



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 23, 2023

**Third Sunday of Easter (A)**

Acts 2:14, 22-28 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Luke 24:13-35



### **Eucharistic Services:**

6:00 pm Wednesday - Mass for Mother of Good Counsel

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 30, 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Dueweke, OSA

Lector: Christina Elsouedi

### **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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### Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet tonight Sunday April 23 from 5 to 7 pm. All students in grades 7 -12 are welcome to join us.

### Catholic Relief Services- Rice Bowl

Last call to please turn in your Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl for 2023. Thank you for your donations and continued support of Relief Service around the world.

### Diocesan High School Retreat-

The diocese will be hosting a High School Retreat on May 5-7, at the Bluegrass Christian Camp (7463 Athens-Boonesboro Rd, Lexington KY 40509). The cost will be \$75 per student and the theme of the weekend will be the saints. Contact Michael Armstrong (marmstrong@cdlex.org) if you'd like more information.

### National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

- The diocese will be sending a delegation to NCYC in Indianapolis on November 16-18. We had two informational meetings last month about the event, but if you weren't able to make those meetings send a message to Michael Armstrong (marmstrong@cdlex.org) for access to a recording of those meetings, as well as further details about the conference.

### Second Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Home Missions Collection. What Is a Home Mission Diocese? Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Today, please give generously to The Home Missions Collection.

### Earth Day Family Hike

Pathfinders of Perry County is hosting a family hike today April 23 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm on the Perry County Trails in Perry County Park. Come explore the beautiful trails system! Join one of two guided hikes. One is fairly easy hike to moderate difficulty, and one is more strenuous. We'll have a cool, all-ages, fun craft activity to make plant-dyed quilt squares. Meet at the shelter behind the softball field. Park at the A-frame Tourism building, go through the trail kiosk, and follow the gravel path! Bring a friend, bring your family, bring some water, and come out and play with us!!

### Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day

On Wednesday April 26, the parish celebrates the feast of Mother of Good Counsel with Mass at 6 pm and then a potluck to follow. There is a quilt raffle as a fundraiser for the parish. This 3D looking quilt is 72 by 102. Tickets are one for \$10 and five for \$40. Please see Lori after Mass to purchase tickets or get some to sell.



### Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena

There is still time to pray the Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena for your intentions and those of the parish. See <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/lady-good-counsel-novena> or let Lori know if you would like a physical copy of the novena.



### Becoming Catholic

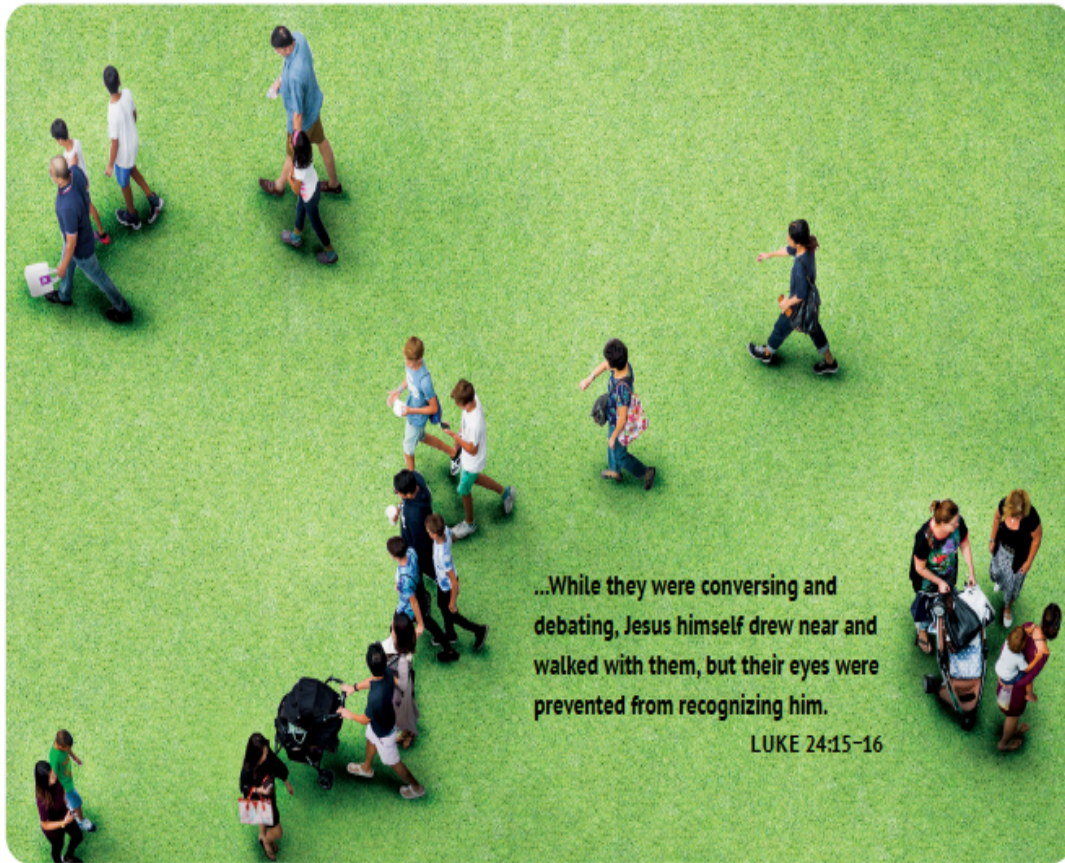
Becoming Catholic group will meet this Tuesday April 25 from 7 to 9 pm to begin our period of mystagogy. All are welcome to join us in this conversation.

### Eucharistic Revival

Each parish in the country is asked to participate in this time of Eucharist revival. This summer the parish will host a small faith sharing group "Jesus and the Eucharist." The study is seven sessions long, ready-made for easy parish use, and free of charge. If you are interested and willing to be the parish point person for this event, please let Lori know.

### Upcoming Events

- 4/23: Teen Disciples 5 to 6:30 pm
- 4/25 : Becoming Catholic
- 4/26 : Rosary (5:40),  
Mother of Good Counsel Feast Day  
Mass at 6 pm followed by Potluck.



...While they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

LUKE 24:15-16

## Not Just a Walk in the Park

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A multiple-choice question:** Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, "All of the above." Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one's life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to

travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week's Emmaus Gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one's problems nor eliminate one's difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed. ●

### Reflect

**What has made you realize that the Lord walks with you?**

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.*

VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021

- Monday**  
April 24  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday**  
April 25  
St. Mark,  
Evangelist  
1 Pt 5:5b-14  
Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday**  
April 26  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday**  
April 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday**  
April 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday**  
April 29  
St. Catherine  
of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday**  
April 30  
Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10



## Dear Padre,

***Our planet's condition is now a serious problem. Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?***

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



### Our Weekly Offering

4/16/23

Loose: \$26

Envelopes : \$200

Good Friday: \$30

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$396



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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, Chris Pulliam, Roy Pulliam 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

Intention for April:

For a culture of peace and non-violence  
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### Birthdays

4/24: Gary Lindon

4/27 : Guy Mullins

**Prayer Family**  
Guy Mullins