



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 6, 2022 | 1st Sunday in Lent

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

	Wednesday
6:40 pm	Rosary
7:00 pm	Word & Communion Service
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 13, 2022**

Sacramental Minister :

Most Reverend John Stowe, OFM Conv.

Rev. Bob Dueweke

Lector : Luke Glaser

## **Ministers at MGC**

Lori Helfrich, Parish Life Director

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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.

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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.

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Fasting makes us share the situation of many people who face the torment of hunger and makes us more attentive to others; almsgiving is a blessed opportunity to collaborate with God's providence for the benefit of his children. And I invite you to make almsgiving a way of life and to persevere in concrete help to those in need.

ADDRESS TO PRO PETRI SEDE ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 16, 2018



## **Becoming Catholic**

The OCIA formation program for those becoming Catholic continues. Please be pray for Ryan Hollifield and Kim Sparkman today as they go through the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing conversion at the Cathedral this afternoon. Class this week will be on Tuesday March 8 from 7:30 to 9 pm. The topic this week will be

### **Book Discussion Group**

The book discussion group will meet this week and next on Wednesday evening (March 9 & 16th) following Word & Communion Service at 7:45 pm for an hour. It will be offered as a hybrid group. Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales.

### **Teen Disciples**

All students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to join Teen Disciples. Teen Disciples will meet today 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 -**

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

3/9 (7:45 pm), 3/16 (7:45 pm), 3/20, 3/27, 4/3

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

Fish Fry - March 18, 2022 11 - 2 pm

### **Resources**

#### **CRS Rice Bowl -**

#### **THE PILLARS OF LENT**

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://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.

### **Response to the Cry of the Earth.**

We are called to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability.

### **Reflection Questions**

How can our community promote the adoption of renewable energy or better promote energy conservation?

Do we have space on our campus to support biodiversity conservation through a pollinator garden or by selecting native plants?

Have we considered how we can promote clean waterways by preventing litter and plastics from entering our water systems or by replacing pesticides and fertilizers with natural alternatives on our campus?

How are we already responding to the Cry of the Earth? What additional ideas do you have to promote a response to the Cry of the Earth in our community?

### **Prayer**

God of all, during this first week of Lent, may we hear the cry of the Earth and respond to the call to protect our common home. Help us to commit ourselves to this journey throughout the Lenten season through reimagining how we can equitably address the climate crisis, particularly through energy conservation, biodiversity, and promoting clean waterways in our parish community.



Then the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders.  
DEUTERONOMY 26:8

### It's All Gift

There is one word that could almost be erased from our religious vocabulary. That word is earn. So many of us take on a Lenten program of penance to earn God's forgiveness. Or we engage in prayer to earn indulgences that will lessen our time in purgatory. Somewhere along the line we missed the class in which the primacy of God's free gift of grace was taught. Consequently, we still might use language that emphasizes our own hard-won merit apart from God rather than freely given love as the basis of all that follows. Today's first reading refutes such thinking.

The passage from Deuteronomy contains an important creedal statement, describing the heart of ancient Israel's faith. The people were instructed by Moses to commemorate the event of their founding as the special people of God. The creedal statement was probably recited during that commemoration. The statement itself describes how God called their ancestor; from that ancestor called forth a great people, delivered those people out of slavery, and then settled them in a land that became their own. Every event was God's work. The people did nothing to deserve it. It was all gift. Why did God choose these people, make them great, free them, settle them, and provide them with abundant harvests? Because they were good? No! Because God is good. They earned nothing, deserved nothing. It was all gift.

Why is it so difficult for us to realize that we really do not give gifts to God? It's just the opposite. When it comes to God's grace, it's all gift.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

#### For Reflection

- Spend a moment thinking about all the free gifts God has given you.
- Let your Lenten practice be graciousness to others.



Readings for the Week

**Monday**  
MARCH 7

*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 8

*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 9

*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday**  
MARCH 10

*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**  
MARCH 11

*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**  
MARCH 12

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday**  
MARCH 13

*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
3:20-4:1  
Lk 9:28b-36



# Dear Padre

March 6, 2022

**My fourteen-year-old daughter is very thin. She says giving up food during Lent is proof that she honors God. How can I convince her God doesn't want her to starve herself? Is there anything else she can do for Lent?**

According to the Code of Canon Law, at age fourteen your daughter isn't required to fast (eating only one full meal a day, no snacks); the Church requires this only of people age eighteen through fifty-nine because people outside those age groups need more than one full meal a day to maintain good health (1252).

She is, however, old enough to abstain from meat, as required of Catholics age fourteen and older. But she should replace that meat with another source of protein like cheese or fish.

Please tell your daughter that the Lenten fast is about preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter. Fasting and abstinence are not about starving or losing weight. They're about making room for God and deepening our relationship with Christ.

And the word *abstain* isn't limited to matters involving food. Your daughter can abstain from watching television, using her mobile phone except in emergencies, or using the computer for anything other than schoolwork. Prayer and almsgiving (donating money or time to charity) also are part of our Lenten practice. Anyone can safely do these things to achieve the same result: growing closer to God in preparation for Easter.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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

Lenten Book Club

**Friday**

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

## Our Weekly Offering

for 2/27/22

Loose: \$30

Envelopes : \$870

Ash Wednesday : \$193

Online: \$ 790

**Total Weekly Offering: \$1883**

### Prayer People:

Ryan Hollifield & Kim Sparkman



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to MGC on  
Social Media**



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### Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, Marjorie Hommertzhaim, 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, Joyce Jackson 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

**3/8: Molly O'Rourke**