



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

October 4, 2020 | 27th 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 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.

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table...We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed.

—JOINT STATEMENT, CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION, OCTOBER 31, 2016



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.

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

Drive By Fish Fry

Thank you for everyone's help with the fish fry fundraiser. The parish raised \$950.

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



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.

Preparing 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. 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>

10/4/2020: Life & Dignity of the Human Person

iVoteCatholic: During this fourth week, we focus on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person which is also the focus of Respect Life Sunday. The Church teaches that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Because of this fact, every human life is sacred. Every life is worth living. There is nothing anyone can do to take this dignity away. All of our Catholic social teaching flows from this principle. People are more important than things. Under this principle fall issues such as abortion, racism, war and terrorism, the death penalty, and assisted suicide. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.

Our Weekly Offering for 09/27/20

Loose: \$20.90

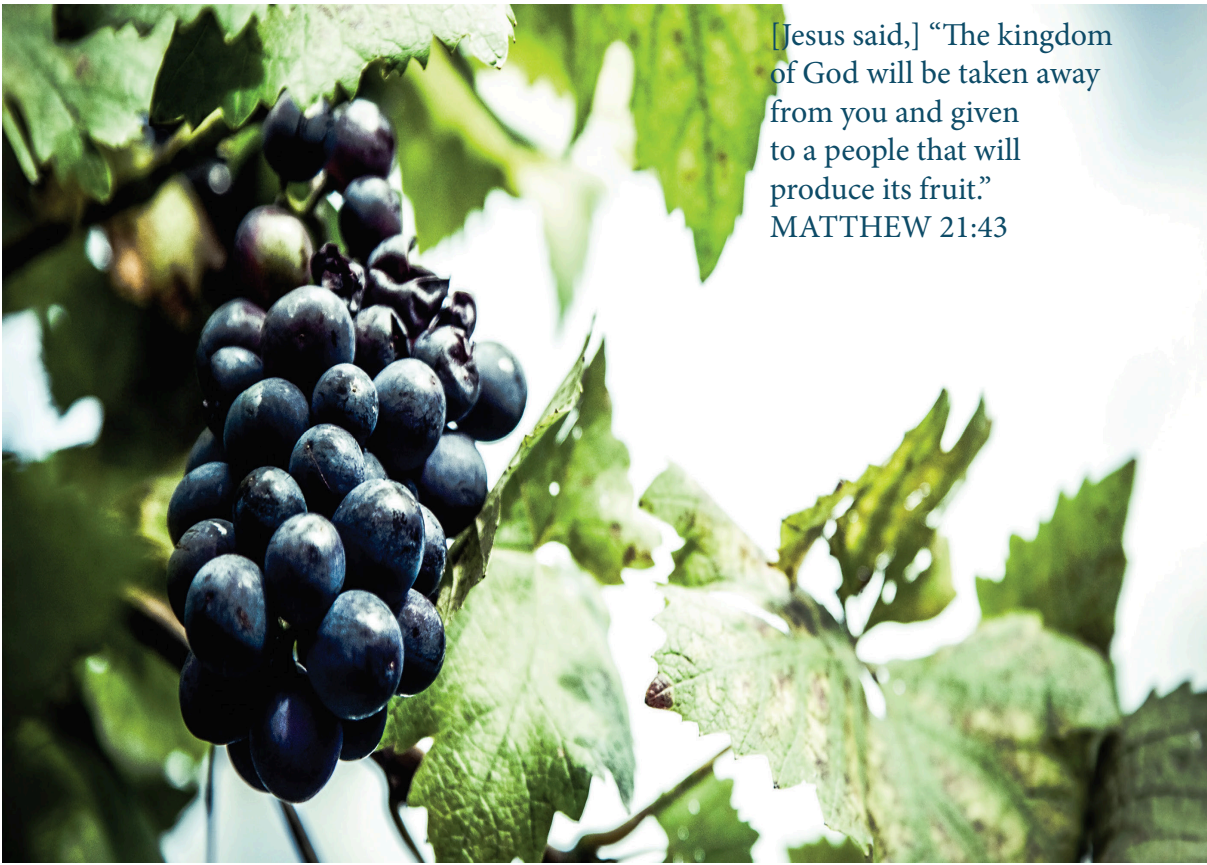
Envelopes : \$2355

Monthly: \$120

Mission Appeal : \$552

Weekly Online Donations: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$3187.90



[Jesus said,] “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”
MATTHEW 21:43



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

Caring for God’s Vineyard

Today’s readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God’s “cherished plant” (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn’t replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today’s Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God’s vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA”

For Reflection

We are the Church. How do we handle some of its internal problems?

We pray for the leaders of the Church at every liturgy. Make those prayers your own.



Dear Padre

Aren't we discriminating against other Christians when we don't celebrate the Eucharist with them?

You have to keep the Church's intentions in mind: Are we excluding to make people feel left out, or are we excluding to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the Eucharist?

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Eucharist—there's only one part they can't participate in. That might sound like a cop-out, but Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Christ. For it to be true Communion, everyone who receives it must believe the same thing about it. In its Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission" as outlined in canon law. "All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another" (GRC).
—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Today 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/2FNGeZ

"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. 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:

- 10/4: Becky Davidson
- 10/5: Bridget Turner
- 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 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:

Rosemary & Albert Pratt

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