



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

February 20, 2022 | Seventh 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 27, 2022**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

Lector : Bridget Turner

## **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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

ADDRESS TO THE ROMAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2020



### **Becoming Catholic**

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic is in full swing. Class this week will be on Tuesday February 22 from 7 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be Sacraments Service - Holy Orders

### **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.

### **Teen Disciples**

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. Teen Disciples will meet tonight, Sunday February 20 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. 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.

### **Parish Planners**

Today following Mass Parish Council (planners) will meet to discuss upcoming events and look over the financials of the parish from 2021. All are invited to join us.

### **Local Listening Sessions Synod**

Mother of Good Counsel will host a parish listening session on February 23 following our usual Word & Communion Service. We will have a light supper and discussion.

### **Second Collection for Black & Native American Communities**

The collection for the National Black and Native American Missions will be taken up in our diocese on February 19-20, 2022. This collection helps support a wide variety of evangelization and educational efforts throughout the United States, including our own diocese. The Diocese of Lexington receives an annual grant from this collection to support multi-cultural efforts, to provide funding for speakers, conferences and trainings, and to purchase special resource materials for use throughout the diocese. Please be generous and help support the good work of the Black and Native American Missions.

### **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.



### **Women and Men of Faith**

Saint of the Day for February 20

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. At that time, Europe was involved in an extremely bloody war. Portugal itself was in political turmoil, having overthrown its monarchy in 1910; the government disbanded religious organizations soon after. At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917. Less than two years later, Francisco died of influenza in his family home. He was buried in the parish cemetery and then re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1952. Jacinta died of influenza in Lisbon in 1920, offering her suffering for the conversion of sinners, peace in the world, and the Holy Father. She was re-buried in the Fátima basilica in 1951. Their cousin Lúcia dos Santos, became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000; she died five years later. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year. Hearts & Prayers



[Jesus said,] “Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing.”  
LUKE 6:38

### Love Your Enemies

Perhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus directed of his followers is love of enemies. He was not talking about people whom we do not particularly like or who do not belong to your families, ethnic or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or who take from us what we need to live. This kind of love is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called retributive justice and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or some form of fine.

However, another kind of justice is called restorative justice. It maintains that a violation of someone’s rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim’s sense of personal value or security. At times some form of community service is required. It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today’s Gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA,

#### For Reflection

- Think of how often you have been made new by the forgiveness of others.
- Who in your life might be made new by your forgiveness?

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
*Weekday*  
Jas 3:13-18  
Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 22  
*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 23  
*St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*  
Jas 4:13-17  
Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 24  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:41-50

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 25  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:9-12  
Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 26  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:13-20  
Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 27  
*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 27:4-7  
1 Cor 15:54-58  
Lk 6:39-45



# Dear Padre

February 20, 2022

**Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?**

The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19-20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord. That's why it's important that we examine our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSr*

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## Happenings this Week

Sunday 5 pm - 6:30 pm Teen Disciples

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion Service

7:30 pm Local Synod Listening Session

## Our Weekly Offering

for 2/13/22

Loose: \$70

Envelopes : \$364

Monthly: \$210

Online: \$ 191

**Total Weekly Offering: \$835**

**Prayer Family:**

Mary Ann Mullins



**Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media**



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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 Himmertzhelm, 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

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

2/22: Rowdy Hall & Tom Karelis

2/23 : Christy Boyd