



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 29nd | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, February 5, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector : Luke Glaser EM : Susan Hull & Rebeca Davidson

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.

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.

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12



Mardi Gras Celebration On Sunday February 19 Mother of Good Counsel will be having a Mardi Gras Celebration after Mass and the opportunity to bring a friend to church. Do you know someone who is looking for a church or has asked questions about Catholicism? Ask them to join MGC that weekend.

Becoming Catholic

We will continue on with our formation of those who will be joining the church with our Becoming Catholic Classes on Tuesday January 31 in the evening from 7 to 9 pm.

Giving Statements

Annual giving statements will go out this week. If you need to update your email we have on record or confirm it speak with Lori. If you prefer a paper copy to be mailed or presented in person please let Lori know. your request.

Roof & Additional Building Projects

There are some upcoming building projects that will be happening at the parish, including a new roof for the church and the spiritual life center, repairing the fence and replacing the deck/ramp on the guest house. Exact cost of projects will be posted once the parish receives estimates. Please consider making a contribution to these large building projects.

Church Cleaners

Are you willing to help clean the church? Please sign up for a month to clean the church. You can sign up as a family or a couple individuals. See the sheet in the back.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet next Sunday February 5 from 5 to 6:30 pm. All students in grades 7 -12 are welcome to join us.



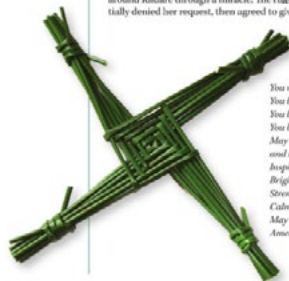
A CLOSER WALK | KELLIE REILLY

I Would Give Away the Whole Kingdom of Leinster

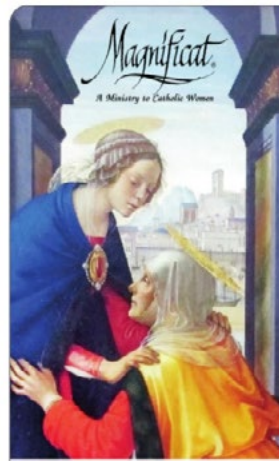
Jesus invites each one of us to a deep personal relationship with Him. We respond to the Lord's call by becoming disciples. More than simply tagging along in the crowd, discipleship involves a commitment to abide with Jesus, a surrender to the transforming power of His love. Wherever you may be on the journey, Kellie Reilly's reflections on discipleship hope to inspire a closer walk with the Lord.

February 1 marks the historical feast day of St. Brigid (d. ca. 525), one of the great Irish saints depicted in stained glass at the entrance to our adoration chapel. So enduring was her influence in those formative years of the faith in Ireland that she was known as "Mary of the Gael." Stories about Brigid include fanciful elements of myth making. Yet the kernel of her biography establishes her as a real historical person. Brigid held particular authority as the founder of a double monastery, one for men and one for women, at Kildare — literally, the "Church of the oak" (Cill-Dara). Our stained glass portrays her with a crozier, or staff, to represent her role as abbess, along with her best-known symbol of "St. Brigid's Cross". In the ancient sources, Brigid comes across as a woman who lived out the Gospel "in daring and innovative ways" as Fr. John J. O'Riordan explains in Early Irish Saints (pp. 21-26). "She is described as travelling the land — traditionally in her two-horse chariot — spreading the good news of Jesus, healing the sick, tempering the mighty and raising the lowly, and tending her sheep on 'Brigid's Pasture', that 5,000-acre plain otherwise known as the Curragh of Kildare." Legend holds that Brigid acquired the land around Kildare through a miracle. The rider initially denied her request, then agreed to give her

only the land covered by her cloak, but Brigid's cloak miraculously expanded to take in the entire vastness of the Curragh! The spiritual truth conveyed by this tale — the meaning it holds for our lives — is the superabundant generosity of God. Brigid was herself a conduit of God's generosity by giving lavishly to the poor. "There was one virtue in Brigid which outshone all others," Fr. O'Riordan notes, "and to which the Lives incessantly refer. It was her liberal hand. The poor of Christ she could never refuse...Food, clothing, livestock, her father's jeweled sword, the bishop's precious vestments, the man's festive dinner, all went the same road — to the poor..." "If I had the power," she is quoted as saying, "to give away the whole kingdom of Leinster, I would willingly give it to God (i.e., God's poor)." With her connection to our adoration chapel, Brigid can be a light for us during our Eucharistic Revival. She lived continually in the presence of God, yet her contemplation did not keep her turned inward. Instead, her abiding with the Lord gave her the strength and fortitude to go out and advance his Kingdom. So does the Eucharist empower us to fulfill our vocation amid the world, and commit us to serve Christ in the poor. Let us ask St. Brigid for her intercession. The following prayer is just one of the resources available at catholicireland.net/ie/brigid.



You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the despondent. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to not justly seek to reverence all God has made. Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that hears and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.



MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SPEAKER: SHELLEY PARKERSON

Saturday, February 11, 2023 9 a.m. • (Mass at 8 a.m.)

Cathedral of Christ the King Hehman Hall

Shelley Parkerson will share her testimony at a Magnificat Breakfast on Saturday, February 11.



Shelley, a retired public school teacher and parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Vernon Catholic Church in Rockcastle County, was drawn to the Catholic Church by the Eucharist. After entering the Catholic Church in 1991 she served as lector, and teacher of CCD and adult faith formation classes. Shelley's devotion to the Holy Spirit has resulted in many amazing opportunities and friendships. She has been associated with the Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 2003. She is Chairperson of the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Commission, and also a member of the Association of Diocesan Liaisons and has been appointed by the Bishop as his representative to the diocesan charismatic renewal. Shelley, a prayer minister since 2004, trained with Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, FL. In her spare time she likes the ocean, boating, and helping to run a clothing pantry at her brother's church. Come hear this amazing woman of faith! Invite a friend to share in this wonderful experience!

Contact Pat Hunt at magnificatvsvp@gmail.com by FEBRUARY 8 to reserve a spot.

- An email confirmation will be sent to you. We cannot accept walk-ins. Please cancel reservations, if you cannot attend, three days prior to event. If circumstances prohibit timely cancellation, please consider sending a donation to our Magnificat Chapter to cover the cost of the meal that was ordered. Payment of \$15 can be made at the time of the breakfast for those with reservations. Breakfast will be served by Suppigns Restaurant.

QUESTIONS? Contact Pat Hunt at pwhunt27@aol.com

Mark your calendar for future breakfasts: 4/29/2023

Divorced. Catholic. Now What?



A peer ministry of the Family Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Wednesday evenings (7 - 9 pm) February 1 through April 5, 2023 The Catholic Center (1310 W. Main St. in Lexington) Cost: \$50 (scholarships available)



SCAN ME

Register on-line by 1/27/23 at cdlex.org/JOH. For info, email lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org or call/text Ellie is (859) 806-3959.

No one should suffer through divorce alone.

Are you feeling lost, sad, or angry; or wondering how to move forward with your life because of divorce or separation? Join others in your Catholic community finding God's love, forgiveness, and healing.

Journey of Hope, a 10-week divorce recovery course led by Catholics who have walked through divorce themselves, offers hope, healing, and guidance on important and sometimes misunderstood issues that result from divorce. The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church leads to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Sisters and brothers, I am convinced that "the world can be seen more clearly from the peripheries." We must listen to the peripheries, open the doors to them and allow them to participate. The suffering of the world is better understood alongside those who suffer.

FOURTH WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS, OCTOBER 16, 2021

"Blessed are you....Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:12



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Blessed Are Our Hassles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As much as we all might like a hassle-free life, for the person of faith the Beatitudes are markers of when God slips into our consciousness. They are life's doorways to a deepening sense of God-with-us.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" is not about material poverty, though it may include such times. To be poor in spirit is to be dependent upon God because we have run out of our own self-sufficiencies. There is nowhere else to go.

"Blessed are they who mourn" is about times when we grieve the loss of someone or something we love deeply. Who or what will now sustain us?

"Blessed are the meek" is about giving up the need to have our own way all the time. It recognizes that sometimes God's way is breaking into what we prefer.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness," that is, for a relationship with God. It is ultimately a hunger for harmony.

"Blessed are the merciful" is about being forgiving and about those who live out the corporal works of mercy—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and the rest. In them we find the presence of God.

"Blessed are the clean of heart" is when we come to realize we cannot have it all. Then there is only one who will satisfy our longing.

"Blessed are the peacemakers" are those who not only love peace but work for peace, for God is peace.

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." They live for an ultimate good greater than their own. ●

Reflect

Which Beatitude would be a good title for your autobiography?

Which Beatitude needs the greatest growth in your life?



Readings for the Week

Monday

January 30
Weekday
Heb 11:32-40
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

January 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
Heb 12:1-4
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

February 1
Weekday
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

February 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or
Lk 2:22-32

Friday

February 3
Weekday
Heb 13:1-8
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

February 4
Weekday
Heb 13:15-17,
20-21
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

February 5
Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Upcoming Events

1/31 - Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
1/25 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service
2/19 - Mardi Gras Celebration & Bring a Friend Weekend.



Dear Padre,

At Mass, why does the priest put a part of the consecrated host into the chalice?

The celebration of the Eucharist was known as "the breaking of the bread" in the Acts of the Apostles (2:42). "The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Corinthians 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ..." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 83). At Mass, bread is broken and wine is poured for Communion, just as the Body of Christ was broken and the Blood of Christ was poured out on the cross. In this fraction rite, we recognize Christ in "the breaking of the bread," as did his disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 23:30-31).

After the fraction of the bread, the priest places a small piece of it into the chalice "to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious" (*GIRM* 83). This rite is called the commingling.

While the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") accompanies the fraction of the bread, the priest quietly recites a prayer of preparation for Communion "so that he may fruitfully receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful do the same, praying silently" (*GIRM* 84). ●



WIKIMEDIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

for 1/22/2023

Loose: \$32

Envelopes : \$545

Opportunities for Life : \$10

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$662

Birthdays

1/29: Maria Hall

1/30: Wendy Latunik

2/5: Marianne Oghia

Prayer Family
Oghia Family



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to MGC on
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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, Monica Spare, Don Davis, 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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for January :**For educators**
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Intentions for February:**For parishes**
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.