



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 12, 2021 | 24th 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, September 19

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

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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.

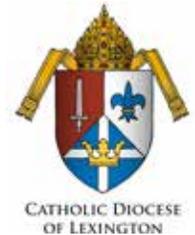
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 50:4c-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014



International Dinner

Thank you for all who helped with the International Dinner this past week. The food was excellent and the event was a great success. The total funds raised will be posted next week. The Aienza family were the winners of the around the world quilt.

Parish Picnic

The parish picnic will take place on Sunday, October 3 at Perry County Park. The parish will celebrate Mass outdoors and then share in a community meal. Look for further details in the weeks ahead.

Interested in Becoming Catholic

Do you know someone who wants to know more about Catholicism or has questions about the Catholic Church? Our regular RCIA meetings with begins this Tuesday September 14, 2021 with a hybrid gathering style. We will meet at 7:30 pm.

Religious Education Registration

Please register your children in kindergarden through twelfth grade. Registration helps us get an accurate count of students and have current paperwork on your children. Religious Education will begin next Sunday, September 19 at 10 am.

Adult Faith Formation - Movie

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.

Teen Disciples Kick Off

Today Sunday, September 12 our triparish youth group will meet in Jackson at Holy Cross for a family game night from 4-6 pm outdoors. All students in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to join us as we begin another year of youth group.

Parish Planners

Parish Planners will meet next Sunday September 19 immediately following Mass. Potluck lunch will be provided.

Mass for those with Disabilities

Save the Date — On Oct 2, Bishop John will celebrate a Mass for those with Disabilities at Pax Christi in Lexington. The Mass will begin at 5 p.m.

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

Farmers' Market

Perry County Farmers Market will be open this Tuesday from 4 pm -7 pm for a special market since there will not be a Saturday market this week. .

The market is at the Farmers' Market Pavilion located near Triangle park downtown. The Grateful Bread will be selling bagels at this market.



Happenings this Week

Tuesday

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pop Up Farmers' Market at the Market Pavilion

Tuesday

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Friday

Our Weekly Offering

for 09/05/21

Loose: \$55

Envelopes : \$865

Monthly : \$220

Diocesan collection for Haiti: \$20

World Missions : \$25

Online: \$775

]Total Weekly Offering: \$1960

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.
JAMES 2:18



Faith or Works

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law. Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?

How are these works fortified by faith?



Readings for the Week

Monday
SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14-16
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

Friday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37



Dear Padre

September 12, 2021

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this "secret place" is a church or chapel. Many people pray before or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSSR

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Season of Creation

September 1 - October 4

'Oikos' is also the root word for 'ecology', the science of relationships of organisms (including us) to each other and their surroundings.

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In Proverbs, Wisdom is personified as a woman, present at and involved in creation (8:22-31). Theologians differ as to whether Wisdom is simply a literary device, or represents the Holy Spirit, or possibly even the pre-incarnate Christ. Whichever view we take, Wisdom is clearly from God, and accessed both through study of nature / God's world (eg. 1 Kings 4:29-33) and of scripture / God's word. Psalm 19 beautifully outlines God's 'two books': nature (vs.1-6) and scripture (vs.7-11). How can we ensure we gain wisdom by studying both of these means of God's self-revelation?



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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

Cheryl & Joe Honkamp

Birthdays

9/18 - Pam Melton

