



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 10, 2021 | 28th 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, October 17

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Abby Turk

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.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 7:7-11

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Clearly, in Jesus' final—immense, wonderful—invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of wealth, of true richness... Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? Here is the challenge: finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, true love, true richness!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 13, 2018



Becoming Catholic

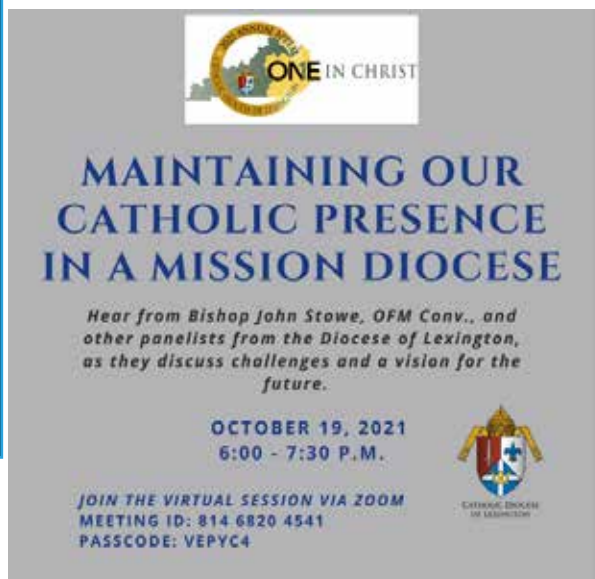
The RCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. Classes meet each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion (in person and virtually). All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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. Currently we have raised \$1800 as a parish toward our goal. Please consider how you are able to support the annual appeal.



Teen Disciples

Next Sunday, Teen Disciples will meet from 4:30 pm to 6 pm in Jackson at Holy Cross where we will be beginning with a gathering on Purpose and Eucharistic Adoration. All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join us.

Serve a Meal

Mother of Good Counsel Provides a meal the third Friday of the month for those in need at the shelter. The next meal will be this Friday, October 15, 2021. People will gather at 3:30 pm to make the meal. If interested please let Lori know or coem the day of to help.

Adult Faith Formation

Next Sunday following Mass there will be adult faith formation with a look at purpose and cultivating faith in a messy time.

Fall Thursdays on the Triangle

Thursdays on the Triangle is this Thursday October 14 from 5 to 8 pm at Triangle Park with a Chili Cook Off, famrers market, live music and activities for children. Cost is free.

Woman of Faith - St. Teresa of Avila (Oct 15)

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

Reflection

Ours is a time of turmoil, a time of reform, and a time of liberation. Modern women have in Teresa a challenging example. Promoters of renewal, promoters of prayer, all have in Teresa a woman to reckon with, one whom they can admire and imitate.

Saint Teresa of Avila is the Patron Saint of: Relief from headaches.

Source: Franciscan Media

Take Your Pick

The vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it. It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Do you still cling to something that cannot fulfill your deepest desires? Why?

Pray for the courage to commit yourself to what might make life more meaningful.



Readings for the Week

Monday

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Rom 2:1-11

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

Friday

OCTOBER 15

*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*

Rom 4:1-8

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16-18

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

OCTOBER 17

Twenty-ninth

Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45

or 10:42-45



Dear Padre

October 10, 2021

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

RCIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.

RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshipping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary in the Grotto & Communion Service

Thursday

5-8 pm Thursdays on the Triangle

Sunday

Adult Faith Formation - following Mass

Teen Disciples 4:30 pm to 6



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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

Brenda Alitan & Chet Bailey

Birthdays

10/16: Joe Honkamp
10/17 Chet Bailey

Our Weekly Offering

for 10/3/21

Loose: \$43

Envelopes : \$210

Monthly : \$300

Online: \$750

Total Weekly Offering: \$1303

