



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

February 13, 2022 | Sixth 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, February 20, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Cindy Combs

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.

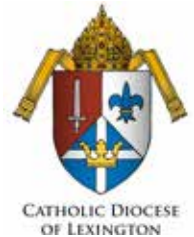
Bless our parish which is named in your honor. Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help us be attentive to the needs of our families and our community. Amen

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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 draw 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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 17:5-8

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Lk 6:17, 20-26



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus... Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant—on that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God's—can remain with Jesus.

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017



Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic is in full swing. Class this week will be on Tuesday February 15 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be Sacraments Service-Matrimony & Holy Orders

Book Discussion Group

During the Lenten Season the parish will offer a book discussion group on the book Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales. Please sign up if you would like a copy of the book so that the book may be ordered. Cost of the book is \$15 but let Lori know if the cost is a problem.

Praying with Scripture

Are you looking for some new ways to engage the living word of God in scripture? Join spiritual Director and retreat guide Becky Eldredge for guided imaginative prayer and use the many resources she offers to deepen your spiritual life.

<https://beckyeldredge.com/praying-with-scripture-resources/>

Teen Disciples

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. We will be meeting tonight from 5 pm to 6:30 pm next Sunday February 20. Teens come and bring your friends.

Meal for those in Need

This Friday we will be serving a meal to those in need. If you are able to help cook, or delivery the meal please let Lori know.

The Pilgrims Trail

When we are willing to see each other's sacredness, to see why God loves us all, we can grow in the Kingdom of God on earth. If we have entombed ourselves, The Pilgrims Trail invites us out of the tomb and into the living relationship with Christ through the love of all. Let us start with our fellow Catholics and experience the diversity of our historic diocese. Let us exercise our hearts into opening with love for all, and increase our faith, but journeying with one another. Travel to parishes throughout the Diocese in 2022.

Parish Planners

Next Sunday planners will meet to discuss upcoming events and look over the financials of the parish from 2021. All are invited to join us.

Listening Sessions for the Synod

Synod for a Synodal Church – The Diocese of Lexington has begun the listening sessions for a Synodal Church Mother of Good Counsel will host a parish listening session on February 23 following our usual Word & Communion Service. We will have a light supper and discussion.

Additionally, all people in the Mountain East Deanery are invited to this communal listening session that will be held on March 13, 2022 at Mother of Good Counsel at 1 pm. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts on the Catholic Church and what it will look like in the future. Please take a few moments before March 13 to fill out a brief survey(it should take about 5 to 10 minutes to fill out). You can find the survey online at: <https://bit.ly/3AkNPER> . If you would prefer a printed copy, pick one up at church. If you would like to answer the questions verbally speak with Lori to setup a time to answer this survey.

Catholic Studies Program at Lexington Theological Seminary

Offers the course:

Living the Catholic Experience: Ethics and Social Justice (IB 554) Jan 31—Feb. 26, 2022

Professor Jean Ponder Soto, Ph.D.

For more information visit: lextheo.edu Or call:

Admissions: (859) 280-1249 Lexington Theological Seminary is an ecumenical seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., on Friday, Jan. 15 inaugurated and blessed the Masters in Pastoral Studies/Roman Catholic Studies program.

DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

**CATHOLICS AT
THE CAPITOL**



**Join fellow Catholics for a day of
faith and action in Frankfort!**

Led by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, this powerful event will include education and advocacy around issues like the death penalty, abortion, gun violence, school choice, and criminal justice reform.

Who: Catholics from across the Diocese of Lexington

When: Thurs. February 17, 2022 from 9am-2pm

Where: Capitol Building, Frankfort, KY

What: Education & training on current legislative issues; meetings with State Representatives; remarks by Bishop John Stowe

Registration for this event is required. Email Joshua van Cleef, Director of Peace & Justice, at jvancleef@cdlex.org to register and receive the full itinerary.



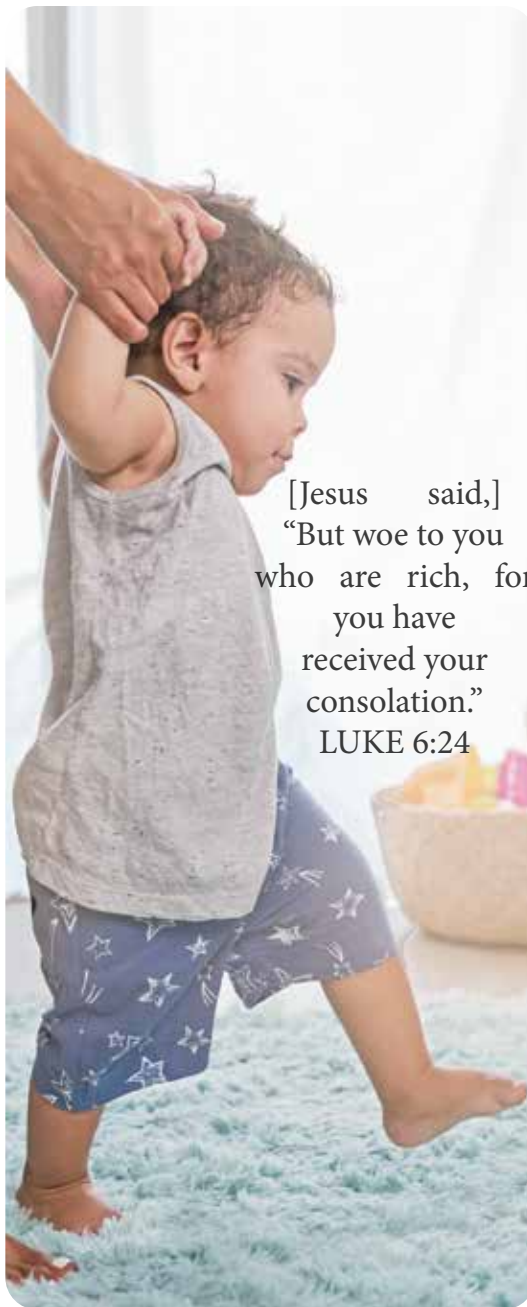
What is Your Choice?

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have lots to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that today's readings focus.

Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people—namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: Blessed is the one who "delights in the law of the LORD." The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice?

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA,



[Jesus said,]
"But woe to you
who are rich, for
you have
received your
consolation."
LUKE 6:24



Readings for the Week

Monday

FEBRUARY 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 15

Weekday

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 16

Weekday

Jas 1:19-27

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

FEBRUARY 17

Weekday

Jas 2:1-9

Mk 8:27-33

Friday

FEBRUARY 18

Weekday

Jas 2:14-24, 26

Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Jas 3:1-10

Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

FEBRUARY 20

Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38

For Reflection

- What influences the decisions you make?
Television? Social pressure? Religious tradition?
- How often do you go along with the crowd? Why?



Dear Padre

February 13, 2022

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church?

Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Scripture describes the Church as "the bride of Christ." Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and "handed himself over for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse—faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church.

Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles.

That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion Service

Our Weekly Offering

for 2/6/22

Loose: \$30

Envelopes : \$340

Monthly: \$330

Opportunities for Life: \$20

Online: \$ 130

Total Weekly Offering: \$850

Prayer Family:

The Atienza Family



**Stay Connected
to MGC on
Social Media**



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Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzheim, 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, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, 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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

February : Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Birthdays

2/13: Benny Atienza

2/14 : Destiny Huff

2/15: Daniel Slone

2/16: Brain Campbell