



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

July 4, 2021 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, July 11

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke

Lector : Maria Braman

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.

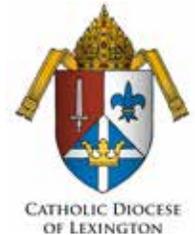
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community.

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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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6a



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015



Corporal Work of Mercy

Wednesday July 7 : Prayer Service and burial for life lost through miscarriage with St. Joseph Hospital, 1 pm Via Dolorosa Mausoleum, Calvary Cemetery, (874 West Mains St. Lexington, KY) All are welcome to attend.

Confirmation

Bishop John Stowe will be here July 18 for Confirmation. Please be praying for those who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation Jaylissa Braman, Kayne Braman, Christina Elsoueidi, Adeline Turner and Karigan Turner.

Farmers Market

Perry County Farmers Market is open with its regular hours of operation :
Thursdays from 4 pm -7 pm
Saturdays from 7 am to 12 pm
The market is at the Farmers' Market Pavilion located near Triangle park downtown. The Grateful Bread will be part of the market on a regular basis.

Community Meal

Each month Mother of Good Counsel will be preparing a meal for those in need on the Third Friday of the month. Our next community meal will be on July 16. Help is needed in making sides at the church. If you would like to help prepare this meal please sign up to volunteer. People will gather at 3:30 pm to make food and prepare the meals for delivery.

International Dinner

Mother of Good Counsel is planning to have the annual International Dinner this year with some modifications. If you would be willing to serve on a committee to organize this event please contact Lori. Currently we are looking at September 10 for a date.

New Roof

Mother of Good Counsel is raising money for a new roof for the Education Classroom and Guest House. Currently the parish has raised \$500 toward the new roof. The parish needs to raise half the cost of the new roof which is \$10,000. We will be sending out a letter to all parishioners.

Women and Men of Faith

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal's Story (Feast July 4) Elizabeth is usually depicted in royal garb with a dove or an olive branch. At her birth in 1271, her father Pedro III, future king of Aragon, was reconciled with his father James, the reigning monarch. This proved to be a portent of things to come. Under the healthful influences surrounding her early years, she quickly learned self-discipline and acquired a taste for spirituality.

Thus fortunately prepared, Elizabeth was able to meet the challenge when at the age of 12, she was given in marriage to Denis, king of Portugal. She was able to establish for herself a pattern of life conducive to growth in God's love, not merely through her exercises of piety, including daily Mass, but also through her exercise of charity, by which she was able to befriend and help pilgrims, strangers, the sick, the poor—in a word, all those whose need came to her notice. At the same time she remained devoted to her husband, whose infidelity to her was a scandal to the kingdom. Denis, too, was the object of many of her peace endeavors. Elizabeth long sought peace for him with God, and was finally rewarded when he gave up his life of sin. She repeatedly sought and effected peace between the king and their rebellious son Alfonso, who thought that he was passed over to favor the king's illegitimate children. She acted as peacemaker in the struggle between Ferdinand, king of Aragon, and his cousin James, who claimed the crown. And finally from Coimbra, where she had retired as a Franciscan tertiary to the monastery of the Poor Clares after the death of her husband, Elizabeth set out and was able to bring about a lasting peace between her son Alfonso, now king of Portugal, and his son-in-law, the king of Castile.

Interested in Becoming Catholic

Do you know someone who wants to know more about Catholicism or has questions about the Catholic Church? We will have a virtual Come & See on August 24 at 7 pm on Facebook. Our regular RCIA meetings will begin on September 14, 2021 with a hybrid gathering style.

Training on Suicide Prevention

Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training will take place on July 30 from 1 pm to 5 pm and July 31 from 9 am to 1 pm. Here at Mother of Good Counsel. Please sign up to take this class. Continuing education credits are part of this training.

Happenings this Week

Wednesday

4 :00 pm First Reconciliation &

First Communion Class

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Our Weekly Offering

for 06/27/21

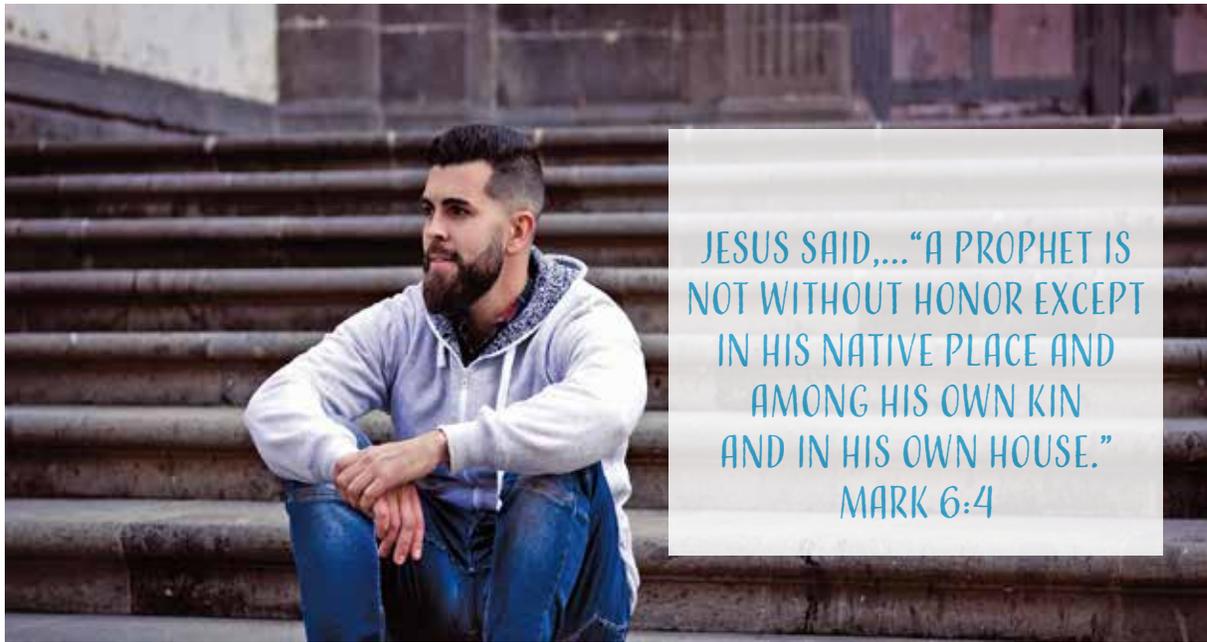
Loose: \$ 59

Envelopes : \$310

Monthly : \$200

Online : \$65

Total Weekly Offering: \$ 634



JESUS SAID,... "A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOR EXCEPT IN HIS NATIVE PLACE AND AMONG HIS OWN KIN AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE."
 MARK 6:4

Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Do you appreciate the valid insights of others, even when they challenge your own?

Who do you think has insight into today's chaotic world? Why do you choose that person?



Readings for the Week

Monday

JULY 5

Weekday

Gn 28:10-22a

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Gn 32:23-33

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

JULY 7

Weekday

Gn 41:55-57;

42:5-7a, 17-24a

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

JULY 8

Weekday

Gn 44:18-21,

23b-29; 45:1-5

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

JULY 9

Weekday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

JULY 10

Weekday

Gn 49:29-32;

50:15-26a

Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

JULY 11

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14 or

1:3-10

Mk 6:7-13



Dear Padre

July 4, 2021

Does religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.

Jesus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:

First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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Happy 4th of July!

"Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates
shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands,
your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."



**Emma Lazarus
November 2, 1883**



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Birthdays This Week:

- 7/6 : Alyson Askew
- 7/7 : Rhoda Campbell
- 7/9 : Sandy Angel & Dan Helfrich

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, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye 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
Brian & Rhoda Campbell**