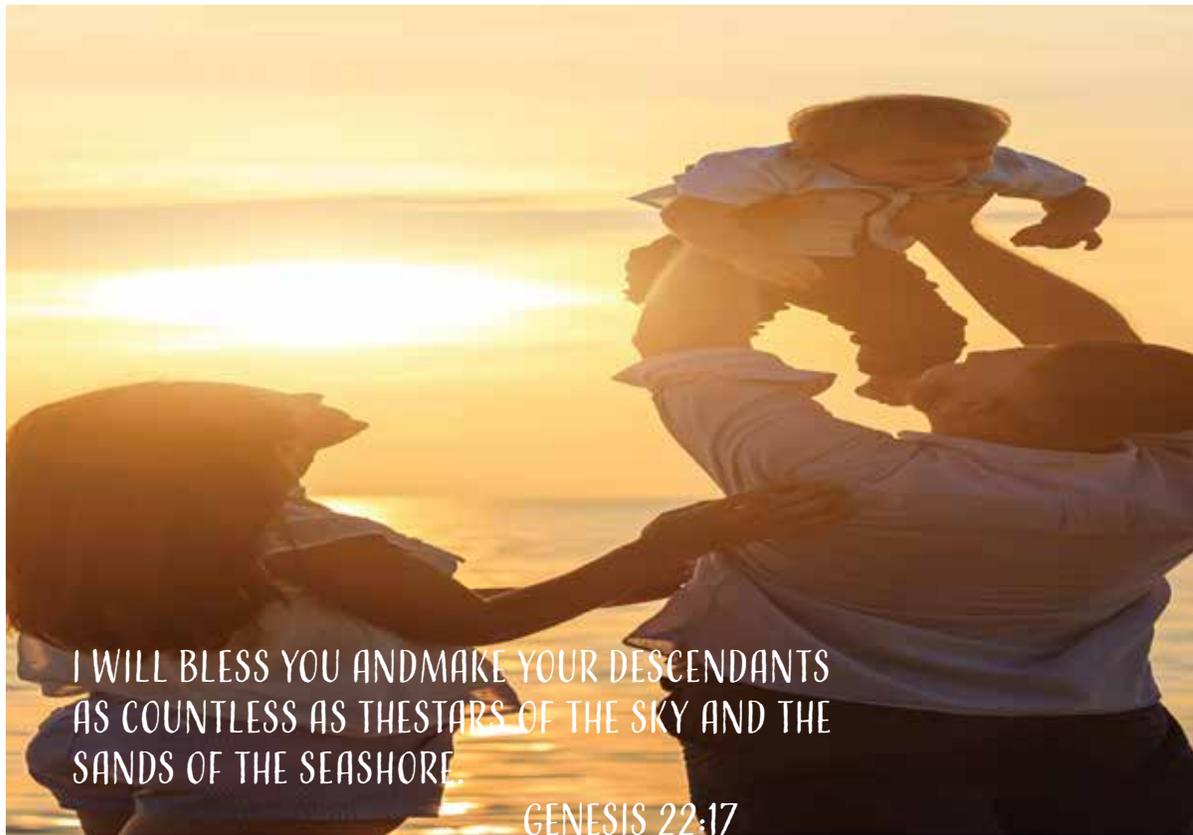
Envelopes : \$660

Monthly : \$500

Diocesan Collection : \$20

Weekly Online Donations: \$0

Total Weekly Offering: \$1213



I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR DESCENDANTS AS COUNTLESS AS THE STARS OF THE SKY AND THE SANDS OF THE SEASHORE.

GENESIS 22:17

Future Gazing

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?

True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.



Readings for the Week

Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-

13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,

45-46

Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25



Dear Padre

February 28, 2021

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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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:

- 2/28: Becky Adams
- 3/3: Brittany Fields
- 3/5: Waylon Roberts

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, 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.

**Prayer Family:
Becky & Bob Adams**

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