



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 31, 2021 | 31st 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 7**

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. 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.

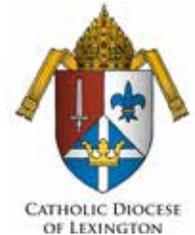
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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.

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020



### **All Saints Day**

On Monday November 1, there will be Mass for the feast of All Saints Day at 7 pm. There will also be Mass at Holy Cross in Jackson at 5 pm. 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. Classes meet each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion (in person and virtually). RCIA this week will look at the topic of The group will resume meeting on November 2.

### **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. Currently we have raised \$5100 as a parish toward our goal. Please consider how you are able to support the annual appeal.

### **Teen Disciples**

Tonight October 31 Teen Disciples will meet from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm 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.

### **Synod on Synodal Church**

Last Sunday Pope Francis formally opened "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church." Go to <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and <https://bit.ly/3n0GLH1> to read more about this historic church event.

### **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. 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.

### **Parish Planners**

Parish planners will meet next 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.

### **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.

### **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 [jmanubag@gmail.com](mailto:jmanubag@gmail.com).

### **Pilgrims Trail Poster Contest**

"A new tradition is starting: The Pilgrims Trail Poster Contest. Have your poster hanging in every school and parish of the diocese, win prize money and be featured in January Crossroads.

Think about it: What will traveling to every church, every mission and oratory in the Lexington diocese over the coming years look like to you? How would meeting people in places you have never been feel like? Imagine walking to every church in Lexington, which is an option for the young and healthy, on a weekend?

Draw your ideas on ordinary paper or a poster board. Use crayons or colored pencils, finger paints or water colors. You can even make your art on a computer and send it!

Deadline is November 10.

Mail to or drop off :

The Catholic Diocese of Lexington  
c/o Skip Olsen.  
1310 W. Main St. Lexington, KY 40508

Copy or Upload your digital submissions (follow directions below) to: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p132hxzk9254kf4/AAAGkRjlrslFvilQcMfDvKha?dl=0>

Digital artwork should be at least 350 dpi, CMYK color mode, and have a 1/8" bleed on all four sides.

Artwork must be signed. If a minor, please include printed name, school, and grade.

Entrants agree that their artwork and name can be reproduced and distributed for the promotion of The Pilgrims Trail, and might not be returned to you. (Take a photo of work before sending).

# Take to Heart These Words

“Hear, O Israel!” (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of “pledge of allegiance” that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God’s personal name. In its place they substitute the word Lord. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: “I will be your God and you shall be my people” (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God’s people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength. Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength.

He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. “Hear, O Israel!” “Take to heart these words” (Deuteronomy 6:6).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?

How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?



[The scribe said to Jesus,]  
“To love your neighbor  
as yourself” is worth more  
than all burnt offerings  
and sacrifices.”  
MARK 12:33



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

NOVEMBER 1  
*All Saints*  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 2  
*Commemoration  
of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls)*

Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11  
Jn 6:37-40

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 3  
*Weekday*  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 4  
*St. Charles  
Borromeo, Bishop*  
Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 5  
*Weekday*  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 6  
*Weekday*  
Rom 16:3-9,  
16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 7  
*Thirty-second  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*  
1 Kgs 17:10-16  
Heb 9:24-28  
Mk 12:38-44 or  
12:41-44



# Dear Padre

October 31, 2021

## **Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?**

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs," "tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.



## *Happenings this Week*

### Sunday

5:30 pm - 7 pm Teen Disciples

Monday ( All Saints Day)

5 pm - Mass at Holy Cross

Jackson

7 pm - Mass at MGC

Tuesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion

Service

Sunday

Parish Planners - following Mass



### **Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media**



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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 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: Tom & Linda Teague Birthdays**

11/2: Jack Bowling  
11/3: Jennie Combs  
11/4: Tom Teague  
11/5 : Jackie Jarosz  
11/6 : Wanda Lindon  
11/7: Cheryl Honkomp

## *Our Weekly Offering*

for 10/24/21

Loose: \$22

Envelopes : \$340

World Mission : \$10

Online: \$ 75

**Total Weekly Offering: \$447**