



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 26, 2021 | 26th 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 26**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Cindy Combs

## **Ministers at MGC**

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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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.

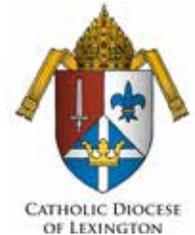
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013



### **Parish Picnic**

The parish picnic will take place next Sunday, October 3 at Perry County Park. The parish will celebrate Mass outdoors and then share in a community meal. The parish will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a dish to share, plates, and utensils.

### **Becoming Catholic**

The RCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. Classes meet each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion ( in person and virtually). The topic for this week's class is The Trinity. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **Adult Faith Formation - Movie**

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

### **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

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021**

Today we kick off the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Lexington. Our goal for Mother of Good Counsel is \$ 6,250. Please consider how you are able to support the annual appeal.

### **Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration- November 20, 2021:**

For all couples having their 10 th , 11 th , 25 th , 26 th , 40 th , 41 st , 50 th or 50 th -plus wedding anniversary in 2021, the Bishop will celebrate with you at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Saturday, November 20 th . Since the event was cancelled last year, we are also extending the invitation to those who missed out on last year's jubilee. The event begins with Mass at 5:00 PM with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. presiding, followed by a catered reception in Hehman Hall. We are also looking for couples newly married in 2020 or 21 to be hospitality ministers. If you or someone you know is celebrating one of these jubilee anniversaries in 2021 or if you are newly married and would like to serve as hospitality ministers, please register at [cdlex.org/family](http://cdlex.org/family) or contact Claudia Green at the Catholic Center at (859) 253-1993, ext. 1004 to make reservations by November 12. Please give your name, parish, mailing address, phone number, and original wedding date.

### **Mass on the Mountaintop & Feast of Transitus**

Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. for a Mountaintop Mass celebrating the Season of Creation on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Sunday, October 3 meet at 4:00 pm to hike the Auxier Ridge Trailhead, Daniel Boone National Forest, a two mile hike, followed by Mass to cap off the Season of Creation on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Following the Mass at the Gorge, Bishop Stowe will be celebrating Transitus, at 7pm at Good Shephard church in Campton. For any questions, please contact Michael Bayer, Director of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Lexington. ([mbayer@cdlex.org](mailto:mbayer@cdlex.org))

## **Season of Creation**

September 1 - October 4

Praying for Our Home Planet

- There is a danger that responses to climate injustice and environmental chaos are only about activism: campaigns and advocacy. Today's readings encourage us to turn to God in prayer in times of crisis, recognising that activism needs deep foundations in a spirituality that sustains and renews us.

- James 5:13 states: "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray." The passage continues, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (5:16b) and gives the example of Elijah praying for no rain and then praying for rain which led to fruitful harvests (5:17-18). Do we pray about the Climate crisis? Do we pray for God's mercy for people and places suffering devastating and catastrophic drought or flood, storms or erosion? Do we also pray for the political processes, for COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021, and for God's Spirit to change the hearts of world leaders, to give them compassion and embolden them to take unpopular but necessary decisions?

- The book of Esther is a story of a woman whom God used to bring justice and deliverance at the heart of the political process, at great personal risk. Can we intercede for those today who are strategically placed to speak truth to power, to challenge self-interest, and to advocate for climate victims and nature herself?

- Mark 9:42ff uses strong language to warn of the danger of causing children and young people to stumble. A recent UK survey claimed 90% of young Christians see the climate as today's most pressing and urgent issue, and yet 90% also say their churches are not doing enough on climate change. If churches are slow to pray, speak and act on the climate emergency, this passage suggests God will judge us harshly for causing young people to stumble in their faith. Our response needs to be in lament and repentance, in prayer and fasting, and in speaking out and acting decisively.

Source: Season of Creation Guide for 2021



[Jesus said,] “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna.” MARK 9:43

## Isn't That a Bit Extreme

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of adream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one’s livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or healthcare workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don’t seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfi shness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn’t that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.

What behavior might you have to give up?



Readings for the Week

<b>Monday</b> SEPTEMBER 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50
<b>Tuesday</b> SEPTEMBER 28 <i>Weekday</i> Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56
<b>Wednesday</b> SEPTEMBER 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51
<b>Thursday</b> SEPTEMBER 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
<b>Friday</b> OCTOBER 1 <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16
<b>Saturday</b> OCTOBER 2 <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Mt 18:1-5, 10
<b>Sunday</b> OCTOBER 3 <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gn 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



# Dear Padre

September 26, 2021

**Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?**

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News. Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

*The Redemptorists*

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## Happenings this Week

**Tuesday**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA**

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

**Sunday**

**Mass & Parish Picnic at Perry County Park**

**Transitus Feast (Franciscan feast) in Campton at 7 pm.**



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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, 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, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, and Ron Brunty.

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

Pat & Gary Lindon

### Birthdays

9/27: Myla Atienza

9/29: Pat Lindon

10/3: Raymond Elsoueidi

## Our Weekly Offering

for 09/19/21

Loose: \$3

Envelopes : \$315

Ordained & Lay Ministry Ed. : \$10

Votives : \$33

Online: \$75

**Total Weekly Offering: \$436**