



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

April 18, 2021 | Third Sunday of Easter

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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 25**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke

## **Ministers at MGC**

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

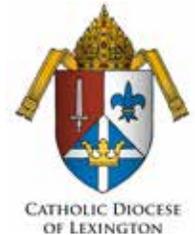
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter (B)  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
1 Jn 2:1-5a  
Lk 24:35-48



## **A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

We know that slander always kills. This "diabolical cancer" that arises from the desire to destroy the reputation of a person also attacks the ecclesial body and seriously damages it when, as a result of malicious interests or to cover up one's own inadequacies, people unite to denigrate someone.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019



### Tree Planting

On Sunday April 25 Mother of Good Counsel will be having a tree blessing immediately following Mass. There will be two redbud trees planted on the grounds. These trees will be in memory of Fr. John Rausch and all the parishioners that died in 2020.

### Week of Mother of Good Counsel

Throughout the week from April 25 to May 1, our parish will be celebrating Mother of Good Counsel Week in honor of our feast day on April 26. There will be events both virtual and in person as well as some opportunities for service, and some special goodies to celebrate.

- April 25 ( Sun) - Tree Blessings after Mass
- April 26 (Mon) - Holy Hour - 6 pm - 7 pm (in person and virtual on Facebook)
- April 27 (Tue) - Make a Donation to Care Cottage ( money or list of needed items)
- April 28 ( W ) - Word & Communion Service
- April 29 (Th) - Stop and pray in the MGC Grotto
- April 30 ( Fri) - Share the MGC Postcard
- May 1 (Sat) - Prepare a meal for those in need with our Confirmation Class.

### Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on Sunday April 25, May 2, and May 16 from 2 to 3 pm.

### Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

Confirmation Class will meet on April 18, 2021 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday April 25 from 6pm to 7:30 pm. Both of these are virtual gatherings.

### Parish Planners

Would you be willing to on parish planners? Mother of Good Counsel is looking for people to join our parish council that meets monthly to discuss events, and happenings at the church. Please contact Lori if you are interested in joining planners.

### CRS Rice Bowls

If you have yet to turn in your CRS Rice bowl, please do so before the end of April.

### Blue Sunday Day of Prayer

Mother of Good Counsel will join with other churches around the country to pray for abused children on Blue Sunday. Sunday April 25 wear blue to Mass to remember all those children who are victims of abuse. [www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org)

### Earth Day 2021

Pope Francis has written a wonderful encyclical “On Care for Our Common Home: Laudato Si” and has challenged us to begin to see the earth as our garden again and to open our eyes to the gifts we have here in our own diocese. Thursday April 22 is Earth Day. Take some time to consider how you can care for the earth this week. What areas do you need to be educated in to care for creation better? What actions can you take to care for our common home so it is around for future generations?

#### Some Suggestions :

- Pick up a bag of trash in your neighborhood.
- Read this article and watch the videos: Kentucky was devastated for decades by mountaintop removal. Now scientists have figured out a way to undo the damage — one tree at a time. - Washington Post <https://wapo.st/3ecNvgK>
- Send donations to the Green Forest Works, a nonprofit planting trees to recover our mountains from mountaintop removal: [www.greenforestswork.org](http://www.greenforestswork.org)
- Watch Kentucky Natural Land Trust “Biodiversity & Climate Resilience” <https://youtu.be/PgnBakL9OTU>
- Biodiversity Webinar on Tuesday April 20. The Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and GCCM invite you to join this conversation on biodiversity with Cardinal Peter Turkson, Dr. Jane Goodall, and other community leaders. <https://bit.ly/3e6CFso>

### Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. The Diocese of Lexington, as a Mission Dicoese benefits from this collection. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## Our Weekly Offering

for 03/11/21

Loose: \$45

Envelopes : \$610

Monthly: \$180

Weekly Online Donations: \$105

**Total Weekly Offering: \$940**





[JESUS] ASKED THEM, "HAVE YOU ANYTHING HERE TO EAT?" THEY GAVE HIM A PIECE OF BAKED FISH; HE TOOK IT AND ATE IT IN FRONT OF THEM. LUKE 24:41-43

### What Will It Take?

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst? Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3). And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

Our faith tells us that the risen Lord is in our midst. Pray that you might recognize him in your family members or in your workplace.

What can you do for the needy in your society with whom Christ identifies?

- Monday**  
APRIL 19  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday**  
APRIL 20  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday**  
APRIL 21  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday**  
APRIL 22  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday**  
APRIL 23  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday**  
APRIL 24  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday**  
APRIL 25  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 4:8-12  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18



# Dear Padre

April 18, 2021

***I thought detraction was a sin only if what you're saying about someone isn't true, but my priest says it's a sin even if it is true. What do you say?***

We commit the sin of detraction when we, "without objectively valid reason, disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

Part of respecting human dignity is to recognize that others have a right to their good name and reputation. We ought not to damage those goods carelessly, which is what happens when we engage in detraction. We *slander* or commit *calumny* when we speak or spread negative falsehoods about someone (see CCC 2479). But detraction can happen even when we speak the truth.

Sometimes it's objectively necessary to speak harsh truths about another person. For example, when we observe an adult engaged in inappropriate behavior with a child, we report it to the authorities because protection of vulnerable children outweighs concern over any adult's reputation.

So truth-telling when clear communication of the truth is necessary is not detraction, even if it does damage another's reputation. However, carelessly sharing a true story or detail that doesn't need telling is detraction, and it's sinful.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR*

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## Prayer for Earth Day Creator God,

Thank you for the glorious gift of the earth, especially our own little piece of it! The entire material universe speaks of Your love, Your boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. Help us to share our intimate connection and Care of our Common Home through care of the creeks, the mountains, the meadows and the forests. Help us to share our relationships and knowledge so that all may partake of the gracious bounty that You have given us. Awake our memories to those places where revisiting them is a chance to recover something of our true selves in You, our God. May we continue to cultivate this great love revealed into us in creation. In your name we pray!  
Amen

Written for the Catholic Diocese of Lexington by members of the Ladauto Si Commission. 2021



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## Birthdays This Week:

4/20: Scott Turner & Matt Tuttle  
4/24 : Gary Lindon

## 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.