



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 30, 2022 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Eucharistic Services:

- 7:00 pm All Saints Day Mass
- 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, November 6, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev.Livinus Uba

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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.

October 30, 2022

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 11:22—12:2

2 Thes 1:11—2:2

Lk 19:1—10



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Even if we know that we cannot always guarantee healing or a cure, we can and must always care for the living, without ourselves shortening their life, but also without futilely resisting their death. This approach is reflected in palliative care, which...opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome—pain and loneliness.

MESSAGE TO WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 7, 2017



### Pig Roast

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a lunchtime pig roast as a fundraiser for the parish. There will be 250 tickets sold for this event. Tickets are available from the office at the church. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children 6-12.

### All Saints Day

On November 1 the Catholic church celebrates the Feast of All Saints Day. There will be Mass at Holy Cross in Jackson at 5 pm and Mass at Mother of Good Counsel at 7 pm in Hazard.

### Altar and Book of Remembrance

During the month of November we honor and remember those who have died. If you wish to bring a picture or memento of a loved one for our altar of remembrance please drop your pictures and items off at Mother of Good Counsel. You can add your names of loved ones to our book of remembrance beginning November 1.



### The Pilgrim's Trail Meal

All pilgrims of the Diocese of Lexington are cordially invited to attend The Inaugural Annual Oilgrims Meal with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv. Friday November 4 at 6pm at the Cathedral of Christ the King Hehman Hall Lexington. RSVP to Mary Ann Ohnheiser maohnh1@aol.com or text (859) 519-6385.

### 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. On Thursday, **November 3, 2022** at 3 pm Mother of Good Counsel will host a training for any parishioner or community member who are interested in helping with this project or becoming a person trained to distribute the filters with community partners. Limited to 50 participants.

### Long term Recovery Committee

The next Perry County Disaster Recovery Group Executive Board will take place this Thursday November 3 at 6 pm at LKLP at 412 Roy Campbell Drive, all people in the community are invited to attend. If you are interested in being involved in the Long Term Recovery Committees for Letcher, Knott, Perry, or Breathitt County. Please let Lori know and she will connect you to the right group.



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

The Diocesan Annual Appeal 2022 - Providing for Our Presence. Please consider how you are able to help our parish meet our goal. Our goal for the parish is \$6250. Currently our parish is 65% of the way to our goal with \$4075 in donations.

### Upcoming Events

- October 25 - Becoming Catholic 7 pm to 9 pm
- October 27 - Holiday Pop Up Market 4pm to 7 pm
- November 1 - Feast of All Saints 7 pm Mass
- November 3 - Water with Blessings Training 3 pm
- November 4 - Pig Roast Fundraiser




## “For God So Loved the World...”

When we hear this phrase from John 3:16, we think of God's love for human beings—and rightly so. However, today's first reading reminds us that God's love is much broader. This reading offers us a glimpse into God's love of all natural creation. The Greek word translated “world,” the word found in the passage from John as well as today's reading, is *kósmos*, a word we think of today as “universe.” So we could say: “God so loved the cosmos.”

The author of the Book of Wisdom insists that God loves whatever God has made; that the power of the Creator is matched by the Creator's love; and that this love is manifested through mercy to all. We are accustomed to hearing how God cares for us with holy abandon. This reading expands that love to include a tiny grain of sand or the morning dew. An even more daring statement claims that God's imperishable spirit is in all things. How else could anything exist? This fact is the basis of what is referred to as “the intrinsic value of the entire natural world,” which means that everything has unique value simply because it was created by God—not because we can use it to enhance ourselves.

This kind of thinking might be new to many. However, it calls us to revere elements of nature like trees, flowers, wolves, and even mosquitos, because they are creatures of God. Our faith insists that “God so loved the cosmos.”

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



For you [the Lord] love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate.

WISDOM 11:24

### For Reflection

- Read the first reading slowly and thoughtfully.
- What new thinking does it suggest for you?
- Think of how dependent you are on earth, water, air, and plants, for example, and give thanks.



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

OCTOBER 31

*Weekday*

Phil 2:1-4

Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 1

*All Saints*

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 2

*Commemoration*

*of All the Faithful*

*Departed*

*(All Souls' Day)*

Any readings

from no. 668 or

from the Masses

for the Dead

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 3

*Weekday*

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 4

*St. Charles*

*Borromeo, Bishop*

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 5

*Weekday*

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 6

*Thirty-second*

*Sunday*

*in Ordinary Time*

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

or 20:27, 34-38



# Dear Padre

October 30, 2022

**My aunt has terminal cancer. Her doctors have advised her to stop chemotherapy and begin palliative care, but she says that's equivalent to assisted suicide. Is that what the Church thinks?**

Palliative care doesn't prolong life, but neither does it cause life to end. The bishops are quite clear that palliative care is neither euthanasia nor assisted suicide, both of which are always sinful.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says treating or not treating a patient in a way that will cause death is always murder (CCC 2277). However, a patient's choice to discontinue "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary" treatment "can be legitimate" when it's done not to cause death, but in recognition of "one's inability to impede it" (CCC 2278). But even when death seems to be close, "ordinary care" that would be given to any sick person cannot be interrupted (CCC 2279).

Palliative care does not cause death. It gives terminally ill people spiritual support and relief from their physical symptoms. An excellent resource on this topic, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide," is available at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org).

The Catechism says palliative care "should be encouraged" (CCC 2279). It helps the dying person and the family focus on the gift of life and the blessing each person is. The patient who legitimately chooses palliative care is not waiting to die but rather living those last moments to the fullest and as comfortably as possible.

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## Our Weekly Offering

for 10/23/2022

Loose: \$130

Envelopes : \$825

World Mission: \$40

Votive Candles: \$40

Total Weekly Offering: \$1044

### Birthday

11/2 : Jack Bowling  
11/3 : Jenny Combs  
11/4: Tom Teague

### Prayer Family

Jack & Sue Bowling



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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 Abby Turk.

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

Intentions for November  
Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.