



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

February 27, 2022 | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Services:

- 5:00 pm Ash Wednesday - Good Shephard in Campton
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday - MGC Mass with Ash Distribution
- 5:00 pm Saturday - Holy Cross in 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, March 6, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

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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.

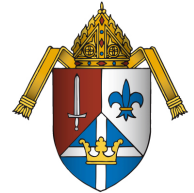
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help

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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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Hypocrisy is the worst enemy of this Christian community, of this Christian love: pretending to love each other but only seeking one's own interests...Those who behave in this manner transit in the Church like a tourist. There are many tourists in the Church who are always passing through but never enter the Church.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, AUGUST 21, 2019



Becoming Catholic

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic continues. Please be praying for those who are entering the church this Easter in a special way during the upcoming Lenten season. Class this week will be on Tuesday March 1 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be Rite of Election and Living Lent

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. Book discussion will take place following Mass in a hybrid fashion. The first gathering will be on Sunday March 6 following Mass. Books will be available after Tuesday.

Teen Disciples

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday March 6 at Perry County Park for a hike and prayer. Meet at 4:45 pm at the softball field parking. Contact Luke Glaser for more information. Teens come and bring your friends.

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. The Pilgrims Passports are now available, if you would like one, please pick one up from the parish.

Listening Sessions for the Synod

Synod for a Synodal Church – The Diocese of Lexington has begun the listening sessions for a Synodal Church

All people in the Mountain East Deanery are invited to this communal listening session that will be held 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.

Lent 2022 - By Lori Helfrich

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season is quickly approaching (March 2nd). The ashes we receive on our forehead come from the remains of the burned palms from the small fire used for the Easter Vigil last year. The Easter fire is a symbol of God's light coming to the world each Easter. The Resurrection of Christ, the guidance of God the Father and the presence of the Holy Spirit should enflame our hearts and, like the old steam-powered locomotives, become a key part in what drives us to take action in our personal lives, relationships, and the world. As our year goes by the fire can dim and we become apathetic, busy, and indifferent to God's message of encounter and love.

There is a lot happening in our world: a global pandemic, war between Russia and Ukraine, and a great division and unrest in the United States. Laudato Si says: "Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it." (LS 19)

How do we become attentive and painfully aware to the suffering in the world? How do we take this Lenten season to dare to turn away from sin both collectively and as an individual? How do we become informed about what is happening in our world? How will you engage scripture, the living word of God, to learn more about who God is and who God is calling each of us to be? How are you called to rekindle the fire of God in your life this Lenten season?

This journey of going into the desert to be renewed, is a time for us to ready our hearts and minds for a new fire and energy to come at Easter and power us into the year ahead.

Events

Book Club - Introduction to the Devote Life
Sundays following Mass

Stations of the Cross - Fridays During Lent Except 3/18

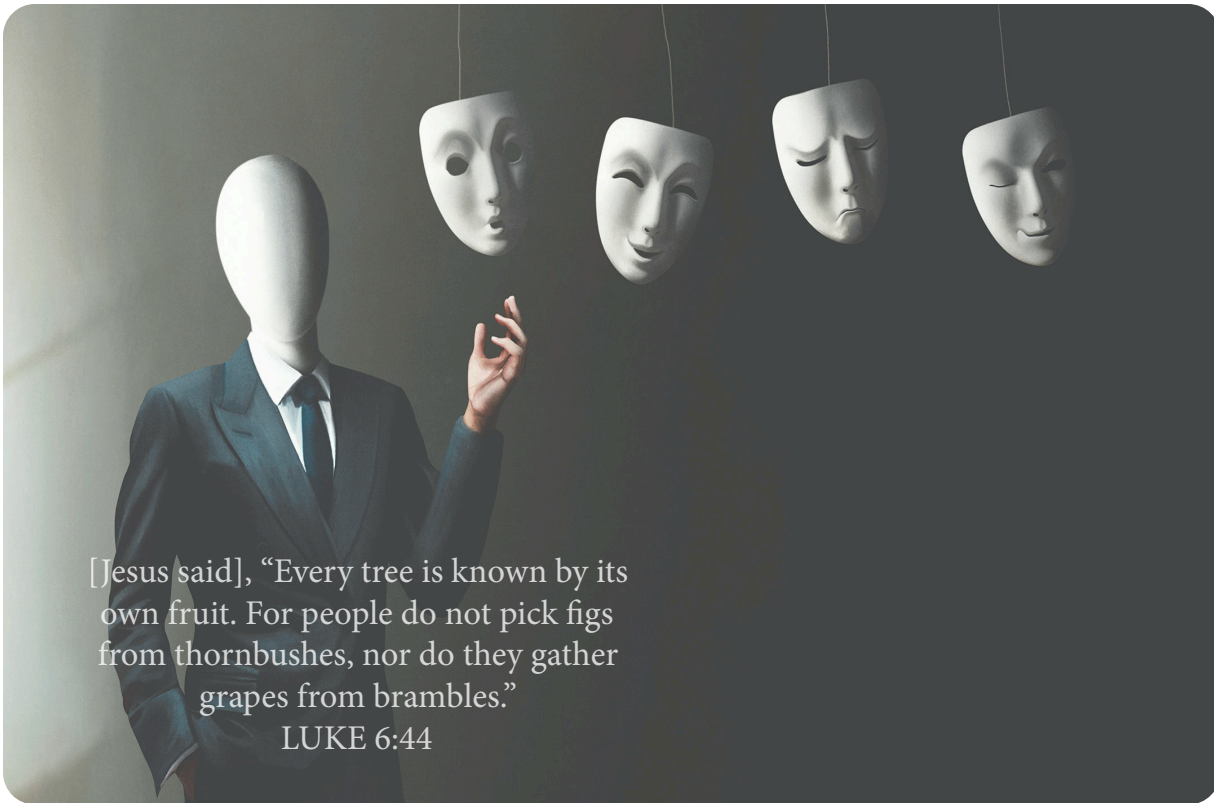
Fish Fry - March 18, 2022 11 - 2 pm

Resources

CRS Rice Bowl -

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from Mother of Good Counsel. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Ongoing throughout Lent - make donations online and through your Rice Bowl. <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5968>

Lent Calendar, Booklets, prayer cards - Little black books, Drawn to the Cross, and bag of Lenten devotionals are available in the parish hall. Please pick up what you wish.



[Jesus said], "Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles."
LUKE 6:44

Love Your Enemies

Like it or not, we often get our sense of who we are from others. Some people either make us feel worthwhile, or they treat us like we have little value. We all want to be accepted, to be part of the crowd, to look like we have made it. This is one reason we fall for so many fads of the day: "Everyone has one. Everyone is doing it." Teenagers aren't the only ones who think like this. It may take a long time before we can move beyond the opinions of others. Many never do.

So, who are you? Really! Are you hiding behind something, some pretense? Are you trying to look like someone you're not? Today's readings remind us, as many have said, "Actions speak louder than words," and as Christ said, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). What is deepest within us eventually shows itself.

Sirach offers several examples of this. He claims that sometimes the dark side of our personalities comes out when we least expect it. But then there are times when we surprise even ourselves with our own goodness. Luke offers similar examples from both nature and human experience. Try as we might, we cannot completely hide who we truly are. And why should we? The last phrase of today's Gospel is profound: "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). That is where we find who we are. Really!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA,

For Reflection

- How honest are you about who you are?
- God accepts you as you really are. Shouldn't that be enough?

Monday
FEBRUARY 28
Weekday
1 Pt 1:3-9
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday
MARCH 1
Weekday
1 Pt 1:10-16
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday
MARCH 2
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
MARCH 3
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday
MARCH 4
Friday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday
MARCH 5
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday
MARCH 6
First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13



Dear Padre

February 27, 2022

Who chooses the names for Catholic churches?

The bishop is the appropriate authority to designate the name of a church in his diocese. Each church should have its own title, which cannot be changed after the church has been dedicated, except for grave reasons and with the approval of the Apostolic See (Canon 1218). Examples of designations include the name of the Blessed Trinity, a name for Christ or the Blessed Virgin Mary under a title already accepted in the liturgy, one of the angels, saints, or a blessed who is approved by the Holy See for insertion in a diocesan liturgical calendar.

According to additional norms issued in 1999, "If several parishes are suppressed and a new one is established using one of the churches, its title must be retained, but it may be changed if it is a new building." Moreover, "if several parishes are each suppressed and united into one new parish, it is permitted, for pastoral reasons, to give it a new name different from the previous title of the parish church" (Canon 1218).

The faith community celebrates the titular feast of the church annually with the rank of a solemnity.

The customary practice of depositing a relic of the titular saint—when applicable—under the altar to be dedicated may be "fittingly retained" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 302). However, the inherent dignity of the church's altar is that it is foremost the table of the Lord.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Our Weekly Offering

for 2/20/22

Loose: \$40

Envelopes : \$330

Monthly: \$200

Second Collection : \$20

Online: \$ 75

Total Weekly Offering: \$665



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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, Brandon Robinson 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

March : For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges: may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Birthdays

3/3: Brittany Fields

Prayer Family:

Alyson Askew