



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 11, 2020 | 28th 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 11**

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 25:6-10a

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind...Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?

ANGELUS, JULY 10, 2016



### Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for October will be on 10/11 and 10/25 from 2 to 3 pm.

### 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 21, 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

### Poster Contest in the Diocese

“The Diocesan Vocations Office is sponsoring a poster contest to kick off National Vocations Awareness Week, November 1 through 6, 2020. The theme for the poster will be “All Saints and All Vocations”. The contest is for K-5th grade. Deadline for posters is October 29. More information on how to submit next week.

### 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

The Grateful Bread has finished the season 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

### Teen Disciples

The Teen Disciples group is meeting virtually on 10/11 and 10/25 from 6 to 7:30 pm. We are continuing in our session on Parables. Let Lori know if you need the zoom link.



### 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 \$1450 toward our parish goal. Please discern how you are able to support this appeal.

### Respect Life Month

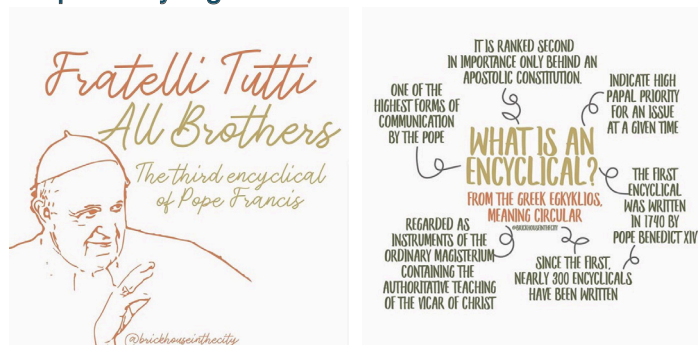
Through out the month of October as a church we continue to prayer for various respect life issues. This week we ask you to remember all those who are terminally ill and that God will help them as they journey into eternal life and help us to support them.

### FRATELLI TUTTI ( All Brothers )

This is the new encyclical on human fraternity from Pope Francis that was released on October 5, 2020. Encyclicals are such a gift to the church and I encourage you to take the time to read it. Even if it's just one or two paragraphs a day.

“Let us dream, the, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.”

<https://bit.ly/2lgEbvT>



## Our Weekly Offering for 10/04/20

- Loose: \$0
- Envelopes : \$765
- Monthly: \$110
- Mission Appeal : \$100
- Weekly Online Donations: \$715
- Total Weekly Offering: \$1690**

# Our Invitation from the King

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle”(Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## For Reflection

So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?



Monday  
OCTOBER  
12  
Weekday  
Gal 4:22–24,  
26–27,  
31–5:1  
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday  
OCTOBER  
13

Weekday  
Gal 5:1–6  
Lk 11:37–41  
Wednesday  
OCTOBER  
14

Weekday  
Gal 5:18–25  
Lk 11:42–46  
Thursday  
OCTOBER  
15

St. Teresa of  
Jesus, Virgin  
and Doctor of  
the Church  
Eph 1:1–10  
Lk 11:47–54

Friday  
OCTOBER  
16

Weekday  
Eph 1:11–14  
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday  
OCTOBER  
17

St. Ignatius  
of Antioch,  
Bishop and  
Martyr  
Eph 1:15–23  
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday  
OCTOBER 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time Is  
45:1, 4–6  
1 Thes 1:1–5b  
Mt 22:15–21”



Readings for the Week



## From the Parish Life Director Lori Helfrich

This week in the worldwide Catholic Church there were two important events that happened, on Monday October 5, Pope Francis' third encyclical was released called Fratelli Tutti (All brothers) and this past Saturday, October 10, there was a young man, Carlos Acutis who was granted the next step toward Satinhood as he was beatified by Pope Francis. Blessed Carlos Acutis, a young man of great piety (and zest for life) who died at 15 from leukemia, was beatified by Pope Francis. He is the first "Millennial Blessed" and now Patron of the Internet. We are reminded by these two events that the church is worldwide and we too are called to live a life of holiness with one another as brothers and sisters. Take some time this week to read part of Fratelli Tutti and find out a little more about Carlos Acutis.

### Preparing yourself to Vote

As election day 2020 in the United States draws near, we as Catholics are called to not only participate in our society by voting but are called to form our conscience on voting with our Catholic faith in mind. Faithful Citizenship is information from the USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) on how to prepare for voting. Take some time to pray for our elections and ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit as you form your conscience about the many issues and candidates that you will be voting for.

Faithful Citizenship from USCCB Link: <https://bit.ly/33OWTTW>

### I Vote Catholic 10/11/2020: Solidarity

During this fifth week, we focus on Solidarity. We believe that every human person was created by the same God. Ultimately, we are all brothers and sisters. We are all connected. As one human family, we are deeply connected to people around the world—wherever they may be. Because we are one, we are affected by the joy and suffering of all. "If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice." (1 Cor. 12:12–26). Living in solidarity means that we take action to make sure that every member of our human family is living in conditions that honor human dignity. Under this principle fall issues such as immigration, refugees, homelessness, foreign aid, global policy and empowerment, and religious freedom. Find out more at [www.iVoteCatholic.org](http://www.iVoteCatholic.org).

### Dear Padre

"What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?"

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works" (Ephesians 2:8–9). The Catechism of the Catholic Church attests that we have merit in God's sight only because "God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace" (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, "so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful" (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!

Moreover, Catholics believe these good works "contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the 'meritorious' character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace" (Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38). Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions

(CCC 2010)."

"—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR



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### Birthdays This Week:

10/10 : Fatima Solis

### Prayer List

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

Fatima & Lance Solis