



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

November 27th | First Sunday of Advent

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## **Eucharistic Services:**

7:00 pm Wednesday - 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, December 4, 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  
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.

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44

Lk 23:35-43



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.*

HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,  
DECEMBER 1, 2019



**Altar and Book of Remembrance**

During the month of November we honor and remember those who have died. If you wish to bring a picture or memento of a loved one for our altar of remembrance please drop your pictures and items off at Mother of Good Counsel. Please add the names of loved ones to our book of remembrance and the parish will be praying for them during the month of November.

**Water with Blessings**

Water with Blessings is an ecumenical organization out of Louisville, Kentucky that works all over the world to get water filters to communities where people need clean drinking water. As part of a pilot program with a partnership with the Diocese of Lexington parishes and Water with Blessings Mother of Good Counsel will begin doing trainings and filter distribution to people in the local community. We can still get you trained to help distribute water filters with Water with Blessings. Contact Lori if you would like to learn more.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal**

The Diocesan Annual Appeal 2022 - Providing for Our Presence. Please consider how you are able to help our parish meet our goal. Our goal for the parish is \$6250. Currently our parish is 95% of the way to our goal with \$5972 in donations.



**Stockings for Friends**

Each year Mother of Good Counsel does stockings for elders through the Housing Development Alliance. Please drop these items off by December 4.

**Teen Disciples**

Students in grades 7-12 will be meeting December 4, 2022 for Teen Disciples from 5 to 6:30 pm. We will continue our series on the Beatitudes.

**Case Manager Trainings**

There will be case manager trainings through LKLP on 11/28 & 29 or 11/30 & 12/1 from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information see the flyer on the table in the gathering space or to register contact Robin Gabbard by email at r.gabbard@lklp.net

**Advent & Christmas Season**

Today we begin the Advent season there are materials available next Sunday. The parish will be hosting Hanging of the Greens on Sunday December 3, where we will decorate the parish center, outdoors and have a chili lunch. The parish will be offering opportunities to celebrate Advent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and others opportunities. See our webpage for more resources. <https://mgccc.org/advent/>

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**

Thank you for your generosity we raised \$160 for the for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you wish to still make a contribution you may. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about CCHA can be found at [www.usccb.org.cchd](http://www.usccb.org.cchd)

**Upcoming Events**

11/29 - Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm  
11/30 - Rosary(6:40pm), Communion Service & Scripture Study

Case Manager Trainings 9am - 4 pm

11/28 & 29 or  
11/30 & 12/1

12/4 - Hanging of the Greens  
Teen Disciples 5-6:30

12/ 8-10- Christmas in a Small town



The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.  
ROMANS 13:12



## The Waiting Game

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**f Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look

back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves.

### Reflect

**Has there ever been a time when you didn't recognize that God was with you?**

Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us. ●



**Fr. Joseph Juknialis**, a retired priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, is the new author of reflections for Liguori Publications' *Our Parish Community* bulletins. Fr. Joe has served in ministry as a parish priest and a teacher of homiletics at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. Retirement has given him time for hiking, canoeing, writing, poetry, gin rummy, the Green Bay Packers, and pursuing his appreciation of nature. In noting the most amazing aspect of his life, Fr. Joe says, "God has always brought me to the place I should be."



Readings for the Week

**Monday**  
November 28  
Advent Weekday

Is 4:2-6  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday**  
November 29  
Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**  
November 30  
St. Andrew,  
Apostle

Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday**  
December 1  
Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**  
December 2  
Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday**  
December 3  
St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest

Is 30:19-21,  
23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

**Sunday**  
December 4  
Second Sunday  
of Advent

Is 11:1-10  
Rom 15:4-9  
Mt 3:1-12



# Dear Padre

November 27, 2022

## Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one's biological parents has to do with one's health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children.

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## Our Weekly Offering

for 11/20/2022

Loose: \$9

Envelopes : \$2530

CCHD: \$160

Online: \$75

Outreach: \$500

Total Weekly Offering: \$3274



## Prayer List

Joey Napier, John Meehan, Roy Varghese, Brian Campbell, Matt Tuttle, Willie Gomez, Joe Fehribach, Louise Ayres, 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, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham and Abby Turk.

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.

## Birthdays

11/27 : Luke Glaser

12/3 : Brandon Dials

12/4: Beatrix Atienza

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for November

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Intentions for December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out newpaths to international cooperation.

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## Prayer Family The Atienza Family