



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 14, 2021 | 4th 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 21**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

## **Ministers at MGC**

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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing**

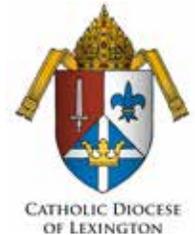
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23  
Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 3:14-21



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013



### Lent 2021

Our Lenten Journey continues this fourth week we are asked to examine our lives and see how Christ can be our guiding light for life. Check out Mother of Good Counsel's website [www.mgccc.org/lent](http://www.mgccc.org/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 19 at 7 pm. Virtually or in person.
- Book Club - Virtual Faith sharing on The Inner Chapel
- Wednesday - Friday 12pm - 5pm. Stop by and pray in the church, ring the doorbell for entrance.

\* March 19 - 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.

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

### Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

Our teen disciples will meet on March 14 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Confirmation Class will meet on March 21, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

### 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 Saturday morning at 10 am. Please register for bookclub and we will make sure you have the virtual link.**

### Second Collection for Flooding

The Diocese of Lexington through Catholic Charities is taking up a second collection this weekend to offer support to areas that have been hardest hit by flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Please consider how you may be able to help.

### Drive By Fish Fry

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a fish fry on March 19 from 11am to 2 pm. Preorders are required. Pickup times are needed. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12.

<http://mgccc.org/lent/fish-fry/>

### Feast of St. Joseph

March 19, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, and in this year of St. Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis, let us remember how we are called to be like St. Joseph. An ordinary man doing the will of God through the small acts of everyday life.



## Our Weekly Offering

for 03/07/21

Loose: \$58

Envelopes : \$160

Monthly: \$300

Flood Relief Collection: \$261.00

Weekly Online Donations: \$0

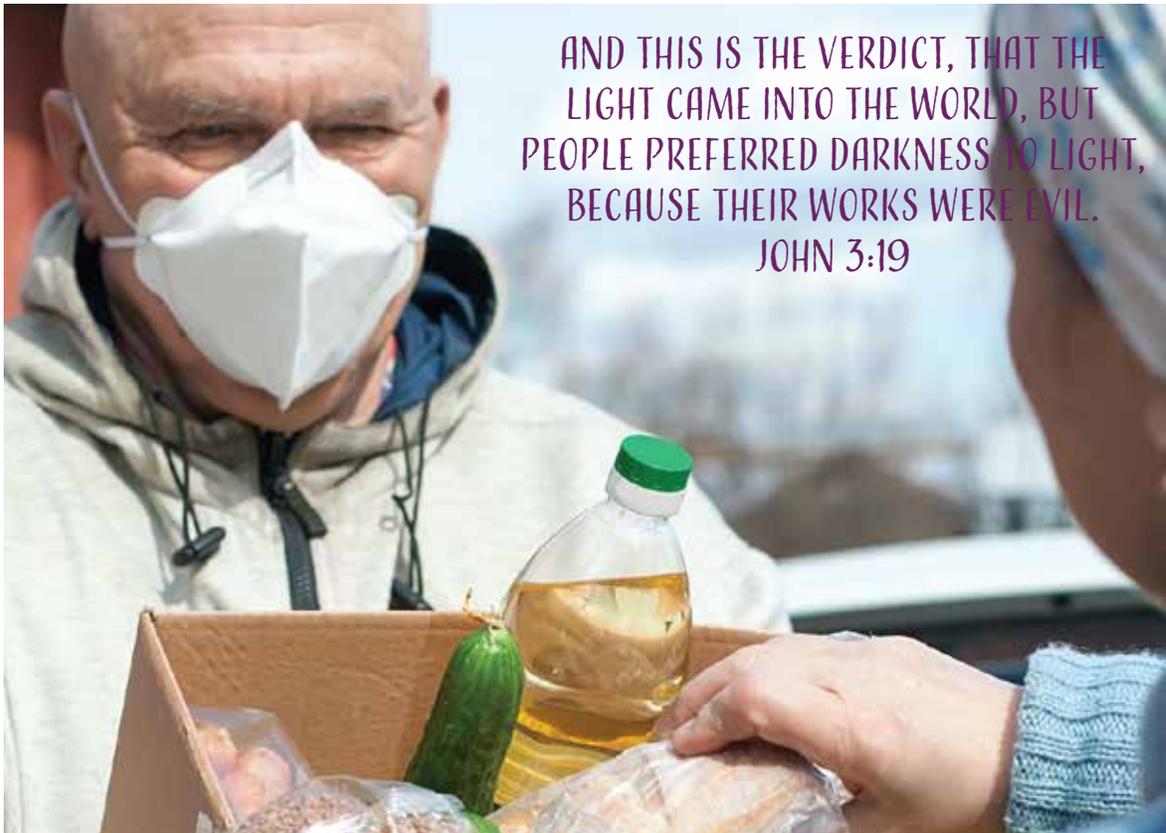
**Total Weekly Offering: \$779**

St. Patrick's Day, March 17



St. Patrick Prayer!  
 As I arise today, may the strength of God pilot me,  
 the power of God uphold me, the wisdom of God guide me,  
 the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me,  
 the word of God speak for me,  
 May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me,  
 the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.  
 May Christ shield me today  
 Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,  
 Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand, Christ in the heart of  
 everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone  
 who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,  
 Christ in every ear that hears me.  
 Amen

Saint Patrick pray for us!



AND THIS IS THE VERDICT, THAT THE  
 LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD, BUT  
 PEOPLE PREFERRED DARKNESS TO LIGHT,  
 BECAUSE THEIR WORKS WERE EVIL.  
 JOHN 3:19

## The Long Arm of the Law

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decisionmaking itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

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If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide. Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?

Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?

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Readings for the Week

### Monday

MARCH 8

*Lenten Weekday*

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday

MARCH 9

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday

MARCH 10

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday

MARCH 11

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

### Friday

MARCH 12

*Lenten Weekday*

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday

MARCH 13

*Lenten Weekday*

Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

### Sunday

MARCH 14

*Fourth Sunday  
 of Lent*

2 Chr 36:14-16,  
 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

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# Dear Padre

March 14, 2021

## My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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## Prayer to St. Joseph - Sr. Kathy Sherman, CSJ

Faithful Joseph:  
Teach us to listen and not be afraid;

Loving Joseph:  
Teach us to love courageously with a heart that is free and just.

Protector Joseph:  
Teach us to protect one another and all that belongs to God.

Dreamer Joseph:  
Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbors; a vision illumined by God's light.

Teacher Joseph:  
Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts and to proclaim it in word and action.

Gentle Joseph: Teach us to be gentle with our power and strong in our tenderness.

Parent Joseph: teach us to be for our children a living lesson of goodness and truth, a blessing of hope for all generations to come.  
Amen



## Birthdays This Week:

3/17: Susan Ritchie

3/18: Laura Messer & Brianna Sloan

## 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 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: Laura & Clay Messer

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