



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 27, 2020 | 26th Week in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Services:

7:00 pm Wednesday - Word & Communion
5:00 pm Saturday - Jackson, Vigil Mass
11:30 am Sunday - Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Ministers for next Sunday, October 4

Sacramental Minister :

Father Livinus Uba

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewing

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 draws 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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5

Mt 21:28–32



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: "Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving."

—EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018



Becoming Catholic

Our RCIA program will continue meeting on Tuesday evenings. We meet via zoom from 7 to 9 pm. Please email Lori for more information or the zoom link.

Adult Faith Formation

This Thursday October 1, the small faith sharing group will meet via zoom at 7:30 pm to discuss Chapter 10 and 15 of the book Jesus, a Pilgrimage by James Martin. Please register for the event via email: lhelfrich@cdlex.org

Drive By Fish Fry

Place your order for a lunchtime fish fry on October 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. People are asked to preorder for, to go or delivery in Hazard. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. We are looking for people to make some desserts (cookies, bars, cupcakes that can be individually packaged).

Link for ordering. <http://mgccc.org/social/fish-fry>

Trivia Night

Mother of Good Counsel is hosting a virtual Trivia Night on November 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Gather your friends who know all the fun and unusual facts and join us for a virtual trivia night from your living room.

The entry fee to play is \$60 per team (\$10 per person for a team of six), and all proceeds will go to help support the parish and all the ministry we share with the community.

Please register your team.

<https://forms.gle/fWwxQ3SoPdFRR4uVA>

Grateful Bread

You may have heard that Mother of Good Counsel has been selling bread at the Perry County Farmers Market. If you would like to order a loaf of bread during the week, orders can be requested on Mondays by noon for pickup the following Wednesday at the church. Contact the church via email, phone or messenger with your order. A limited number orders will be taken each week All proceeds benefit Mother of Good Counsel and our outreach ministries.

White Bread \$5 or Cinnamon Swirl \$7

Living Rosary

A living rosary will be held on Wednesday, October 7, before the Word & Communion Service at 6 pm at Mother of Good Counsel outdoors in the grotto area (grassy area in front of the church). Oct. 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Come by to honor our Blessed Mother and to pray for our country. This beautiful ceremony with candles will be held rain or shine! We invite you to bring your rosary, a chair and a face mask. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, please contact Lori. Please be assured that COVID 19 requirements will be observed.



Season of Creation 2020

September 1 - October 4

The Laudato Si Commission will host a virtual conversation with Bishop John on Energy Effectiveness and Justice on September 30. This program is being presented in support of Pope Francis' call to celebrate the Season of Creation with the theme of Jubilee time for the Earth. You are invited to attend to engage in discussion and activities. For more information, or to register contact Lori.



Diocesan Annual Appeal

The yearly annual appeal for the Diocese of Lexington has begun. The goal for Mother of Good Counsel is \$6000. Currently we have raised \$1000 toward our parish goal. Please discern how you are able to support this appeal.

September 28: Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, first Filipino saint and patron of the Philippines and migrants.



"I am a Catholic and I will remain a Catholic even to the point of death. Only to God I will offer my life. Even if I had a thousand lives, I will still offer them to Him." - St. Lorenzo

Our Weekly Offering for 09/20/20

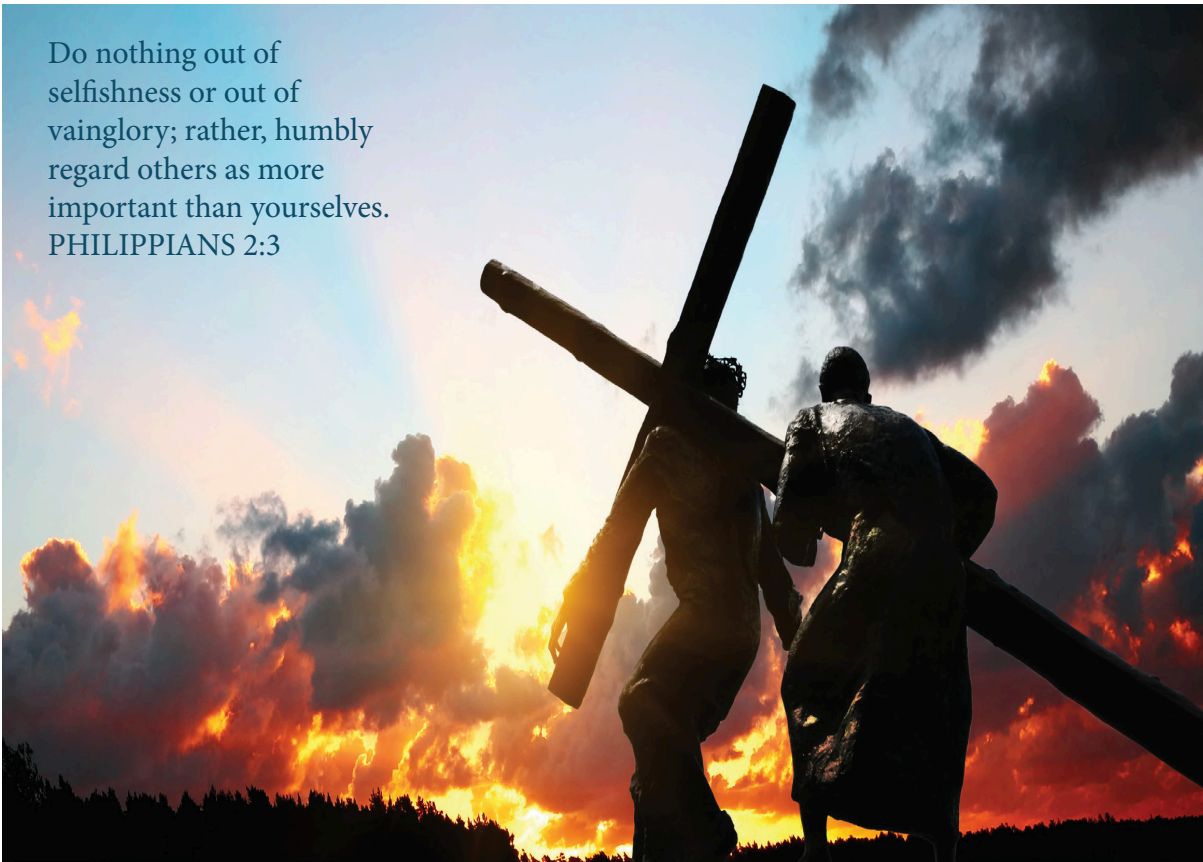
Loose: \$73

Envelopes : \$585

Weekly Online Donations: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$658

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.
PHILIPPIANS 2:3



He Emptied Himself

In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself" (2:7, 8).

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do? These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" (2:6) could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2). Can we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

In what circumstances does your arrogance raise its ugly head? What do you do about that? What might you do to strengthen the bonds of unity in your family? Your workplace? Your parish?



Readings for the Week

Monday
SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Jb 19:21-27
Lk 10:1-12

Friday
OCTOBER 2
Holy Guardian Angels
Jb 38:1, 12-21;
40:3-5
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday
OCTOBER 3
Weekday
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6,
12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
OCTOBER 4
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43



From the Parish Life Director Lori Helfrich

During the season of fall, we are shown that hope can be a beautiful thing as the plants are being harvested, leaves begin to change and we prepare for winter to come. Just as so many holy men and women provide us with hope as to what comes after this life. This next week there are many wonderful feast days to celebrate the lives of those who provided hope and encouragement for a deep spiritual life including: 9/27 St. Vincent De Paul, 9/28 St. Lorenzo Ruiz, 9/29 Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, 10/1 St. Theresa of Lisieux, 10/3, St. Theodor Guerin, 10/4, St. Francis of Assisi. Think about how you are able to provide an example of hope to someone in your life through your small everyday spiritual acts.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Next Sunday, October. 4 is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Francis is known for his kindness, openness, love of animals, and reverence for nature... the patron saint of the environment. Here are a few links connected to St. Francis.

A St. Francis Reflection on Youtube (10 minutes) Link: bit.ly/stfrances-reflection

You may want to consider taking the St. Francis Pledge Link: bit.ly/stfrances-pledge

Articles on Climate Change worth pondering Pope Francis: The pandemic has given us a chance to develop new ways of living. Link: bit.ly/2FNGeGZ

“Pope Francis welcomed this year’s theme chosen by the ecumenical family, “Jubilee for the Earth,” because 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which began in the United States in 1969. Pope Francis recalled that in the biblical tradition “a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore and rejoice.” He developed his message around these five verbs. A jubilee is “a time of grace to remember” that “we exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God’s creatures within our common home.”

Election and Climate Change from Maryknoll

A very helpful brief on this issue: bit.ly/maryknoll-election-climate

A Meditation (3 minutes)

Dear Earth, I’m Sorry | Little Life Tales Link: bit.ly/dearearth-imsorry

PRAYER | Pope Francis, Laudato Si

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Amen

Birthdays This Week:

9/27 : Myla Atienza

9/29 : Pat Lindon

10/4: Becky Davidson



Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Dolly & Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttter, Deb Night, Harvey Richardson, Delois McIntosh, Karen Davis, Zachary Hollan, Bob Rogers, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Willie Wagers, Donnie Combs, Christina Askew, and Renee Messer

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.

Prayer Family:

Pat & Gary Lindon

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