



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 11, 2022 | 24th 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

Ministers for next Sunday, September 18, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Christina Elsoueid

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

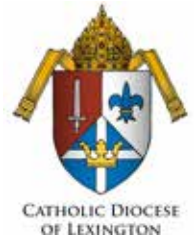
as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community. Amen

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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.

September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022



International Dinner

The International Dinner 2022 will be Friday, September 23, 2022. The signup for dessert, food and how to help are in the gathering space. Tickets for the dinner have been mailed to parishioners and are available from the church office. The Raffle tickets are available for pickup after Mass today. Please mark money for raffle, dinner tickets and quilt raffle separately. The profits from the dinner, raffle and quilt drawing will be split between the parish and flood relief effort.

Tickets for the raffle will be \$5 each or 5 for \$25 Prizes include :
\$200 in cash
Taste of Hazard Basket with gift cards valued at \$150 for local restaurants and food.
Local Basket of Gift Card to businesses including Read Spotted Newt, Appalachian Quilt & Craft and others.
Quilt Raffle (\$10 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$20)
A homemade quilt with a Lovers Kiss Pattern



Perry County Farmers Market

Perry County Farmers Market will take place on Saturday from 8 am to 12p at the Triangle Park.

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 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

Becoming Catholic - Come and See

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or wish to know more about the Catholic Church. Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) will begin on Tuesday September 20, 2022 from 7 pm to 9 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?

ARH 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>

Upcoming Events

September 18 - Religious Education Begins 10 am
September 20 - Becoming Catholic Begins 7 - 9 pm
September 23 - International Dinner
September 25 - Kick off for the Annual Appeal
October 2 - Parish Picnic
October 4 - Pet Blessings
October 6 - Catholic Extension Visit 1- 2:30 pm
November 1 - Feast of All Saints & Pig Roast Fundraiser.

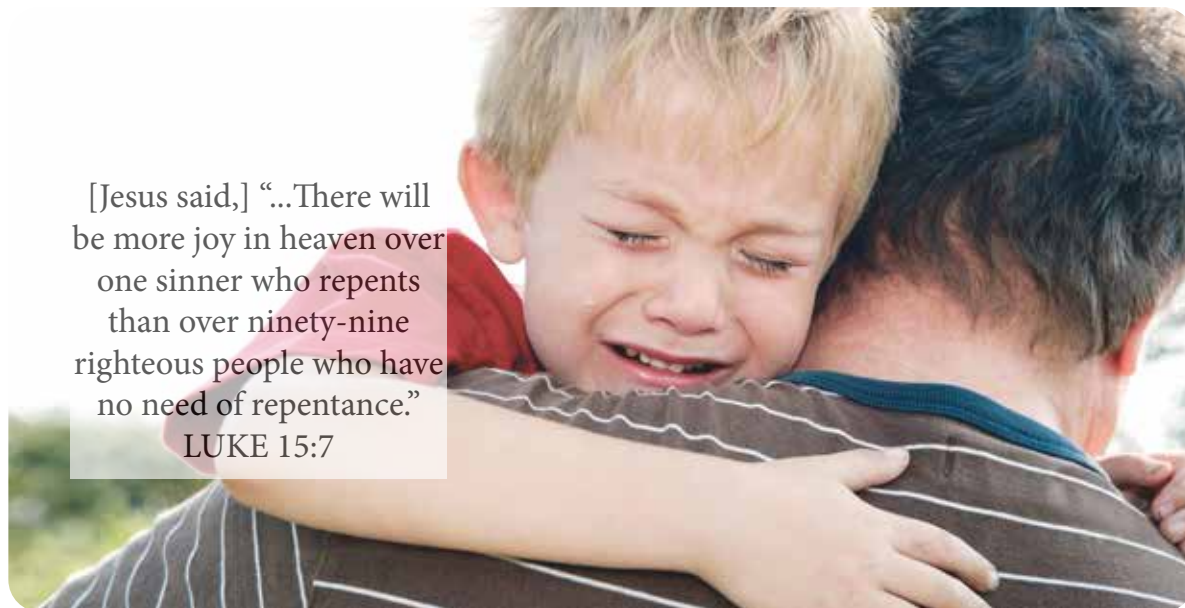
Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7

For Reflection

- Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- Where might you show compassion to others?



Readings for the Week

Monday SEPTEMBER 12 Weekday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday SEPTEMBER 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday SEPTEMBER 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Thursday SEPTEMBER 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 15:1-11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday SEPTEMBER 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday SEPTEMBER 17 Weekday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15
Sunday SEPTEMBER 18 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



Dear Padre

September 11, 2022

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. "The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR, Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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Our Weekly Offering

for 9/4/22

Loose: \$40

Envelopes : \$640

Monthly: \$220

Seminary Education: \$10

Assumption: \$10

Online: \$ 725

Total Weekly Offering: \$1645

Flood Relief \$4200

Birthday

9/18 : Pam Melton

Prayer Family

Pam Melton



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Social Media



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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

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.