



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

December 4th | Second Sunday of Advent

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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, December 11, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

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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.

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12



Diocesan Laudato Si Commission

As we move into Advent and prepare for the birth of God's son, we ask that all our parishes encourage their families to make time to watch the movie The Letter. A newly-released feature documentary film on humanity's power to stop the ecological crisis, The Letter tells the story of some of the world's frontline leaders journeying to Rome to discuss the encyclical Laudato Si with its author, Pope Francis. The film can be found on YouTube and other streaming services. Just enter Pope Francis or The Letter into the search field. For more information please visit <https://theletterfilm.org>.

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 97% of the way to our goal with \$6072 in donations.

Stockings for Friends

Each year Mother of Good Counsel does stockings for elders through the Housing Development Alliance. Please drop these items off by December 4.

Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious -

The national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up in our Diocese on December 10-11, 2022. Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Thursday is a Holy Day of obligation and the parish will have Mass at 7 pm.

Second Week of Advent - God Meets Us in Our Fear

This week we reflect on Mary's yes to God but yet understand where her fear may arise. Take some time this week to read Luk 1:26-38.

Upcoming Events

- 12/4 - Hanging of the Greens
Teen Disciples 5-6:30
- 12/6 - Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
- 12/7 - Rosary(6:40pm), Communion Service & The Letter viewing part I
- 12/8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
5 pm Jackson
7 pm Hazard

12/ 8-10- Christmas in a Small Town

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Many people today are constantly using social media, but are not themselves very social: they are caught up in themselves, prisoners of the cell phone in their hand. What appears on the screen is not the reality of other persons: their eyes, their breath and their hands.

ADDRESS IN A MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021



Teen Disciples

Students in grades 7-12 will be meeting December 4, 2022 for Teen Disciples from 5 to 6:30 pm. We will continue our series on the Beautitudes.

Christmas in a Small Town

See the schedule below

Schedule of Events


Christmas in a Small Town

Thursday 5-8 PM	Friday 5-8 PM	Saturday 2-8 PM
Ice Rink Cookie Decorating Craft-Making Train Ride Food Vendors Christmas Vendors Photo Opportunities 6PM Polar Express Story Walk (Art Station)	SPM Giving Trees (Begin at Triangle. Must have Giving Tree Bags) SPM Christmas Art Market (Triangle) Ice rink Cookie Decorating Craft-Making Train Ride Food & Christmas Vendors Photo Opportunities	12PM Ugly Xmas Sweater Run 2PM Tentative Ice Carving 4PM Stained Glass Tours & Christmas Carolers (First Baptist Church) 4:15 Lineup for Christmas Parade (Perry Co. Park) 6PM Christmas Parade 8PM Christmas Fireworks Ice rink Cookie Decorating Craft-Making Train Ride Food & Christmas Vendors Photo Opportunities

*Dec. 8, 9, & 10, 2022
Downtown Hazard*

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Perry County's Christmas in a Small Town
presented by Perry County Folk Board



May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.
ROMANS 15:5

Pretend the Dream

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we would act the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of moments of lazy fun, sun-drenched summers, and dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

And so, during this last month of each year we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols

and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and for at least one brief shining moment we will live in harmony with one another. ●

Reflect

This Advent, once a week, try to skip doing something that stresses you.

Once a week, act the way you would like to feel. Fake it if you must.

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Readings for the Week

Monday

December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Friday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

December 10
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11



Dear Padre

December 4, 2022

Many LGBTQ+ youth are homeless, suicidal, or even murdered because of who they are. How can we support them?

Your desire to be compassionate is very much in keeping with the Church's teaching. In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), issued a strongly worded call for civility and respect for homosexual persons. On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons emphasized, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (CCC 2358).

"The Church actively asserts and promotes the intrinsic dignity of every person. As human persons, persons with a homosexual inclination have the same basic rights as all people, including the right to be treated with dignity," wrote the US Bishops in "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination" (2006). In terms of offering support, this document reads, "As baptized members of the Catholic community, persons with a homosexual inclination continue to look to the Church for a place where they may live in authentic human integrity and holiness of life. Being welcomed into and participating in their local faith community is the foundation of spiritual support that the Church offers to them. Full and active participation is encouraged. Participation in a worshipping Catholic community is a support for living a life of chastity and integrity and an encouragement to an ongoing personal conversion." ●

— The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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Our Weekly Offering

for 11/27/2022

Loose: \$0

Envelopes : \$940

All Saints: \$20

CCHD: \$20

Votives : \$23.25

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$1143.25

Birthdays

12/4: Beatrix Atienza

12/5 : Katie Braman & Jackie Caudill

12/10: Jaylissa Braman & Bill Melton

Prayer Family

The Braman Family



Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, 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, Thomas Stidham 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 December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out newpaths to international cooperation.

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