



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

August 1, 2021 | 18th 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, August 8

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Rev. Livinus Uba

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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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2020



Parish Planners

Today, July 31, following Mass Parish Planners will meet. All are invited to join us for this meeting.

International Dinner

Mother of Good Counsel is planning to have the annual International Dinner this year with some modifications. Please begin singing up for what dish you are willing to provide for the dinner. Currently we are looking at September 9 or 10 for a date.

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 with begin on September 14, 2021 with a hybrid gathering style. If interested in helping please sign up.

Outing to Pikeville

The Appalachian Center for the Arts is hosting an exhibit called The World of Jesus. Mother of Good Counsel Parishioners are planning on taking a trip to this exhibit on August 21. Please let Lori know if you are interested in this outing.

Religious Education Registration

Please register your children in kindergarden through twelfth grade. Religious Education and Teen Disciples will begin meeting in late August/early September. Please register your children so that we can get an accurate count of students and have current paperwork on your children. If you are interested in being a catechist for religious education or teen disciples please let Lori know of your interest.

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 \$750 toward the new roof. The parish needs to raise half the cost of the new roof which is \$10,000.

The Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn

The Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn was established in historic Frankfort Cemetery as a living garden, place of healing and a unique place of closure for those who have lost unborn children. It serves families whose hearts have been broken by miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion by allowing them to inscribe the name of their lost children on the granite memorial wall. Fall orders for inscriptions may be placed through Sept. 30. To purchase an inscription online go to <https://www.kymemorialfortheunborn.org/purchase-an-inscription> or call 859-608-3118.

Community Meal

Each month Mother of Good Counsel is preparing a meal for those in need on the third Friday of the month. Our next community meal will be Friday August 20, 2021. If want to help cook & deliver this meal please sign up to volunteer.

Second Collection Today

English

We will take up the Second Collection for Seminarian Education on July 31-Aug. 1. Funds from

this collection will support the continuing studies of our seminarians. We are very blessed in our Diocese to have 5 seminarians who are preparing to serve our parishes and missions as true and faithful servant leaders. Thank you for your support and prayers for their efforts, and be sure to check out www.ichoseyou.com to learn more about Vocations in our Diocese and follow "I Chose You – Lexington Vocations" on Facebook.

Pilgrim's Trail

With Bishop John's endorsement, lay people of our diocese are creating a new opportunity for people of parishes and missions throughout our diocese to connect. It is intended to:

- Create a trail to every parish, mission and oratory in the Lexington diocese.
 - Encourage exploration of our diocese – a very historic part of the United States: the "western territories of colonial America".
 - Encourage interested Catholic individuals and families to connect to others around the diocese.
- Would you be interested in exploring other parishes and missions in our diocese? Would you be interested in welcoming people coming to Mother of Good Counsel and telling them about our parish? Please let Lori know of your interest in this project.

Happenings this Week

Wednesday

4 :00 pm First Reconciliation & First Communion Class

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Our Weekly Offering

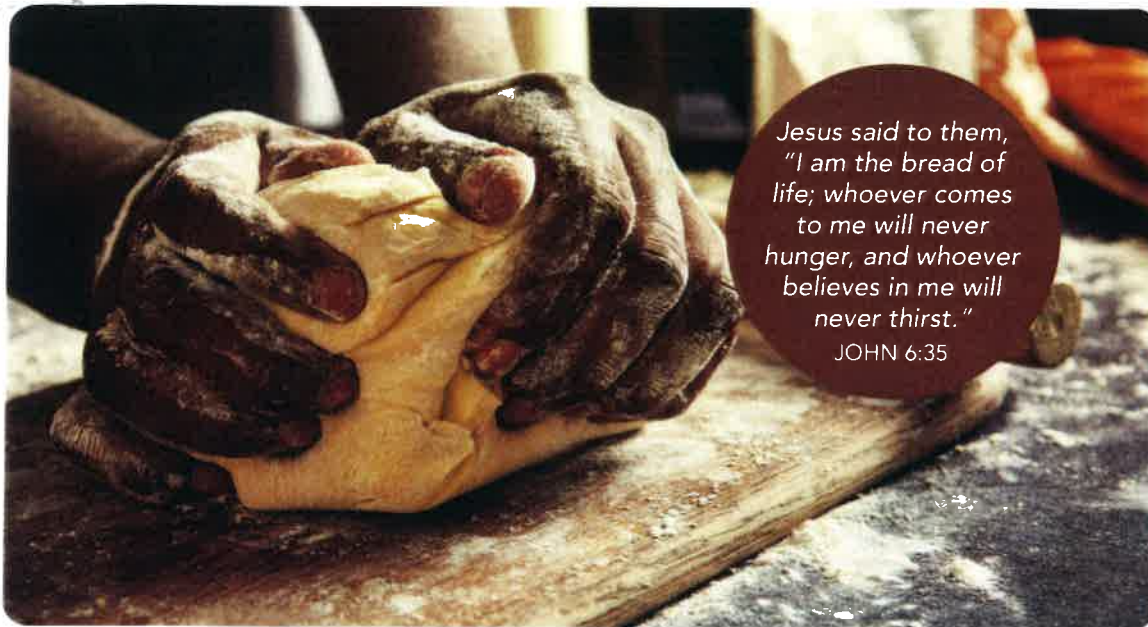
for 07/11/21

Loose: \$ 0

Envelopes : \$290

Online: \$150

Total Weekly Offering: \$ 440



The Bread of Life

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.

Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.



Readings for the Week

Monday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney,

Priest

Nm 13:1-2,

25-14:1, 26-29a,

34-35

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Nm 20:1-13

Mt 16:13-23

Friday

AUGUST 6

Transfiguration

of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

Saturday

AUGUST 7

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

AUGUST 8

Nineteenth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51



Dear Padre

August 1, 2021

My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?

Popular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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Prayer for Vocations

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.

— Prayer written by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin



Birthdays This Week:

8/7 : Marianne Briones

8/8 : Hazel Borromeo & Linda Teague

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 Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, 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
Tom & Linda Teague**

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Pray for Peace

On Monday August 9th come and join parishioners for a prayer at the peace poll in Hazard at 5:30 pm to pray for peace.