



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

September 6, 2020 | 23rd 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, September 13

Sacramental Minister : Father Bob Damron

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.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vital that the Church today go out to proclaim the Gospel to all, in all places, on all occasions, without delay, reluctance, or fear. We do so in obedience to the Lord's missionary mandate, certain of his presence among us until the end of the world.

—ADDRESS TO UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES, OCTOBER 5, 2017



Becoming Catholic

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the catholic Church? On Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 pm Mother of Good Counsel is hosting a virtual Come and See on Facebook. If anyone is unable to attend or not on Facebook please have them contact the parish for more information.

Religious Education

Please fill out registration forms for your children in kindergarden through twelfth grade. Religious Education and Teen Disciples will begin meeting virtually on September 27. Confirmation preparation will take place this year for those in 7th-12th grade who have not been confirmed.

Religious Education Sundays from 2 -3 pm
Teen Disciples from 6 pm - 7:30
Confirmation Class - time TBD

Parish Planners

Our parish council will meet this Wednesday September 9 at 7:30 pm via zoom. If you would like to attend let Lori know and she will make sure you have the link to join our meeting.

Stewardship

Stewardship is the recognition that everything belongs to God. We are called to use the gifts, tools, and talents God has given us to glorify God. Good stewards live their lives in an intentional way. They trust that when they work in conjunction with the Lord' plan for them amazing and miraculous things happen. Please consider how you can be a steward at Mother of Good Counsel.

Stewardship Oppourtunities include: serving on Parish Council, landscape help, being a Catechist for children, young adults, or adults, clean the church or making a doantion.

Virtual Trivia Night

On Saturday September 19, Mother of Good Counsel will host its first ever virtual trivia night. Registration will be available Thursday September 10. Cost is \$10 per person with a maxium of 6 people per team.

Drive By Fish Fry

Mark your calenders for a lunchtime fish fry on October 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. People will be able to preorder for to go or delivery in Hazard. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next Sunday (9/13) for World Missions. Please prayerfully discern how you are able to support this collection.

Adult Faith Formation

On September 23, the small faith sharing group will meet via zoom at 7:30 pm to discuss Chpater 10 and 15 of the book Jesus, a Pilgrimage by James Martin. Please register for the event via email.



Season of Creation 2020

September 1 - October 4

On September 17, The Laudato Si Commission will host a virtual conversation with Bishop John on Energy Effectiveness and Justice. 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.

October 3

There will be a Diocesan tree planting event in Somerset, Kentucky. This event will include a memorial for Fr. John Rausch and planting of chestnut trees. Lunch will be included. Registration is required for this event. Let Lori know if you plan to attend.

Resources

Season of Creation 2020 Jubilee Time for the Earth: A Catholic Liturgical Guide
<https://www.dominicancenter.org/season-of-creation-jubilee-time-for-earth/>

Meditative Reflection Guide for a Pilgrimage Walk:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14ReMmStNOFPwmLpCbVJnsEbrCwCor7u/view?usp=sharing>

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 duiring 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

Our Weekly Offering for 08/30/20

Loose: \$37

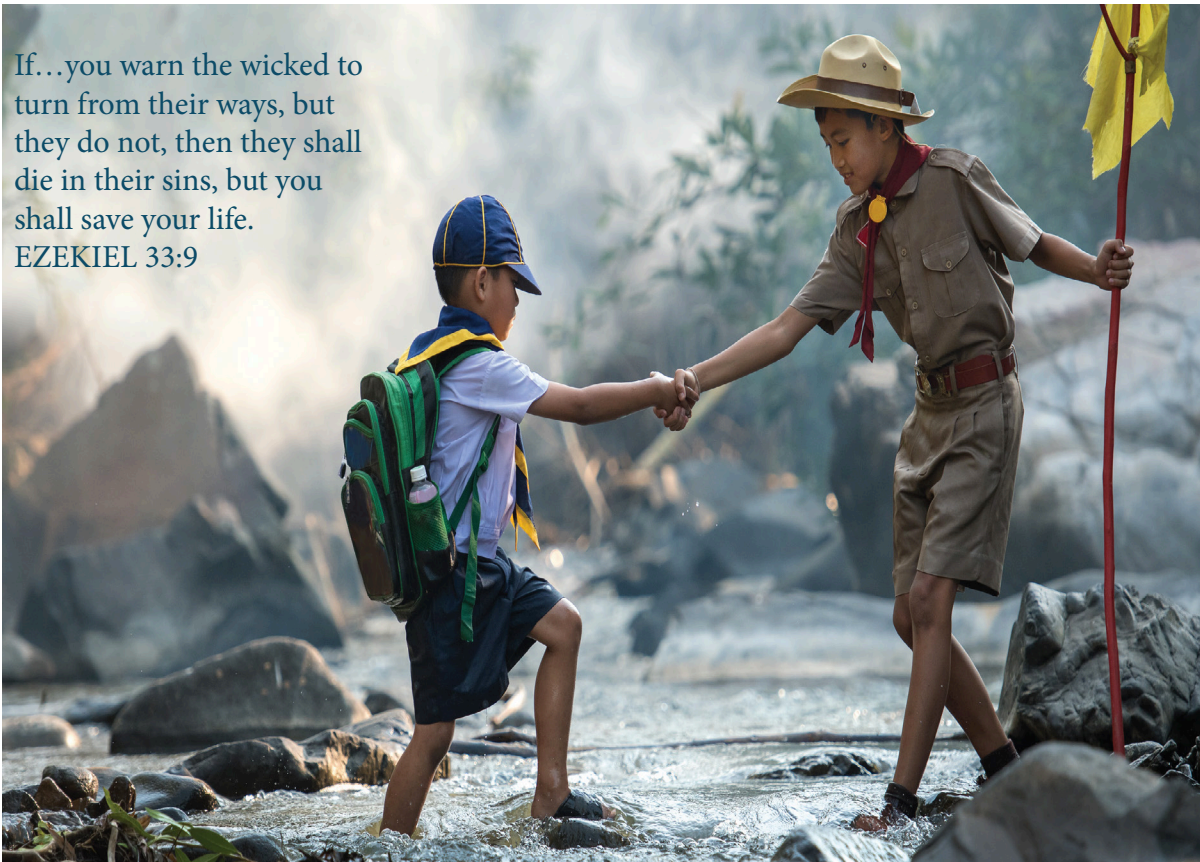
Envelopes : \$1360

Crossroads: \$20

Weekly Online Donations: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$1492

If...you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life.
EZEKIEL 33:9



“It’s None of My Business”

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother’s or sister’s keepers?

Today’s readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God’s will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God’s word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother’s or sister’s keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other’s business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another’s error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA”

For Reflection

Is your life an example of the values of your faith?
Pray for those whom you love, who have left the practice of the faith.

Monday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin

Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver,

Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7,

11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16-19,

22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13

Twenty-fourth

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35



Readings for the Week

**Stay Connected to
MGC on
Social Media**



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From the Parish Life Director Lori Helfrich

Good for Counsel

This week we celebrate the Nativity of Mary otherwise known as her birthday on September 8. Birthdays are a time to celebrate someone's life. As we get older our birthday may not be like when we were children, an exciting time we could hardly wait for yet seemed to take forever to arrive each year. But we should celebrate each new year of life for we are beloved by God.

Mary was beloved by God in a special way, she was chosen to bring Jesus into the world and be his human mother. Everyone wants to belong and be loved. It is part of the human existence to want to be loved, a place where you are not tolerated but rather celebrated for who you are. Each of us has a unique call from God to bring Jesus into the world and help build the kingdom of God, sharing a message of love. How can you celebrate the beloved individual you are with other people in your community?

My work is loving the world.
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird—
equal seekers of sweetness.
Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.
Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect?
Let me keep my mind on what matters,
which is my work,
which is mostly standing still and learning to be
astonished.
The phoebe, the delphinium.
The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients
are here, which is gratitude, to be given a mind
and a heart
and these body-clothes,
a mouth with which to give shouts of joy
to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up
clam, telling them all, over and over, how it is
that we live forever.



Vocation Prayer

Cardinal Bernardin

O Lord of the harvest, your Word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community, and invites us to generous service of the human family.

Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one Body of Christ.

May many choose to respond in public service to your call offered in Jesus name.

Amen



Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Todd Teague, Dolly & Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzheim, 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, 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:

All families of the parish