



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

April 11, 2021 | Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

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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, April 18**

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.

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)  
Acts 4:32-35  
1 Jn 5:1-6  
Jn 20:19-31



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020



### Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on the following Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm. - April 11 & 25

### Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

Our teen disciples will meet on April 11 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Confirmation Class will meet on April 18, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Both of these are virtual gatherings.

### Parish Planners

Wednesday April 14 at 7: 45 pm there will be parish planners meeting.

### CRS Rice Bowls

Please turn in your Rice Bowls over the next two weeks. We thank you for your donations to this important work of the universal church. These funds go to support for struggling communities both here in the United States and around the world. If you have missed the collection or using the rice bowl this lent you may still make a donation, either online ( www.usccb.org/nationalcollections ) or in the collection basket just mark it for CRS and make all checks payable to Mother of Good Counsel.

### Pray

Remember this week to hold in prayer who have joined the church at Easter

### Waylon Roberts

Cindy Combs

Chet Bailey

Destiny Huff

Natalie Sahay

### Tree Planting

On Sunday April 25 we will be planting a couple of trees at Mother of Good Counsel immediately following Mass in memorial of Fr. John Rausch and in celebration of the Feast of Mother of Good Counsel (April 26).



April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month

**BLUE SUNDAY**

Blue Sunday: Day of Prayer for Abused Children is always the last Sunday in April. On April 25th we ask that everyone wear blue to show your support in preventing child abuse.

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## Our Weekly Offering

for 03/28/21

Loose: \$52

Envelopes : \$455

CRS: \$20

Easter Flowers: \$5

Weekly Online Donations: **\$565**

**Total Weekly Offering: \$1097**

for 04/04/21

Loose: \$96.00

Envelopes : \$535

Monthly: \$520

Good Friday Collection for the Holy

Land : \$30

Easter Floers : \$50

CRS : \$12

Weekly Online Donations: \$150

**Total Weekly Offering : \$1393**

## December 2020 - December 2021





JESUS SAID TO [THOMAS],  
 “HAVE YOU COME TO BELIEVE  
 BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME?  
 BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE  
 NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED.”

## Empty Praise

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from My Fair Lady demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.

Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?

**Monday**

APRIL 12

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday**

APRIL 13

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday**

APRIL 14

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday**

APRIL 15

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

**Friday**

APRIL 16

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday**

APRIL 17

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday**

APRIL 18

*Third Sunday of*

*Easter*

Acts 3:13-15,

17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48



Readings for the Week



# Dear Padre

April 11, 2021

***I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?***

A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but...."

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "God-man" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

*Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR*

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### **Birthdays This Week:**

- 4/12 Joey Napier
- 4/16 Sue Bowling
- 4/17 : Cris Turner

### **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:**  
**Waylon Roberts**  
**Cindy Combs**  
**Chet Bailey**  
**Destiny Huff**  
**Natalie Sahay**

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