



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

December 19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

329 Poplar Street, Hazard, KY 41701

Phone : (606)436.2533 | 606.233.3012 for emergency or after hours | Fax: (606) 436.0171

www.mgccc.org

Eucharistic Services:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday after Mass; other times by appointment.

Office Hours: Wed - Friday 10 am to 5 pm

Ministers for next Sunday, December 26

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Lector : Bridget Turner

Ministers at MGC

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

email: lhelfrich@cdlex.org

Mother of Good Counsel Prayer by B.J. Ewen

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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

1310 West Main Street
Lexington, KY 40508-2048

Phone: (859)253.1993

www.cdlex.org



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 draw 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Jesus] did not wait until we were good before he loved us, but gave himself freely to us. May we not wait for our neighbors to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS, DECEMBER 24, 2019



Christmas Schedule & Season

During this season of Advent we prepare our.

- Dec 24
Christmas Eve Mass, - Hazard
5:30 pm
- Dec 25
Midnight Mass- in Hazard
- Dec 26
Feast of the Holy Family 11:30 am
- Dec 31
Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary
the Mother of God
7 pm
- Jan 2
Feast of Epiphany Mass 11:30am
Church potluck - following Mass



Decorating for Christmas

Thursday December 23 we will be decorating the church beginning at 1 pm. All are invited to come and help decorate the church for Christmas.

Advent Reconciliation Service

This Tuesday December 21, Good Shepherd in Campton will host an Advent Reconciliation Service. This will be at 6 pm in Campton.

Envelopes

The new offertory envelopes will begin arriving shortly. They will be mailed to your home on a regular basis. Please talk with Lori if you have any questions. Also remember that any donations you are wishing to make need to be dated December 31, 2021 to be considered under the year 2021.

Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic is in full swing. There will not be class this week. Regular classes will return January 4, 2022. On December 29, 2021 at 7 pm Mother of Good Counsel will be bringing Jim Braeshare into Full Communion. Come and join us for Mass and this celebration. Please keep Jim in your prayers during this final preparation for coming into the church.

Pop Up Farmers Market

Tuesday December 21 from 4 pm to 6 pm there will be a pop up holiday market at the farmers' market pavilion located next to Triangle park downtown Hazard. There will be many tasty treats, local meat, crafts, jewelry, and other gifts available for purchase. The Greatful Bread will have cinnamon rolls for sale at the market.

Special Collection - Emergency Assistance in Western Kentucky.

"Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Owensboro could use our help as the western part of the state of Kentucky recovers from Friday's violent storms. The state of Kentucky experienced extreme weather events including a devastating tornado that resulted in a high number of fatalities and destruction in areas served by the Diocese of Owensboro including Mayfield and Bowling Green. A second collection will be taken today and next weekend for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro to offer help and services for those displaced or who have immediate needs as a result of the storms. Please be generous to support the emergency needs in our state and pray for those affected especially for the many lives lost. Thank you for your kind support."

Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Meal for Those in Need

Thank you to Susan Hull, Rebecca Davidson, Pat Lindaon, Helen Brunty, and Luke Glaser for helping to prepare and deliver a meal for those in need. Our next parish meal will be on January 21, 2022.

Sibang Gabi Mass

There was a wonderful celebration of Sibang Gabi on Friday evening with the Filipino Community.



Are We There Yet?

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imaged: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"

By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

For which of God's promises are you excited?

Open your mind and heart to our firm, strong, and dependable leader.



Readings for the Week

Monday
DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday
DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday
DECEMBER 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Thursday
DECEMBER 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Friday
DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Saturday
DECEMBER 25
*Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)*
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday
DECEMBER 26
*Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and
Joseph*
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22,
24-28
Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17 or 1 Jn
3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52



Dear Padre

December 19, 2021

I just learned there are two versions of the Christmas story in the Bible. How can that be? What's the difference?

One Christmas story is in Matthew, and the other is in Luke. They differ on some details—but at their hearts, the teaching is the same. In both, Mary is a virgin betrothed to Joseph but not yet living with him, and Jesus is conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. Both also have Jesus born in Bethlehem.

In Matthew, the angel announces Jesus' birth to Joseph; in Luke, Mary receives the announcement. Jesus is named by Joseph in Matthew and by Mary in Luke.

The biggest difference involves the Christmas visitors. Matthew's Magi were educated Gentiles from a pagan country. They worshiped Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing us at the start of the Gospel that Jesus is King, Priest, and Savior. Luke is always partial to the poor, so he has shepherds rather than Magi witness to Christ.

The Christmas stories are different because the authors and their audiences were different. But there's no need to get lost in the details. Read both accounts and allow God's grace to deepen your faith.

Fr. John Murray, CSsR

© 2021 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in USA. Imprimatur: "In accordance with CIC 827, permission to publish was granted on May 19, 2021, by the Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission." No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible*, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletins, call 800-325-9521, or visit Liguori.org.



Happenings this Week

Tuesday

Pop Up Farmers Market

4:00pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Communal

Reconciliation Service

Friday

Our Weekly Offering

for 12/12/21

Loose: \$39

Envelopes : \$280

Monthly: \$110

Christmas Flowers: \$10

Immaculate Conception: \$10

Retirement for Religious: \$60

Special Collection for Western

KY: \$90

Online: \$ 140

Total Weekly Offering: \$739

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhelm, Charles McDaniel, Jon Latunik, 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, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Mike Caldwell, Monica Spare, The Rice Family, Renee Messer, Maria Hall, Elizabeth Pennington, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Mandi Dishner, and Ron Brunty.

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:

Sandy Angel & Joe Angel Jr.

Birthdays

12/19: Joe Angel Jr.

12/23 : Dewey Ritchie

12/25: Stephen Davidson

Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



Mother of Good Counsel



Mother of Good Counsel