



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

August 15, 2021 | The Assumption

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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 15**

Sacramental Minister : 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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019



### **First Communion**

Congratulations to George Lozano and Beatrix Atienza on receiving their first communion today. We celebrate with them as a parish community.

### **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. The date for the International Dinner is September 9, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the The Appalachian Arts Alliance.

### **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 28. 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.

### **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 859-608-311

### **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.

### **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**

**6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service**

**Friday**

**3:30 pm Cooking Meal for those in need,**

## *Our Weekly Offering*

**for 08/08/21**

**Loose: \$25**

**Envelopes : \$325**

**Monthly: \$120**

**Online: \$75**

**Total Weekly Offering: \$545**

And Mary said...  
“The Mighty One has done great things  
for me, and holy is his name.”

LUKE 1:46, 49



## Live in Love

Today’s readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet” (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing “aloud in pain as she labored to give birth” (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant. When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to “Push!” The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as “the birth pangs of the Messiah.”

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich “sent away empty” (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be “clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?

Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.



# Readings for the Week

**Monday**  
AUGUST 16  
Weekday  
Jgs 2:11-19  
Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 17  
Weekday  
Jgs 6:11-24a  
Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 18  
Weekday  
Jgs 9:6-15  
Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 19  
Weekday  
Jgs 11:29-39a  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday**  
AUGUST 20  
*St. Bernard, Abbot  
and Doctor of the  
Church*  
Ru 1:1, 3-6,  
14b-16, 22  
Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 21  
*St. Pius X, Pope*  
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;  
4:13-17  
Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 22  
*Twenty-first  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Jos 24:1-2a,  
15-17, 18b  
Eph 5:21-32 or  
Eph 5:2a, 25-32  
Jn 6:60-69





# Dear Padre

August 15, 2021

## Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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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:

8/15 : Paulo Chua

8/18 : Freddie Talent

## 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, 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.



## Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



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**Prayer Family**  
**The Lozano Family**  
**The Atienza Family**