



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 4, 2022 | 23 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

Ministers for next Sunday, September 11, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

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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 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father's embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019



International Dinner

The International Dinner 2022 will be Friday, September 23, 2022. The signup for what food you are willing to make is in the gathering space. Tickets for the dinner have been mailed to parishioners and are available from the church office. 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. There will be an in person 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

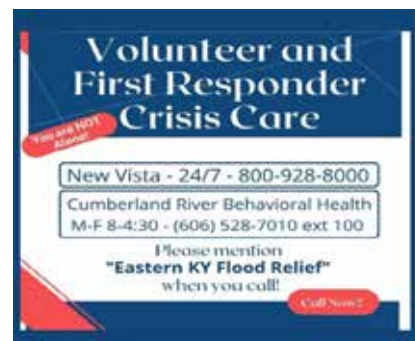
We continue to pray for all of those affected by the flooding here in our local community.

Want to volunteer?

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>





So if you [Philemon] regard me as a partner, welcome [Onesimus] as you would me. PHILEMON 1:17be strong enough.” LUKE 13:24

No Longer a Slave

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- How do you regard people of different races?
- As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?
- How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community?
- What might you do about this?



Readings for the Week

Monday	SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday	1 Cor 5:1-8
	Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday	1 Cor 6:1-11
	Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday	1 Cor 7:25-31
	Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	SEPTEMBER 8
<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mi 5:1-4a
	or Rom 8:28-30
	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
	or 1:18-23
Friday	SEPTEMBER 9
<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	1 Cor 9:16-19,
	22b-27
	Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday	1 Cor 10:14-22
	Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	SEPTEMBER 11
<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
	1 Tm 1:12-17
	Lk 15:1-32
	or 15:1-10



Dear Padre

September 4, 2022

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs, dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

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Our Weekly Offering

for 8/28/22

Loose: \$10

Envelopes : \$270

Monthly: \$390

Seminary Education: \$20

Crossroads: \$20

Online: \$ 165

Total Weekly Offering: \$875

Flood Relief \$2130

Birthday

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

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

Ron & Helen Brunty