



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

December 26 2021 | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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, January 2, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev.Livinus Uba

Lector

Ministers at MGC

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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

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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 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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)
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



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016



Christmas Schedule & Season

- 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
- Jan 9 Baptism of the Lord - 11:30 Mass

Epiphany Party

Next Sunday following Mass we will have an Epiphany potluck celebration. Bring a dish to share and we will celebrate with food, games, and shared fellowship.



Calendars

Please pick up a wall calendar and a date book. They are gifts on behalf of the parish.

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 Decemeber 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.

Feast of Mary Mother of God

January 1st marks the feast of Mary Mother of God, and although not a holy day of obligation this year, we will have a vigil Mass at 7 pm on December 31, 2021.

Special Collection - Emergency Assistance in Western Kentucky.

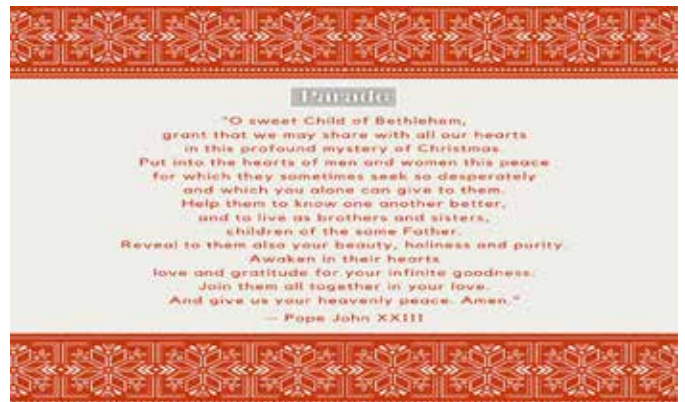
“Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Owensboro could use our help as the western part of the state of Kentucky recovers from Friday’s violent storms. The state of Kentucky experienced extreme weather events including a devastating tornado that resulted in a high number of fatalities and destruction in areas served by the Diocese of Owensboro including Mayfield and Bowling Green. We have raised \$360 as a parish toward this collection. If you would like to still make a contrinbution please drop it in the basket or drop it off at the parish office. 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.”

Decorations

Thank you to Susan Hull, Alyson Askew, and Russel Oliver for helping to prepare and decorate the church for Christmas. On Sunday January 9 following Mass we will be taking down Christmas decorations. Plan to saty and put away decorations if you are able.

Cleaning the Church in 2022

The new schedule for cleaning the church is 2022 is available. Please sign up for a slot to clean the church during those couple of weeks. This service helps to keep our church clean and provides an opportunity to maintain our facility.





[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
LUKE 2:51

All in the Family

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?
Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?



Readings for the Week

Monday
DECEMBER 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday
DECEMBER 28
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday
DECEMBER 29
Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday
DECEMBER 30
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

Friday
DECEMBER 31
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday
JANUARY 1
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Sunday
JANUARY 2
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12e



Dear Padre

December 26, 2021

I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?

It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."

A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners. Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Mass - Reception into Full Communion of James

Brashear

Friday

7:00 pm Vigil Mass for Feast of Mary Mother of God

Our Weekly Offering

for 12/19/21

Loose: \$18

Envelopes : \$385

Retirement for Religious: \$15

Special Collection for Western

KY: \$270

Online: \$ 2075

Total Weekly Offering: \$2763

Prayer List

Joey Napier, Ray Lindon, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, 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:

James Brashear

Birthdays

12/27: Alex Lozano

12/30" Alita Vogel

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