



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

December 18th | Fourth 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 25 , 2022

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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 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24



Rite of Welcome

Today we welcome two candidates, Arthur Neace and John Wells who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. Please be praying for them during this time of preparation to receive the sacraments at Easter.

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. Congratulations to our parish on reaching and exceeding our goal for 2022. The total of gifts pledged in 2022 is \$8272 and the current paid gifts is \$6742.

Volunteer Opportunity

There is a group in Perry County who will be serving a meal to flood survivors living in the park at the Senior Center on Saturday December 24 at noon. They are looking for some volunteers to help serve at 11 am. Additionally if you would be willing to contribute a dessert, side or drink let Lori know.

Giving Tree & Stockings

Thank you to all of you who participated in our giving tree and stockings for the elderly this year. We helped to provide Christmas presents to 30 children and 15 seniors.

Religious Education

Regular religious education classes will resume on January 8th 2023. Additionally during the spring semester the parish will be offering a first communion class for students who are baptized and older than 7 years old on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in this class for your child, please contact Lori and fill out registration forms for this special class.



Decorating for Christmas

Interested in helping to decorate the church for Christmas? Come join us and help decorate on Friday December 23 beginning at 10 am. If you would like to make a donation for flowers or decoration please let Lori know.

Epiphany Potluck

We will gather on January 8th following Mass to celebrate the Christmas Season as a community with a potluck. We will share food and enjoy some games and community. Please sign up for what you would like to bring.

Collections are returning

Beginning in the new year of 2023 we will begin taking up the collection during Mass again. Would you be willing to help take up the collection? Let Lori know.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013

Upcoming Events

- 12/20 - Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
- 12/21 - Rosary, Communion Service (7 pm)
- 12/23 - Decorating for Christmas
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Vigil at 5:30 pm
- 12/25 - Midnight Mass (12:00am)
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Mass (9:30 am)
- 12/26-12/30 - Parish Office will be closed
- 1/1 - Mass at 11:30 am
- 1/8 - Epiphany Potluck

Holy Voices

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens

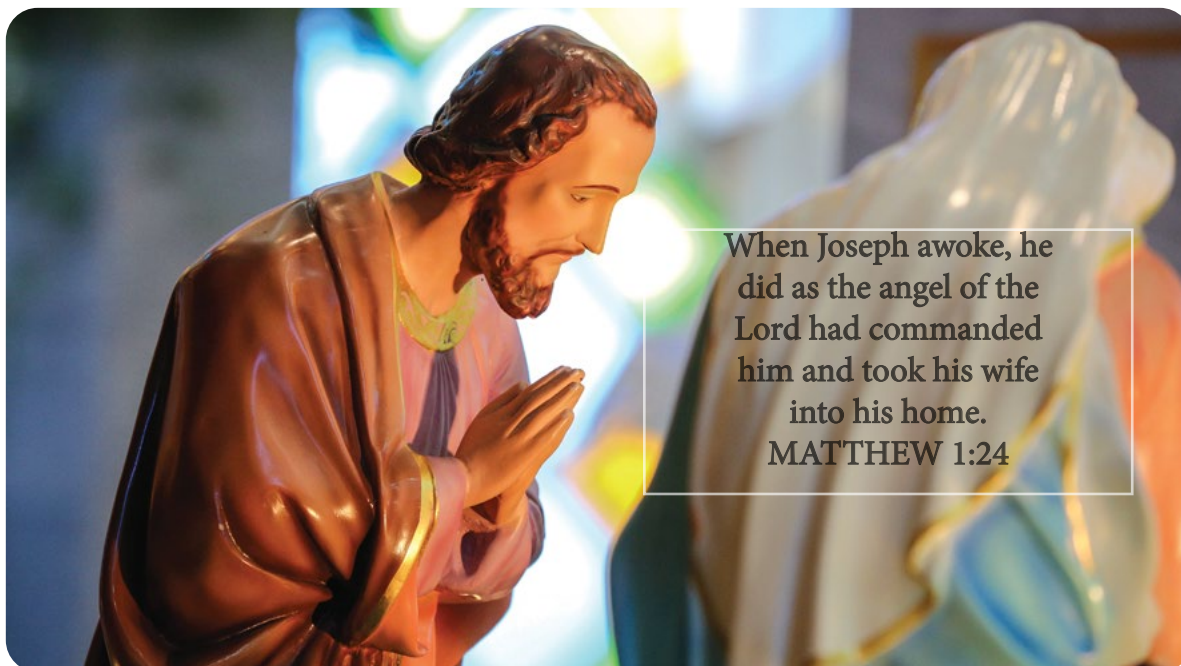
to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God. ●

Reflect

Have you ever followed an inner voice with which others disagreed? What came of it?

Is there someone you trust to tell you if your instinct about something is good?



When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.
MATTHEW 1:24

Monday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7,
24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Friday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday

December 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday

December 25
Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18



Readings for the Week



Dear Padre December 18, 2022

My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "*ite missa est.*" No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass." ●

— *The Redemptorists*
DearPadre.org

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Our Weekly Offering

for 12/11/223

Loose: \$100

Envelopes : \$810

Monthly: \$225

Immaculate Conception: \$40

Retirement for Religious: \$50

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$1365

Birthdays

12/19: Joe Angel Jr.

12/23: Dewey Richie

12/25: Stephen Davidson

Prayer Family

Arthur Neace

John Wells



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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, 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, Monica Spare, Don Davis, 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.