



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 23, 2022 | Third Sunday in Ordinary 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 30, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

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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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017



Tax Donation Letters

Please pick up your tax donation letters today following Mass. All unpicked up letters will be mailed this week.

Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic is in full swing. Class this week will be on Tuesday January 25 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be Sacraments of Initiation.

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 today, 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. 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.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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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 at 1 pm. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts on the Catholic Church and what it will look like in the future. Please take a few moments before March 13 to fill out a brief survey(it should take about 5 to 10 minutes to fill out). You can find the survey online at: <https://bit.ly/3AkNPER> . If you would prefer a printed copy, pick one up at church. If you would like to answer the questions verbally speak with Lori to setup a time to answer this survey.

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.

Catholic Studies Program at Lexington Theological Seminary

Offers the course:

Living the Catholic Experience: Ethics and Social Justice (IB 554) Jan 31—Feb. 26, 2022
Professor Jean Ponder Soto, Ph.D.

For more information visit: lextheo.edu Or call:
Admissions: (859) 280-1249 Lexington Theological Seminary is an ecumenical seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., on Friday, Jan. 15 inaugurated and blessed the Masters in Pastoral Studies/Roman Catholic Studies program.



Join fellow Catholics for a day of faith and action in Frankfort!
Led by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, this powerful event will include education and advocacy around issues like the death penalty, abortion, gun violence, school choice, and criminal justice reform.

Who: Catholics from across the Diocese of Lexington
When: Thurs. February 17, 2022 from 9am–2pm
Where: Capitol Building, Frankfort, KY
What: Education & training on current legislative issues; meetings with State Representatives; remarks by Bishop John Stowe

Registration for this event is required. Email Joshua van Cleef, Director of Peace & Justice, at jvancleef@cdlex.org to register and receive the full itinerary.



Fulfilled in Your Hearing

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

- For Reflection**
- In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?
 - Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?"



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.
LUKE 4:14



Readings for the Week

Monday
JANUARY 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday
JANUARY 25
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday
JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Mk 4:21-25

Friday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday
JANUARY 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 13:4-13
Lk 4:21-30



Dear Padre

January 23, 2022

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?

The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Sunday
Parish Planners

Tuesday
7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday
6:40 pm Rosary
7:00 pm Word & Communion Service



Prayer List

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

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.

Birthdays

1/26 : Shatzie Turk
1/29 : Maria Hall
1/30: Wendy Latunik

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Our Weekly Offering

for 1/6/22

Loose: \$7

Envelopes : \$20

Online: \$ 140

Total Weekly Offering: \$167

Prayer Family:
Maria Hall