



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

April 25, 2021 | Fourth 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, May 2

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

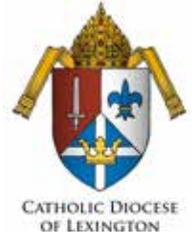
Holy Mary, our heavenly mother, keep us in your care.

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.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

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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 Easter (B)

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest...Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



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) - Come do some landscaping
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.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet today Sunday April 25 from 6pm to 7:30 pm.

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.

Meal Preparation

On Saturday May 1 our Confirmation Class will be preparing a meal to share at the shelter at lunch. If you are interested in helping contact Luke Glaser. lcgl222@icloud.com

Adult Faith Formation

During the months of May -July adult faith formation will be taking a look at the Appalachian Pastoral Letters. Contact Lori to sign up for these virtual events.

Baby Shower

If you would like to contribute toward a gift for Josh, Ellen and baby girl Van Cleef please drop your donation off to Lori

hgvcare Cottage

April is national child abuse prevention month. Care Cottage, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the trauma experienced by child victims of sexual abuse. The Care Cottage is located just around the corner from Mother of Good Counsel in The Backwoods. Please consider making a donation to Care Cottage from the list of needed items below.

Suggested Donations items most in need:

Gas Cards/ Shell Card
Fleece throw blankets
Individually wrapped snacks (peanut butter crackers, gold fish, potato chips, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, gummies)
Juice Boxes and child sized water
Crayons, coloring books, children's books
play-doh and craft kits
new/ gently used toys and stuffed animals
Toilet paper
paper towels

Second Collection for Catholic Home Missions

This week and next there will be a basket out in church for the second collection for Catholic Home Missions. 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 Diocese benefits from this collection. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Our Weekly Offering

for 04/18/21

Loose: \$97.00

Envelopes : \$743.00

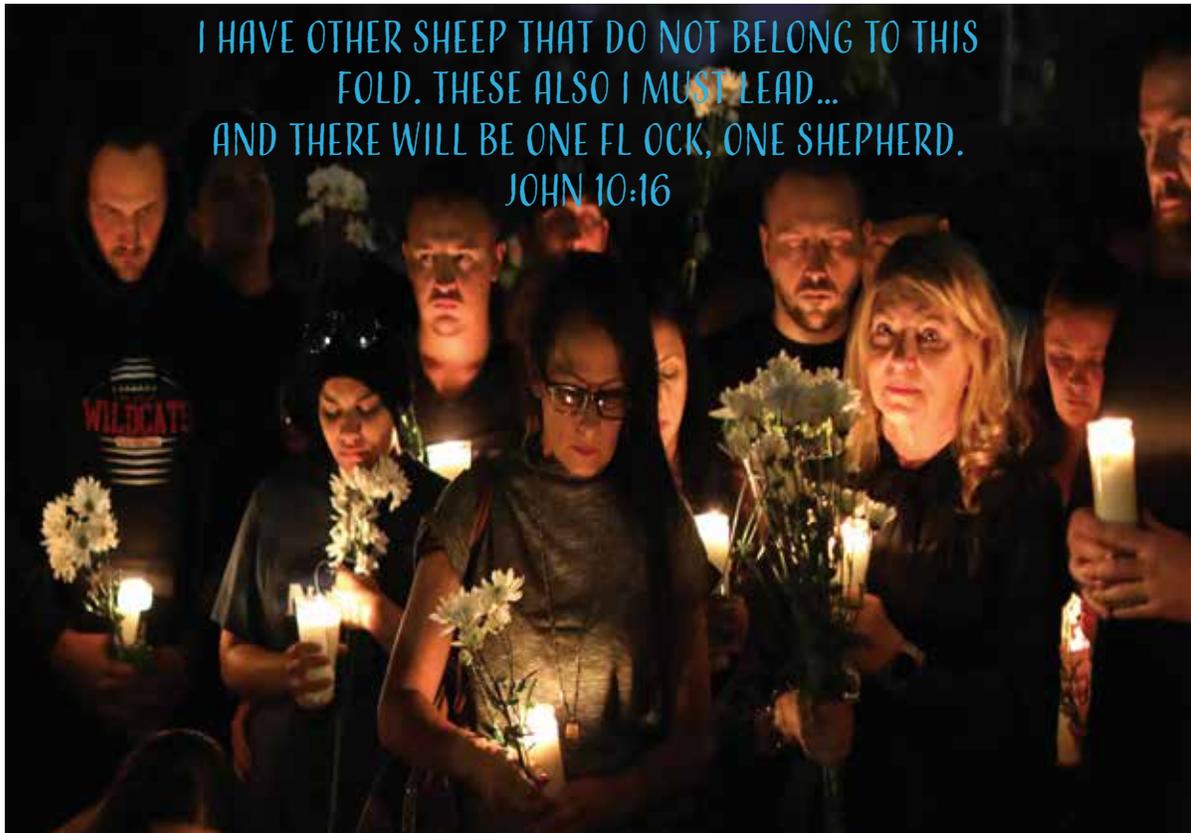
Monthly: \$102.00

CRS:\$ 33.00

Easter Flowers: \$2.00

Total Weekly Offering: \$977

I HAVE OTHER SHEEP THAT DO NOT BELONG TO THIS
FOLD. THESE ALSO I MUST LEAD...
AND THERE WILL BE ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD.
JOHN 10:16



The Good Shepherd

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?

Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?

Monday
APRIL 26

Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday
APRIL 27

Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
APRIL 28

Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday
APRIL 29

*St. Catherine of
Siena, Virgin and
Doctor
of the Church*
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday
APRIL 30

Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
MAY 1

Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday
MAY 2

*Fifth Sunday of
Easter*
Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8



Readings for the Week



Good News!

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Vocation Prayer

Cardinal Bernardin

O Lord of the harvest, your Word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community, and invites us to generous service of the human family.

Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one Body of Christ.

May many choose to respond in public service to your call offered in Jesus name.

Amen

Remember to pray the Mother of Good Counsel prayer this week for our Feast Day on Monday April 26th. The prayer is on the front of the bulletin.



Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



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Birthdays This Week:

4/27: Guy Mullins

4/30 : Merly Vecina

5/1 Rhonda Hacker

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhem, 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, Willow Brockman, 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.