



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 5, 2021 | 23rd 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 12

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Lector : Cheryl Honkamp

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.

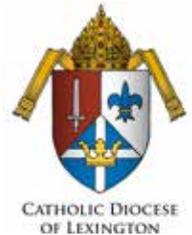
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell!..."And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."

HOMILY, MARCH 18, 2019



International Dinner

The International Dinner is this Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the The Appalachian Arts Alliance (512 Main St. Hazard, KY). Please sign up to help setup, cleanup, or serve. We are also looking for individuals to serve the meal and help with carry out orders.

Quilt Raffle

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



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

Black Gold

Black Gold Festival is 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 booth please let Lori know. We will be selling flour sack towels, handing out information about the Catholic church and giving away Rosaries.

Religious Education Registration

Please register your children in kindergarten 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. Religious Education will begin on September 19.

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

Next 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 7-12 and their families are invited to join us as we begin another year of youth group.

Second Collection

This week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in the second collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. This date is moved up from the October national date, so as to not conflict with the Annual Appeal

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

Happenings this Week

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Thursday

5:30 pm International Dinner

Our Weekly Offering

for 08/29//21

Loose: \$70

Envelopes : \$235

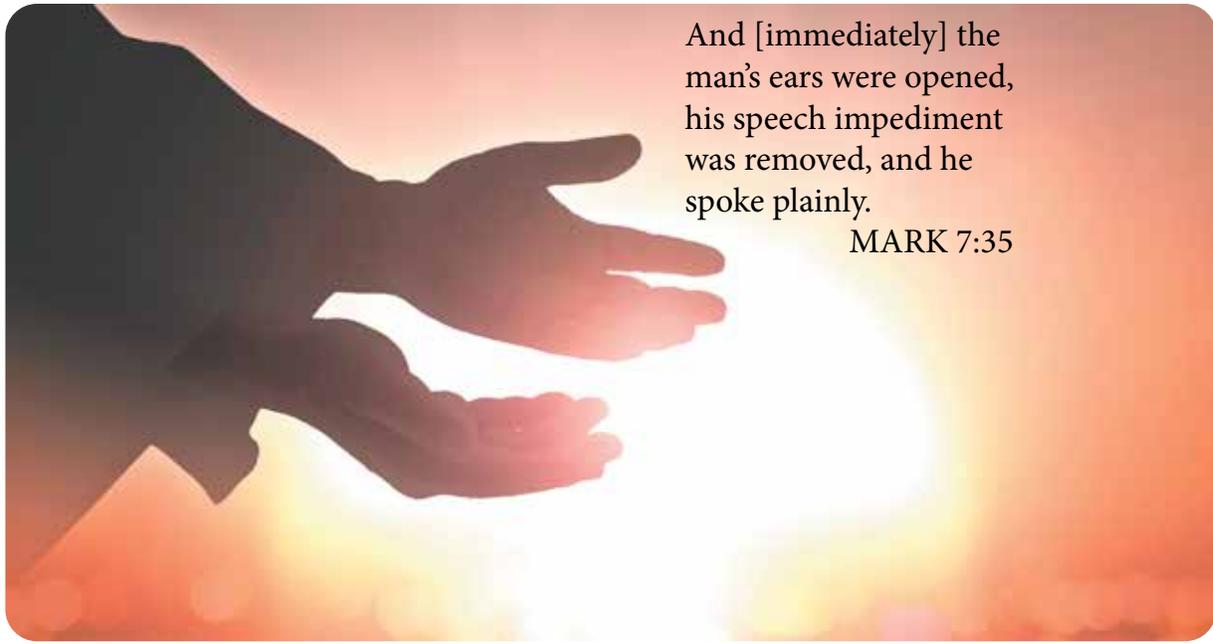
Diocesan collection for Haiti: \$20

Collection for Haiti: \$20

Crossroads: \$20

Online: \$140

]Total Weekly Offering: \$505



And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

MARK 7:35

He Has Done All Things Well

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?

How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?



Readings for the Week

Monday

SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

Col 1:24-2:3

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23,

or 1:18-23

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 12

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35



Dear Padre

September 5, 2021

Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?

Life is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2473).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God. Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2283).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Season of Creation

September 1 - October 4

This year's logo for the Season of Creation is Abraham's tent, symbolizing "A home for all". Abraham and Sarah opened their tent as a home for three strangers, who turned out to be God's angels (Genesis 18). By creating a home for all, their act of radical hospitality became a source of great blessing. Abraham's tent is a symbol of our ecumenical call to practice creation care as an act of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and more human, in our common home, the household (oikos) of God.



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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 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
Larry & Carol Marie Logan**

Over the course of the summer months Maria Hall provides the church with beautiful flowers from her garden. A gracious thank you to her for sharing her flowers and part of creation with the parish.



Mother of Good Counsel will be celebrating in small ways throughout the season and will finish the celebration with an outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic on October 4 at Perry County Park.