



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

November 15, 2020 | 33rd Sunday 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, November 22

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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Christians are called to promote political dialogue, especially where it is threatened and where conflict seems to prevail. Christians are called to restore dignity to politics and to view politics as a lofty service to the common good, not a platform for power....To be a leader demands thoughtfulness, training, and experience.

—ADDRESS TO BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OCTOBER 28, 2017



Religious Education

Our Tri Parish Religious Education for will take place on the following Sunday afternoons 11/22, and 12/6 from 2 to 3 pm. All classes will have their annual safe environment sessions on Nov. 22.

Rite of Welcome

Our RCIA program continues to meet virtually on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Those in the RCIA process will take the next step of RCIA process as they officially become catechumens and candidates at today's Mass. Please keep our six individuals in your prayers during this time. Please email Lori for more information on joining our gatherings or the zoom link.

Confirmation Class & Teen Disciples

Today from 6 pm to 7:30 those in our confirmation class will gather for our virtual class. Also next Sunday November 22 Teen Disciples will gather from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for our safe environment lesson.

Book of Remembrance

As a parish each year we inscribe the names of those who have died in our Book of Remembrance during the month of November. You are invited to inscribe the names of your beloved dead in our Book of Remembrance. This year you may submit a picture via email or bring a framed picture to place on our altar of remembrance. They will be remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The annual appeal for the Diocese of Lexington has finished its public campaign but you are still able to donate to the appeal throughout November. Mother of Good Counsel has raised \$5550 of its \$6000 goal (93% of our goal. We have nearly reached our parish goal, if you are able to contribute even a small amount please consider making your donation to help us reach our goal. Please discern how you are able to support this appeal.

Advent & Christmas

As we prepare for a unique holiday season this year Mother of Good Counsel will be offering some options to make your experience of prayer, community and celebration rich and full of hope and celebration. MGC will have our usual reflection books from the Word Among Us, as well as some other reflection material. We will also have each family pick up a 2021 Missal that will become your family book.

If you are interested in connecting with another parishioner you can sign up to be paired with another parishioner who wishes to participate and call, send a card or connect with each other with small acts throughout Advent and Christmas. You can sign up online or by calling the parish. Register before November 29.

Finally we will have a registration system for our Christmas Masses. There will be a 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass, a Midnight Mass and a 9:30 am Mass Christmas Day. This registration will not open until December 12. We also plan to stream the Midnight Mass

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.



Our Weekly Offering for 11/8/20

Loose: \$1

Envelopes : \$160

Monthly: \$270

Weekly Online Donations: \$700

Total Weekly Offering: \$1131



Ready or Not, Here I Come

As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in

refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

Are you faithful to your responsibilities?

If not, what is holding you back?

Let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:6



Readings for the Week

Monday
NOVEMBER 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1-11
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday
NOVEMBER 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1-10
Lk 19:41-44

Friday
NOVEMBER 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8-11
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday
NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4-12
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday
NOVEMBER 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46



From the Parish Life Director

Today we celebrate our catechumens and candidates as they take their next step in becoming Catholic during our Easter vigil. We officially welcome them to the community in the rite of welcome. This year we have been meeting via zoom for our classes but it has fostered some very fruitful conversations about the Catholic faith. Please keep them in your prayers as we continue to journey to their joining the Catholic Church.

Good for Counsel

Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Yes, and here is some background. Christ makes possible a new and eternal creation. He “will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead” (Order of Christian Funerals, 219).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to life as we know it. The body is not a resuscitated one like Lazarus’ (see John 11), but a resurrected one like Christ, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—while alive, and at the time of death—because we are created in God’s image. Some reason that such respect for the body prevents donating it to science, but that’s not the opinion of the Church. “Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death” (The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 63).

It’s advisable to make this decision to donate in consultation with family members or health care providers. Many, echoing St. John Paul II, consider such a self-giving act in death “with a view to offering a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae], 86) as a supreme manifestation of what it means to be Christian!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

The Prayer of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer
Thee the Most Precious
Blood of Thy Divine Son,
Jesus, in union with the
masses said throughout the
world today, for all the
holy souls in purgatory, for
sinners everywhere, for
sinners in the universal
church, those in my own
home and within my
family.
Amen.



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Birthdays This Week:

11/16 : Helen Brunty & Lori Helfrich
11/18: Gavin Napier
11/19: Polly Pennington Wilson

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray & Wanda Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Himmertzheim, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, Nancy Nuttner, 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, 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:

**All Candidates & Catechumens from
Mother of Good Counsel :**

Waylon Roberts

Cindy Combs

Chet Bailey

Sarina , Natalie & Destiny Sahay