



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 16, 2022 | Second Sunday in Ordinsry Time

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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 16, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev.Bob Dueweke, OSA

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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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance!

I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014



Calendars

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

Envelopes & Tax Donation Letters

The new offertory envelopes are being mailed to your homes. They will be mailed to your home on a regular basis. Please talk with Lori if you have any questions. Donation Letters for Tax Year 2021 will be sent out in January to all donors who contributed in calendar year 2021 to the parish.

Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic is in full swing. Classes return this Tuesday January 18, 2022. The topic for class this week will be : Introduction to Sacraments.

Decorations

Today following Mass we will be taking down Christmas decorations. Please take a few minutes to help take down decorations after Mass 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.

Parish Planners

The next parish planners will take place on January 23, 2022 following Mass. Come and join us as we plan for events and happenings at Mother of Good Counsel in the upcoming months.

Second Collection

The Opportunities for Life Collection occurs today and next Sunday. Funds from the collection are used in the Diocese of Lexington to support a range of activities that promote the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. Please give generously to support programs in the Diocese of Lexington that honor, respect and value human life at all stages.

Listening Sessions for the Synod

Synod for a Synodal Church – The Diocese of Lexington officially kicks off the Synod for a Synodal Church with Deanery level listening sessions beginning January 30, 2022. Mountain East Deanery will hold its listening session on March 13, 2022 at Mother of Good Counsel following the 11:30 am Mass. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts on the Catholic Church and what it will look like in the future.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for 2022

January: For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Catholic Charities & Telehealth Counseling

Telehealth counseling services are available Monday through Friday and some evenings to anyone living in the Diocese of Lexington. An application packet is available at catholiccharitieslexington.org under the counseling button. Costs and the sliding fee scale based on income and family size is also available there. Private health insurance may also pay for services. Persons who have questions or wish to have an application mailed to them should contact Gwen Hall at (606) 874-9170.

Pray to Protect Human Life



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 -25, 2022





Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.
JOHN 2:10

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer forsaken or desolate, but now a delight and espoused (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

How might you describe your relationship with God?
 Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change tha



Readings for the Week

Monday JANUARY 17 <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i> 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday JANUARY 18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday JANUARY 19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6
Thursday JANUARY 20 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12
Friday JANUARY 21 <i>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19
Saturday JANUARY 22 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21
Sunday JANUARY 23 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Dear Padre

January 16, 2022

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion

Service

Friday

Meal for Those in Need



Prayer List

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

Tim & Cindy Cory

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Our Weekly Offering

for 1/9/22

Loose: \$30

Envelopes : \$480

Monthly: \$250

Online: \$ 75

Total Weekly Offering: \$835