



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 27, 2022 | 4th Sunday in Lent 2nd 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 3, 2022

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Abby Turk

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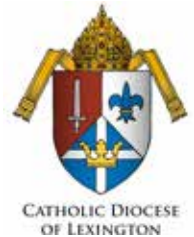
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Parish Mission Statement

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 of Lent (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Prayer often coexists with distraction. Indeed, the human mind struggles to dwell for long on a single thought. We all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompanies us even during sleep. And we all know that it is not good to follow this inclination toward disorder.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 19, 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 March 29 from 7 to 9 pm.

The topic this week will be Christian Life

Book Discussion Group

Book Discussion Group continues today following Mass March 27, 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 next Sunday April 3 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

The Pilgrims Trail

Have you ever wanted to visit other churches in the Diocese of Lexington? 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 to take and get stamped at all the parishes in the Diocese.

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 - DRIVEN BY A DREAM

Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Glorioso and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent?

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

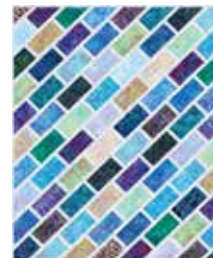
Wednesday - Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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.



Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18A



Rejoice!

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion.

The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice.

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing. God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA,

For Reflection

- Think of a time when a severed relationship was repaired.
- Be grateful.
- What might you do to repair a situation of alienation in your life?



Readings for the Week

Monday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10,

25-30

Saturday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday of

Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11



Dear Padre

March 27, 2022

When I'm trying to pray, I can't stop thinking about my to-do list. How do I keep my mind from racing when I pray?

Most spiritual directors encourage a person to enter gently into solitude and prayer. Real conversation with any friend begins with warm acknowledgment of that friend's presence, so as you sit or kneel, acknowledge that you are in a sacred place and that God is present.

Several techniques can help us find interior silence and solitude. Many people find it helps to sit in a comfortable position and pay close attention to their breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths relaxes our minds and hearts. When repeated, a sacred word like *Jesus* or *Abba* can focus our attention and help us let go of the distractions that can so easily crowd our consciousness.

Another technique is to take a few moments to find quiet, then read a passage from Scripture. Many people choose the Gospel passage of the day; others read a Gospel through from beginning to end by reading a short passage each day. Other excellent techniques to focus your praying include the Church traditions of *lectio divina* as well as the imaginative prayer method advocated by St. Ignatius.

True conversation goes both ways. One way God speaks to us is through the word. Reading Scripture as part of our conversation with God is a good way to be sure we don't do all the talking.

Fr. Michael Brehl, 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

Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Our Weekly Offering

for 3/20/22

Loose: \$20

Envelopes : \$665

Catholic Relief Services: \$65

Online: \$ 75

Total Weekly Offering: \$825

Prayer Family:

Elsoueidi- Geryes Family



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

3/31: Krystina Casimiro & Ben Sumalpong

4/2: Marlene Geryes

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