



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

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April 3, 2022 | 5th Sunday in Lent 3rd Scrutiny

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Eucharistic Services:

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, April 10, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Lector :

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.

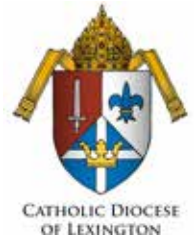
Give us your good counsel
as we strive to be disciples of your son Jesus
and help us to grow in faith and in our love for God.
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.
Help us in our lives as we humbly pray and help
us be attentive to the needs of our families and our
community. Amen

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Going to confess is not like going to the dry cleaner's to have a stain removed...If there is no love in the sacrament, it is not as Jesus wishes it to be. If it is functional, it is not how Jesus wants it to be. Love...toward the brother and the sister who are forgiven sinners. This is the fundamental relationship.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 12, 2021



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 April 5 from 7 to 9 pm. We will be reviewing what we have covered in the past months about OCIA.

Book Discussion Group

Book Discussion Group continues today following Mass April 3, 2022 with 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 tonight Sunday April 3 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

Reconciliation Service with Stations of the Cross

This Friday April 8, 2022 Mother of Good Counsel will be have host Stations of the Cross with Reconciliation Service at 7pm. There will be the opportunity for individual Confession with Fr. Bob Duweke, OSA

Listening Session

You are still able to fill out the questions discussed in the listening session online <https://bit.ly/3Ngx6bU>.

Lent Resources

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Ongoing throughout Lent - make donations online and through your Rice Bowl at home. <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/5968>

Farewell Celebration for Josh & Ellen Van Cleef

The farewell celebration for Josh and Ellen will take place at the Holy Cross parish potluck after Mass on April 30. We will plan to have a potluck and Holy Cross will provide the meat (Dan will be smoking it!!!). All are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert.

Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday - Mass will include a procession from outside into the church and Mass will begin at its regular time of 11:30 am.

Diocesan Chrism Mass - Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King. All are invited to this Mass where the Holy Oils for the upcoming year will be blessed.

Diocesan Tenebrae Service - Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 8 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Make plans now to attend this beautiful service of prayer and song featuring our Diocesan Schola!

Holy Thursday : A simple supper at 6:00 pm and Mass at 7 pm. Following Mass the church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday: Liturgy will take place at 7 pm with veneration of the cross.

Easter Vigil : Will take place on Saturday April 16, 2022 and will begin at 8:30 pm with a reception to follow for those who are coming into the church.

Easter Sunday : Mass will be at 9 am and 11:30 am.

Holy Week Ecumenical Services

The Perry County Ministry Fellowship will host its Holy Week Services April 11-15, 2022 at 12 pm each day at different churches in the community..

Monday - New Hope

Tuesday - Hazard First Baptist

Wednesday - Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Thursday - Bowman Memorial Methodist Church

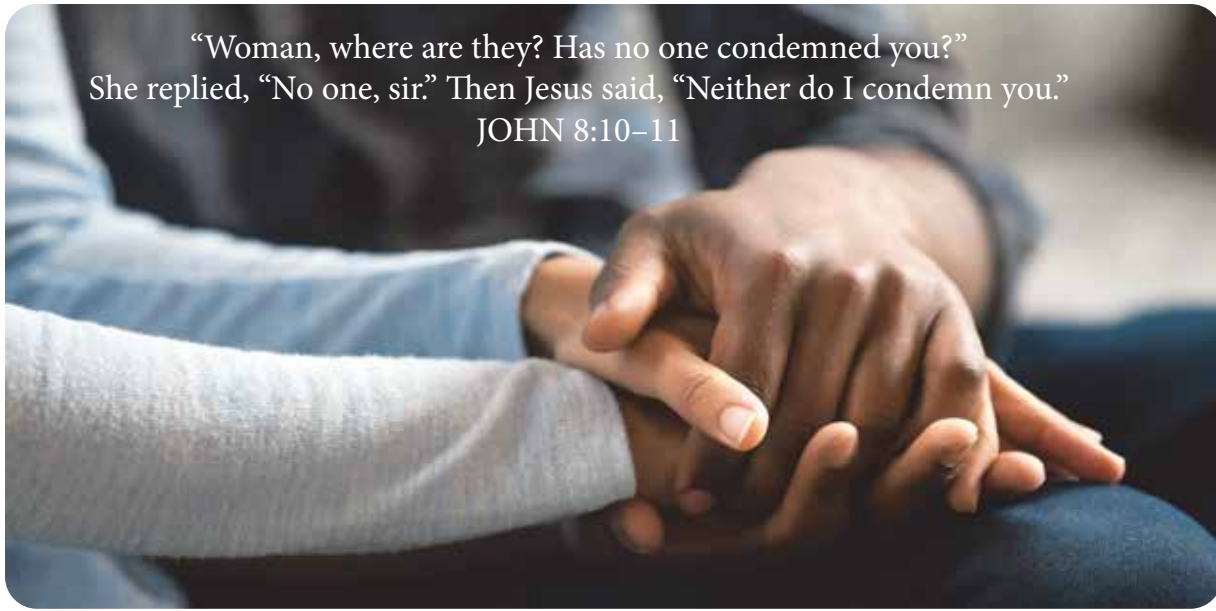
Friday - Hazard First Presbyterian Each day will have lunch and a short service. If you are able to help with lunch at Mother of Good Counsel on Wednesday please let sign up on the sheet in the back of church or let Lori know.

Feast of Mother of Good Counsel Tuesday April 26, 2022

Plan to join the parish in celebrating our feast day, on Tuesday April 26. Mother of Good Counsel will host Mass at 6 pm with a potluck to follow. There will be a quilt raffle for a cobblestone quilt on that evening. Tickets will be \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20. There will be more details about this celebration and tickets available for parishioners to sell in the coming weeks.



“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.”
JOHN 8:10-11



Do Not Sin Anymore!

At first reading of today's Gospel, one might think that those who brought the adulterous woman to Jesus were concerned about observance of the law. Halfway through the story, this error is corrected: "They said this to test him" (John 8:6). They thought that any answer he would provide would anger his audience. If he directed them to stone her, his teaching about mercy and forgiveness would sound hollow, and people would turn away from him. If he spoke against stoning, he would appear to be setting himself above the law, which required that particular punishment for adultery. They must have thought they had Jesus cornered.

Not to be undone by them, Jesus traced his finger on the ground. Was he listing the sins of the woman's accusers? Was he using silence to make them feel uncomfortable? Was he choosing his words carefully? Was he simply doodling? We don't know. But his words cut to the core: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). Who would dare step forward to execute the sentence? They left, beginning with the elders because the custom was to throw the stones according to age—eldest first.

Had Jesus undermined his teaching about mercy and forgiveness? No. Had he denigrated the law? No. Did he leave the woman with the impression that her sin was not serious? No. He left her with this admonition: I will not condemn you to death, but you have to change your life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

••••• For Reflection •••••

- How quick are you to point out the failings of others?
- What good comes from it?
- What in your life do you know you have to change? Why can't you do it?



Readings for the Week

Monday
APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday
APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday
APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday
APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday
APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday
APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday
APRIL 10

*Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion*

Lk 19:28-40
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Lk 22:14-23:56
or 23:1-49



Dear Padre

April 3, 2022

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?

It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5-7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

Baptism, another sacrament administered by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSs

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Happenings this Week

Tuesday

7- 9 pm OCIA Meets

Wednesday

6:40 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Word & Communion

Service

Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross &

Reconciliation Service

Our Weekly Offering

for 3/27/22

Loose: \$13

Envelopes : \$1375

Ash Wednesday: \$5

Online: \$ 140

Total Weekly Offering: \$1533

Prayer Family:

Cindy Combs



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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, Michael Whitaker 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

April : Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities..

Birthdays

4/6: Cindy Combs

4/7/ : Fred Duke

4/10: Ben Braman