



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

January 8th | Feast of Epiphany

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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, January 15 , 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev.Bob Damron

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.

January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



### Epiphany Potluck

We will gather today Sunday January 8th following Mass to celebrate the Christmas Season as a community with a potluck. We will share food and enjoy some games and community. Please sign up for what you would like to bring.

### Collections are returning

Beginning in the new year of 2023 we will begin taking up the collection during Mass again. Would you be willing to help take up the collection? Let Lori know.

### Taking Decorations Down

Interested in helping to prepare the church for ordinary time? We will take decorations down on Wednesday January 11 following word and communion service. We will have a light meal of soup and bread.

### 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 10 in the evening from 7 to 9 pm.

### Religious Education

Regular religious education classes will resume on January 8th 2023. Additionally during the spring semester the parish will be offering a first communion class for students who are baptized and older than 7 years old on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in this class for your child, please contact Lori and fill out registration forms for this special class.

### GIVING STATEMENTS

**Annual giving statements will be emailed out in January. If you need to update your email or confirm the email we have on record for you contact Lori. If you prefer a paper copy to be mailed or presented in person please let Lori know of your request.**

### All About Mary

Want to learn more about Mary and who she is and what the church teaches about her. Take a look at this resource from Dayton University to learn more - <https://udayton.edu/imri/mary/index.php>

### 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.



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.*

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016

### Fr. Dan Noll

Fr. Dan Noll, retired priest of the Diocese of Lexington will be living in the Guest house part of the month and doing flood relief ministry in Knott County and working with Christian Appalachian Project in Martin KY. During his time here he will be offering daily Mass when he is present.

### Youth Service Opportunity

the next Diocesan Youth Service Day which will be on January 28th at St. William in London KY. We'll meet at noon at St. William to celebrate mass together, enjoy lunch, and then head out into the community to serve. Talk with Lori if you are interested in joining this service event.

**Divorced. Catholic. Now What?**

**Journey of Hope**  
*for Divorced/Separated Catholics*

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)

Register on-line by 1/27/23 at [cdlex.org/JOH](http://cdlex.org/JOH).  
For info, email [lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org](mailto: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.

### Upcoming Events

- 1/8 - Epiphany Potluck
- 1/9 - 5:30 pm Daily Mass
- 1/10 - 5:30 pm Daily Mass
- Becoming Catholic 7-9 pm
- 1/11 - Word & Communion Service & Soup and Preparation for Ordinary Time
- 1/12 - 5:30 pm Daily Mass



[On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. MATTHEW 2:11

## A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ne way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren't sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we've been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

### Reflect

*Is anything of the Magi story also your story? If so, reflect on yours.*

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### Monday

January 9  
*Baptism of the Lord*  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mt 3:13-17

### Tuesday

January 10  
*Weekday*  
Heb 2:5-12  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

January 11  
*Weekday*  
Heb 2:14-18  
Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

January 12  
*Weekday*  
Heb 3:7-14  
Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

January 13  
*Weekday*  
Heb 4:1-5, 11  
Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday

January 14  
*Weekday*  
Heb 4:12-16  
Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday

January 15  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 49:3, 5-6  
1 Cor 1:1-3  
Jn 1:29-34



## Dear Padre,

*I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?*

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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## Our Weekly Offering

for 1/1/2023

Loose: \$129

Envelopes : \$785

Monthly: \$75

Solembity of Mary: \$80

Online: \$840

Total Weekly Offering: \$1909



### 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.

### Birthdays

1/15 : Bob Adams

## Prayer Family Waylon Roberts

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to MGC on  
Social Media



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### 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.**