



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

August 22, 2021 | 21st 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 29**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

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.

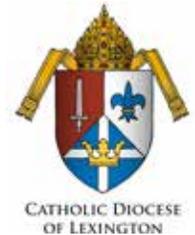
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him"...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true...It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2011



### **International Dinner**

This past week all parishioners received a letter about the International Dinner and selling of dinner and raffle tickets. Please sign up for what dish you are willing to prepare. The date for the International Dinner is September 9, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the The Appalachian Arts Alliance. Raffle tickets must be picked up in person.

### **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. If interested in helping please sign up.

### **Black Gold**

Black Gold Festival will be happening September 16-18 in Hazard. Mother of Good Counsel will have a booth on Friday Evening and Saturday. If you are able to help staff the both please let Lori know. We will be selling flour sack towels and handing out information about the Catholic church giving away Rosaries.

### **Religious Education Registration**

Please register your children in kindergarden through twelfth grade. Religious Education and Teen Disciples will begin meeting in September. Please register your children so that we can get an accurate count of students and have current paperwork on your children.

### **Day of Prayer and Healing**

Day of Prayer and Healing, Sept. 18, 2021: Experience the peace and healing that comes when you are able to share your burdens with another. For someone who has been in the desert of post- abortive suffering, responding to a Day of Prayer and Healing is a grace of faith in the promise of a loving God and a grace of hope that His promise of love is real, personal and forgiving. Attending a Day not only allows new seeds of Faith, Hope and Love to be planted, it also nourishes the desire for healing and encourages the heart on the way to wholeness. For more information call (859) 310-3970.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Parishioners are encouraged to continue to grow in their faith. On Sunday September 26 following Mass we will be watching the movie, Fatima here at the church.

### **Young Adult Faith Formation**

There is a group of young adults (18-39) that is forming that will begin gathering this fall. Please contact John Manubag by email if interested johnmanubag24@gmail.com

### **Catechists**

If you are interested in being a catechist for religious education or teen disciples please let Lori know of your interest.

### **Community Meal**

Thank you to Susan Hull, Pat Lindon, and The Honkamps for food contributions for the community meal. Thank you to Joe & Cheryl Honkamp, Waylon Roberts, and Bonnie Morgan for helping to prepare and deliver the food for our monthly meal. Our next community meal will be Friday September 17, 2021. If want to help cook & deliver this meal please sign up to volunteer.

### **Second Collection**

Recently, Haiti was hit with a massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake, further devastating a country still reeling from previous earthquakes. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. This, coupled with a tropical storm hitting the island nation, and its persistent poverty, make the situation even direr. The Diocese of Lexington is taking up a second collection to provide funds to Catholic Relief Services, who are already mobilized to support Haiti's disaster relief. We ask that you give to support our Haitian brothers and sisters who need support to survive this devastating situation. Please pray for the people of Haiti and for the repose of the souls of the many who have perished.

## *Happenings this Week*

### **Tuesday**

7:00 pm Virtual Come & See on Facebook

### **Wednesday**

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

### **Friday**

3:30 pm Cooking Meal for those in need,

## *Our Weekly Offering*

for 08/15//21

Loose: \$25

Envelopes : \$435

Monthly: \$20

Seminary Education: \$25

The Assumption: \$25

Online: \$ 2140

**Total Weekly Offering: \$2670**

**Simon Peter answered...“You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”**

**JOHN 6:68–69**

## **Make Up Your Mind**

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus’ declaration of himself as “the bread of life” (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: “Do you also want to leave?” Speaking for all, Peter replied: “Master, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## **For Reflection**

What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?

Trust in God’s care and protection even if you might have chosen better.



Readings for the Week

### **Monday**

AUGUST 23

*Weekday*

1 Thes 1:1-5,  
8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

### **Tuesday**

AUGUST 24

*St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle*

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

### **Wednesday**

AUGUST 25

*Weekday*

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

### **Thursday**

AUGUST 26

*Weekday*

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

### **Friday**

AUGUST 27

*St. Monica*

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

### **Saturday**

AUGUST 28

*St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

### **Sunday**

AUGUST 29

*Twenty-second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18,  
21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,  
21-23



# Dear Padre

August 22, 2021

**My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?**

If circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (PCS 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (CCC 1532).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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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:

8/25: Nathan Napier

## 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.

## Prayer Family The Napier Family



## Quilt Raffle

As part of the International Dinner this quilt, made with an Around the World Pattern will be raffled off. Tickets are \$5.

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