



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 30, 2022 | Fourth 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, February 6, 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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13

Lk 4:21-30



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart.

JOURNEY TO THE PHILIPPINES, JANUARY 16, 2015



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 February 1 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be Sacraments of Healing

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.

Book Discussion Group

During the Lenten Season the parish will offer a book discussion group on the book Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales. Please sign up if you would like a copy of the book so that the book may be ordered. Cost of the book is \$15 but let Lori know if the cost is a problem.

Praying with Scripture

Are you looking for some new ways to engage the living word of God in scripture? Join spiritual Director and retreat guide Becky Eldredge for guided imaginative prayer and use the many resources she offers to deepen your spiritual life.

<https://beckyeldredge.com/praying-with-scripture-resources/>

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.

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 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.

The Pilgrims Trail

When we are willing to see each other’s sacredness, to see why God loves us all, we can grow in the Kingdom of God on earth. If we have entombed ourselves, The Pilgrims Trail invites us out of the tomb and into the living relationship with Christ through the love of all. Let us start with our fellow Catholics and experience the diversity of our historic diocese. Let us exercise our hearts into opening with love for all, and increase our faith, but journeying with one another. Travel to parishes throughout the Diocese in 2022.



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.



How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways.

Paul's praise of love from the second reading is a favorite passage for weddings where it acts as a set of promises the bridal couple make to each other. They seem to be saying: "This is the way I am going to act, because I love you. I promise to put you ahead of me." And they genuinely mean it. They're convinced the passion they feel, the concern they experience, will be all that's needed to transcend any future difficulties they might face.

Soon, reality sets in and they realize that the list is really a strategy for scaling the heights of unselfishness or critically examining the conscience to reveals one's failures. This is not to say that people do not genuinely love each other. They do. But we are all so human, and selfishness is a weakness to which we are all susceptible. Perhaps Paul should have written: "Love tries to be patient, love tries to be kind..."

In a way, it is precisely in the give-and-take that occurs between imperfect humans that all the wonderful characteristics listed by Paul are refined. Our impatience is worn away as we deal sympathetically with the disagreeable traits of our loved ones. We become humble when those who should encourage us fail to acknowledge accomplishments that might otherwise inflate our egos. These are the slights we endure because we love the other person. Actually, such humble endurance is evidence that love truly is patient and kind.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Love is patient, love is kind...
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4, 7

For Reflection

- Go out of your way to show love to someone in your family.
- Think of ways of being a bit more understanding of others.



Readings for the Week

Monday	JANUARY 31
	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>
2 Sm	15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Mk	5:1-20
Tuesday	FEBRUARY 1
	<i>Weekday</i>
2 Sm	18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Mk	5:21-43
Wednesday	FEBRUARY 2
	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Mal	3:1-4
Heb	2:14-18
Lk	2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday	FEBRUARY 3
	<i>Weekday</i>
1 Kgs	2:1-4, 10-12
Mk	6:7-13
Friday	FEBRUARY 4
	<i>Weekday</i>
Sir	47:2-11
Mk	6:14-29
Saturday	FEBRUARY 5
	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>
1 Kgs	3:4-13
Mk	6:30-34
Sunday	FEBRUARY 6
	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is	6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Cor	15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Lk	5:1-11



Dear Padre

January 30, 2022

There are so many preachers urging us to "reform our lives." Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn't there more involved?

Consider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus' followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class, nationality, or any other distinction is fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled, the mentally challenged, the poor, and the elderly. Every human is a creation of God, created in God's image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly a key conviction of the Second Vatican Council: "With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [*Gaudium et Spes*], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcome discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country's division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Monday & Tuesday
Laudato Si Commission Retreat

Tuesday
7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

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



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Our Weekly Offering

for 1/23/22

Loose: \$48

Envelopes : \$960

Opportunities for Life: \$24

Online: \$ 75

Total Weekly Offering: \$1107

Prayer List

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

February : Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Birthdays

1/30: Wendy Latunik

2/5 : Marianne Oghia

Prayer Family:

Jamie Fouts