



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

March 19, 2023 | 4th Sunday of Lent

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 /
John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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, March 26, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

Lector: Luke Glaser

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.

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Becoming Catholic

We will continue on with our formation of those who will be joining the church with our Becoming Catholic Classes on Tuesday March 21 in the evening from 7:30 to 9 pm.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will be offering service next Saturday from 1 - 3 pm at the Animal Shelter in Perry County. All students in grades 7 -12 are welcome to join us.

Reconciliation Service

This Wednesday March 22 at 6 pm there will be a communal reconciliation service with the option for individual confessions followed by Mass. Please join us for this prayerful evening.

Catholic Relief Services

Today, our parish will takes The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. How will you help? Today, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

Farmer's Market PopUp

On Saturday March 25 from 11 am - 2 pm there will be a Spring Pop Up Market at the Farmer's Market Pavilion. Come and get you fresh winter crop, baked goods and other local foods.

Roof Project Update

The parish has received an estimate on the cost of replacing our roof that is \$30,000. The parish is asking that parishioners contribute to half the cost of the new roof. Please consider how you are able to support this effort.

Holy Week 2023 April 2-8, 2023

Holy Week is the most important time of the year for Catholics, there are many liturgies and events that happen that week. Can you help or contribute to Holy Week liturgies? See the sign up in the back of church for further ways to help.

Holy Week 2023- Ecumenical Services

The schedule is set for the Ecumenical Holy Week services. Each service starts at noon with a light lunch, music and short devotion.

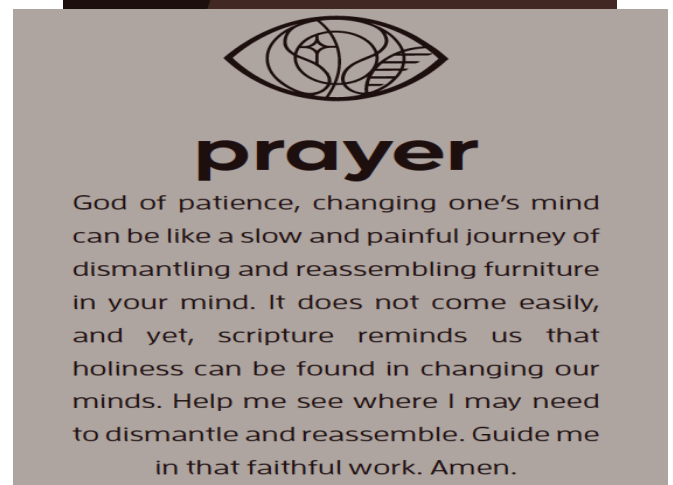
Monday: New Hope

Tuesday: Hazard First Baptist

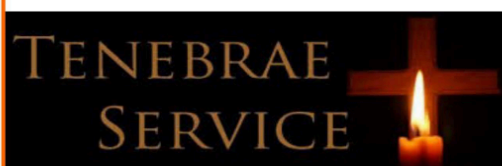
Wednesday: Mother of Good Counsel

Thursday: New Hope

Friday: Consolidated Baptist



Prepare for the Sacred Triduum:
Join Bishop John Stowe, OFM, Conv. and a Diocesan Schola Choir for a service of prayer and song reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for each of us:



Wednesday, April 5, 2023

8:00 PM

Cathedral of Christ the King

299 Colony Blvd.

Lexington, Kentucky 40502

The word tenebrae itself means "darkness" in reference to the darkness that came upon the earth when the Lord died on the cross and the darkness held in the heart of the church during the days and hours of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

Upcoming Events

3/21 - Becoming Catholic 7:30-9 pm

3/22 - Communal Reconciliation Service
6 pm Mass 7 pm

3/24: Stations of the Cross

3/25: Pop Up Farmers Market

Teen Disciples Service Afternoon
1- 3pm

Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

Reflect

**Where am I on the journey of faith?
How open are my eyes?**

[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 27, 2022



Readings for the Week

Monday

March 20
St. Joseph
2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22
Mt 1:16,
18-21, 24a

Tuesday

March 21
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 22
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

March 23
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Friday

March 24
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10,
25-30

Saturday

March 25
Annunciation
of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

March 26
Fifth Sunday
of Lent
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or
Jn 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45



Dear Padre,

Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Our Weekly Offering

for 3/12/23

Loose: \$117

Envelopes : \$1315

Ash Wednesday: \$20

Online: \$155

Total Weekly Offering: \$1607

Birthdays

3/21: Ryan Hollifield

3/24: Donnie Combs

3/26: Ximena Lozano

Prayer Family
Ben Sumalpong



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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, Deedee Wells, Sherrian Noble, Stephanie Welch, David Napier, Martha Huggins, Roger Noyes, Christina Askew, Charles Brotherton, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Monica Spare, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Cecilia & Lucia Cory, Julie And Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Quentin Davis 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 March: For victims of abuse We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.