



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

November 7, 2021 | 32nd 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, Nov 14**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damrom

Lector : Bridget Turner

## **Ministers at MGC**

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## **Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen**

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.

November 7, 2021

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2020



### **We Remember**

During the month of November we remember all of the those who have died in our Masses. The book of remembrance will be out during the entire month of November as we remember those who have died . Please add your loved ones' names.

### **Becoming Catholic**

The RCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. This week class will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion ( in person and virtually). RCIA this week will look at the topic of - The Church Year and Places in the Catholic Church. Please be praying for those who will participate in the Rite of Welcome/ Rite of Acceptance next Sunday November 14 at Mass.

### **Teen Disciples**

Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday from 4:30 pm to 6:00pm in Hazard where we will be a gathering continuing with our theme on Purpose All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join us.

### **Young Adult Faith Formation**

Young Adults will gather on Saturday November 13 at 7 pm for young adult group (18-39). Please contact John Manubag by email if interested jlmanubag@gmail.com.

### **Parish Planners**

Parish planners will meet today Sunday, November 7 following Mass to plan and discuss upcoming events in the church and begin to plan for Advent/ Christmas seasons. All are invited to join, light lunch will be served.

### **Serve a Meal**

Our next service opportunity for making a meal will be November 19, 2021. Please sign up to bring something for the meal or if you are willing to help prepare the meal. Let Lori know if you are able to help with this service opportunity.

### **Hallow**

Looking for an app that will help you practice your Catholic faith and build good prayer habits. The app has daily Rosary, and Gospel readings, as well as meditations, novenas, sacred music and much more. Try out Hallow with a trial membership.

### **Pilgrims Trail Poster Contest**

Mother of Good Counsel is looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to be ambassadors for Mother of Good Counsel Parish. These ambassadors are willing to help give tours of Mother of Good Counsel as pilgrims come to visit the parish in January. Please let Lori know if you are interested in this opportunity.

### **Black Catholic History Month**

November is Black Catholic History Month and an important opportunity for our parishes to promote the sacredness of life in concrete ways. We will highlight one person each week who is in the cause for canonization.

#### **Sister Thea Bowman**

A self-proclaimed “old folks child,” Thea Bowman was born Bertha Elizabeth Bowman in 1937, the daughter of a doctor and a teacher. She was raised in Canton, Mississippi.



As a child she converted to Catholicism through the influence of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, who taught her and nurtured her faith.

Growing up, Thea listened and learned from the wit and wisdom of family members and those in the community. Ever precocious, she would ask questions and seek new insights on how her elders lived, thrived and survived. From them she learned survival skills and coping mechanisms. She was exposed to the richness of the African-American culture: its history and stories, music and songs, customs and rituals, prayers and symbols.

Thea was cognizant that God was indeed the God of the poor and oppressed. Her community instructed her, “If you get, give—if you learn, teach.” She developed a deep and abiding love and faith in a God who would make “a way out of no way!”

Source: <https://nbccongress.org/noteworthy-black-catholics/>

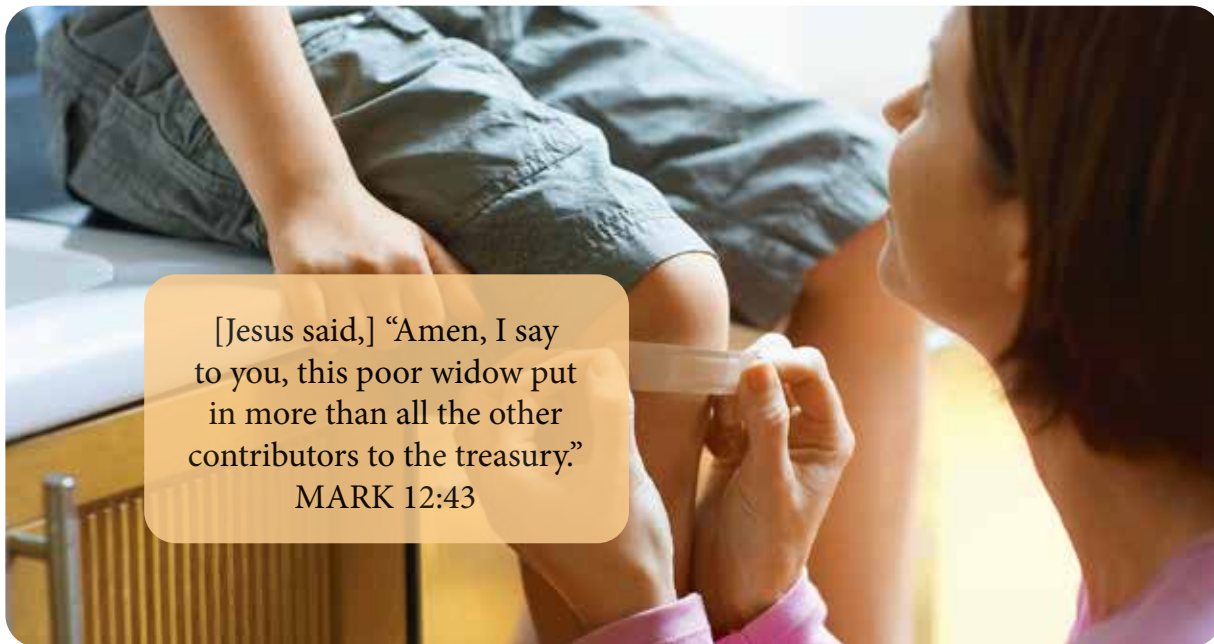
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### **Diocesan Annual Appeal 2021**

The Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Lexington is in process. Our goal for Mother of Good Counsel is \$ 6,250. Currently we have raised \$5225 as a parish toward our goal. Please consider how you are able to support the annual appeal.

### **Faith that does Justice**

Are you interested in getting involved in justice ministries in our parish? There are a number of commissions that are part of the peace and justice office of the diocese including: Peace & Justice, African American Concerns, LGBTQ, Laudato Si, and Right to Life. If you would like to get involved in any of these ministries please talk with Lori to see how you can get connected.



[Jesus said,] “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.”  
MARK 12:43

## Ouch!

That’s the sound of someone giving until it hurts. Most of us probably will never be in such a situation. It’s not that we don’t give, but that we are seldom asked to give until it really hurts.

The women in today’s readings were in desperate straits. They hurt even before they opened their hands to give. Both belonged to one of the groups of vulnerable people often identified in the Bible— namely, the resident alien, the orphan, and the widow. Since the social structure of a patriarchal society is usually built on male kinship, those with no male patron were extraordinarily vulnerable. Consequently, Jewish law made special provision for them (see Deuteronomy 24:17, 19–21; 26:12–13; 27:19). The women in these stories were disadvantaged because they were women, they were widows, and they were poor. How these deprivations interacted with each other isn’t specifically mentioned.

It’s not their state of deprivation that makes them models for us to emulate. It’s their generosity despite their deprivation. The widows featured in today’s readings gave from their hearts, not from their abundance. They recognized need in another and did what they could to address that need. That is the virtue set before us today. It is, indeed, heroic! Do we do what we can to help others in need—as little as that might be? Or do we cling to what we have, to what we say we have a right to have because we worked for it? Are we that uncaring? Ouch! That hurts!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

How open are you to the needs of others?

How generous does this make you?



# Readings for the Week

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 8  
*Weekday*  
Wis 1:1–7  
Lk 17:1–6

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 9  
*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12  
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17  
Jn 2:13–22

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 10  
*St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
Wis 6:1–11  
Lk 17:11–19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 11  
*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*  
Wis 7:22b–8:1  
Lk 17:20–25

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 12  
*St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*  
Wis 13:1–9  
Lk 17:26–37

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 13  
*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9  
Lk 18:1–8

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 14  
*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Dn 12:1–3  
Heb 10:11–14, 18  
Mk 13:24–32



# Dear Padre

November 7, 2021

**My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?**

It's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshipping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

Fr. Bob Lindsey, CSSR

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## Happenings this Week

Sunday

Parish Planners

Tuesday

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service

Saturday

7 pm - Young Adult group



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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, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, 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:**  
**Desiree & Leonardo Pajimna**

## Birthdays

11/7: Cheryl Honkomp  
11/11: Cindy Cory & Larry Logan  
11/12: Desiree Pajimna  
11/13 : Sally Duke

## Our Weekly Offering

for 10/31/21

Loose: \$13

Envelopes : \$310

Monthly: \$200

All Saints : \$10

Online: \$790

**Total Weekly Offering: \$1323**