



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 17, 2021 | 29th 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 24

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

Lector : Cheryl Honkamp

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.

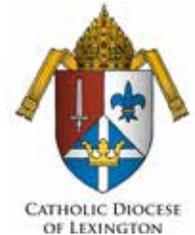
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16



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

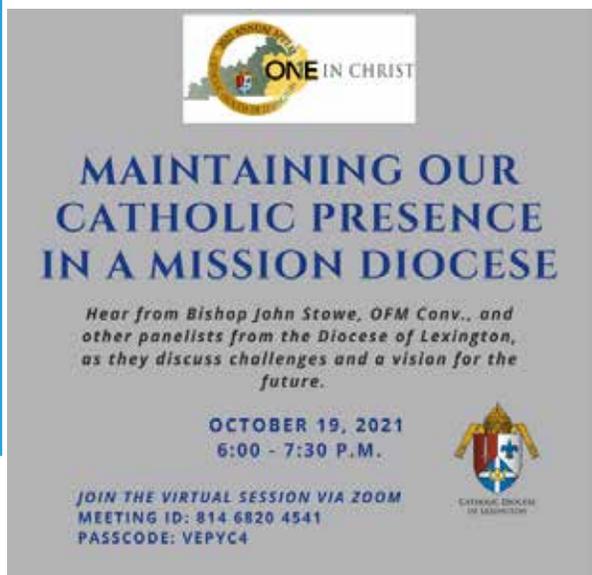
The RCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic has begun. Classes meet each Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in a hybrid fashion (in person and virtually). This week the topic is Catholic prayers and practices All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Faith Formation

Young Adults will gather on Saturday October 30 at 7 pm for an event to kickoff a young adult group (18-39). Please contact John Manubag by email if interested jlmanubag@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

Today 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

Thank you to Susan Hull for helping with the meal for those in need this past Friday. Our next service opportunity for making a meal will be November 19, 2021. Please let Lori know if you are able to help with this next meal.

Adult Faith Formation

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

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 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.



Man of Faith - St. Ignatius of Antioch

Saint of the Day for October 17. Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome. Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith. The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

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.

Can You Drink the Cup?

That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and selfassurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.

Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?



Readings for the Week

Monday
OCTOBER 18

*St. Luke,
Evangelist*
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday
OCTOBER 19
*Sts. John de
Brébeuf
and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and
Companions,
Martyrs*

Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday
OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

Friday
OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Rom 8:1-11
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday
OCTOBER 24
*Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Jer 31:7-9
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52



Dear Padre

October 17, 2021

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

You did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Sunday (Today)

Adult Faith Formation - following Mass

Teen Disciples 4:30 pm to 6

Tuesday

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary & Communion Service



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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 Hommertzhelm, 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

Alyson Askew

Birthdays

10/17 Chet Bailey

10/24: Evelyn Jose

Our Weekly Offering

for 10/10/21

Loose: \$12

Envelopes : \$310

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$462