



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

August 28, 2022 | 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion Service

5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in 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

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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.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk 14:1, 7-14



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus teaches this: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth, or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve.

ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2021



### International Dinner

The International Dinner 2022 will be Friday, September 23, 2022. The sign up for what food you are willing to make is in the gathering space. Tickets for the dinner and raffle will be available beginning in September next weekend. The profits from the dinner, raffle and quilt drawing will be split between the parish and flood relief effort.

### Perry County Farmers Market

Perry County Farmers Market will be a free market, sponsored by the Lee Initiative where anyone can go and get food from the next three weeks. Market will take place on Thursday evening from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 12p.

### Season of Creation

Christians throughout the world celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1-October 4. To help the Diocese of Lexington participate in this special time, the Laudato Si Commission will be hosting a series of activities in collaboration with the Lexington Theological Seminary. For a full schedule of events visit <https://lextheo.edu/news-events/events/a-season-with-laudato-si/>

### LAUDATO SI PANEL DISCUSSION

The "Season with Laudato Si" begins with an online panel discussion on Thursday, Sept. 1, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For more information <https://lextheo.edu/news.../events/a-season-with-laudato-si/>

### LAUDATO SI ART CONTEST

Youth and adults are invited to create artwork celebrating clean water as part of our Laudato Si emphasis. Winners will receive cash prizes. All artwork will be featured in the worship service on Oct. 4. For information on both the adult and youth contests, see the fliers in the church or click here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12Vw48yuYc\\_JdQh1lge-g4TU1pvZ0zgau?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12Vw48yuYc_JdQh1lge-g4TU1pvZ0zgau?usp=sharing)

### Becoming Catholic - Come and See

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or wish to know more about the Catholic Church. This Tuesday August 30th at 7 pm there will be a virtual Come & See on Facebook live. There will also be an inperson Come & See on September 8 at 7 pm.

### Religious Education

Please register your students in grades K-6 for religious education. Religious Education will begin the weekend of September 18, 2022.

### Water with Blessings

Water with Blessings is an ecumenical organization out of Louisville, Kentucky that works all over the world to get water filters to communities where people need clean drinking water. As part of a pilot program with a partnership with the Diocese of Lexington parishes and Water with Blessings Mother of Good Counsel will begin doing trainings and filter distribution to people in the local community. Interested in helping with this project or becoming a person trained to distribute the filters with community partners, contact Lori.

### Flood Relief Ministry

We continue to pray for all of those affected by the flooding here in our local community.

### Want to volunteer?

Old JC Penny distribution center ( 278 Black Gold Blvd. Hazard) in Black Gold Plaza.

Contact Housing Development Alliance to help with Debris removal, muck outs, and more call 606.436.0497

If you want to volunteer please signup here: <https://forms.gle/YfkZ41uVpFoQF2pj9>



The Orthodox Communities in the Jessamine-Fayette Area have invited us to join them in prayer for the Akathist Service "Glory to God for All Things" & Compline August 31st at 6:30 PM at St. Athanasius Orthodox Church 100 Lime Lane, Nicholasville, KY 40356



In an August 31, 2014 statement preparing Orthodox communities for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew said he invites "all people to continued vigilance, consciousness and mobilization of their resources in order to return to the state that reflects – if not the absolute Eucharistic and doxological condition of Adam and Eve – at least the condition inspired by God's grace and mercy."

For the Orthodox community in the United States, September 1 has significance beyond its proximity to back-to-school events and Labor Day weekend. It is the beginning of the Orthodox liturgical year, which brings symbolism of renewal as well as a special significance to the date. The Orthodox Church has observed the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation since 1989.

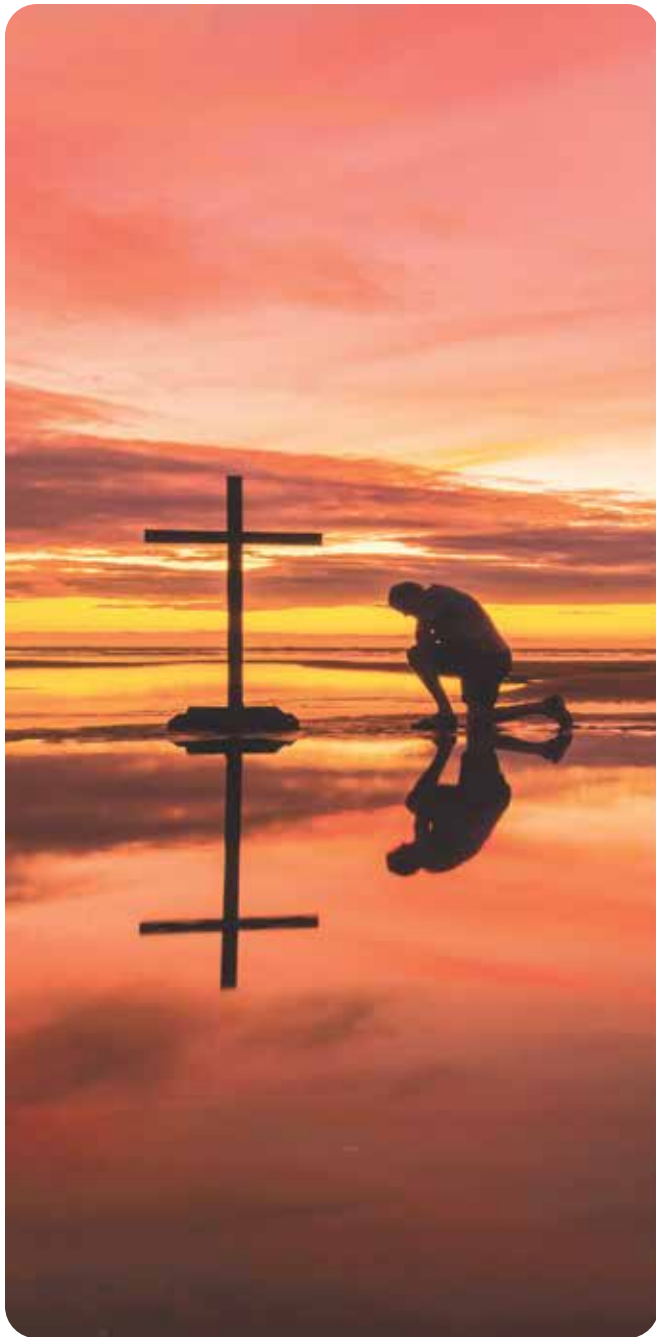
In 2015 Pope Francis called for Roman Catholics to join in Christian unity with the Orthodox Church in observing September 1st as a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.



To help us pray the day in, the Orthodox Community in Lexington has invited us to join with them in this Vigil Service on August 31st at 6:30 PM.

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church is a member of the South Lexington Ministerial Association and its members have participated in the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held in January. Plan to attend this service and invite friends to join us.





## I'm Nobody Who are You?

This is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social life becomes our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered “nobodies” but who really are the “somebodies.” They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings.

They have lived as Sirach counsels: “Humble yourself” (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the you that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than

you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place. So, who are you?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### For Reflection

- What do you do to gain other's approval?
- Does that change who you are?
- How often do you describe yourself as better than others? Is it true?



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

AUGUST 29  
*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mk 6:17-29

### Tuesday

AUGUST 30  
*Weekday*

1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

AUGUST 31  
*Weekday*

1 Cor 3:1-9  
Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1  
*Weekday*

1 Cor 3:18-23  
Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 2  
*Weekday*

1 Cor 4:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3  
*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

1 Cor 4:6b-15  
Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 9:13-18b  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
Lk 14:25-33



# Dear Padre

August 28, 2022

**Isn't natural family planning (NFP) a form of birth control? The couple still controls the potential of human life that God may have wanted to create at a particular moment.**

Couples who use NFP aren't practicing contraception. By giving themselves completely to one another in body and soul, they're preserving the integrity of the marriage sacrament. In God's design, women are naturally infertile for many days of the menstrual cycle. The marital act during these times promotes bonding and yet is open to new life. There is no sin in abstaining from the marital act. When a husband and wife use NFP appropriately, they share responsibility for living with their combined fertility. Neither spouse takes the other for granted. NFP is a healthy and holistic way to plan for children.

Many couples find that living an NFP lifestyle gives them a better understanding of their fertility, frees them from fear of medical side effects, increases their communication, encourages a greater sense of sharing and a generosity toward life, fosters sexual self-control, and gives them the peace of following their spiritual, religious, cultural, or ethical beliefs. Periodic abstinence encourages couples to focus on aspects of their relationship beyond the physical, resulting in a "honeymoon effect."

NFP's most important benefit is that it enables spouses to live the mutual gift of self that is an essential element of marriage. The Church values marital sexual love. NFP helps couples to be authentic in the expression of that love.

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## Our Weekly Offering

for 8/21/22

Loose: \$70

Envelopes : \$320

Monthly: \$10

Online: \$ 95

Total Weekly Offering: \$495

### Birthday

8/28: Elizabeth Pennington

9/1 : George Lozano

9/4 : Kashlynn Bailey & Ron Brunty



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### Prayer List

Joey Napier, 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, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker 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

August : Small Businesses  
We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

September: Abolition of the Death Penalty  
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

## Prayer Family

Martinez- Lozano Family