



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1-11, 14-17 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20



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, May 28, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron Lector: Michael Oghia

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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Parish Planners

Parish Planners will meet on Sunday May 21 following Mass to plan upcoming events for the parish. Also be on the lookout for a parish survey finding out what programs, prayer opportunities etc you all are interested in seeing the parish host.

Teen Disciples

Teen Disciples will meet today, Sunday May 21 for our final gathering of the regular year. This gathering is open to all students in grades 7 - 12. The teen group is planning on going on a summer outing to Red River Gorge in July.

Becoming Catholic

Becoming Catholic group will meet this Tuesday May 23 from 7 to 9 pm to continue our period of mystagogy. All are welcome to join us in this conversation.

Laudato Si Anniversary Prayer

On May 23, the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will offer a Laudato Si' Week Prayer Service via Zoom. Join in spirit on the eve of the eighth anniversary of Laudato Si', the encyclical by Pope Francis on the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. All are welcome to participate via Zoom. Register at www.fsolph.org/events/

Appalachian Immersion Program

The Laudato Si Commission resumed the Appalachian Immersion Pilgrimage this Spring. Nine participants stayed with the Benedictine Sisters in Martin, KY. They traveled around the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, listening, learning, and experiencing the beauty and hardships of Appalachia. The next Immersion Experience Pilgrimage is scheduled for October 8-11, please contact the Lori Helfrich for information and to register.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019

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9 DAYS OF POWER
Pentecost Novena
May 19-27, 2023 • (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
May 28, 2023 • (2 p.m.)

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual 9 Days of Power Pentecost Novena!

Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our diocese through gatherings with adoration, praise and worship, prophetic sharing, teachings, community, and prayer. All are welcome as we join the apostles in the upper room anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

DATE (6:30-8:30 PM.)	LOCATION	TOPIC	TEACHER
Friday, 5/19	St. Leo	Proclaiming the Kerygma	Samuel Anuah
Saturday, 5/20	St. Leo	Repent and Believe in the Gospel	Fr. Charles Howell
Sunday, 5/21	Mary Queen	Daily Encounter with Christ	Emma Bachman-Johnson
Monday, 5/22	Mary Queen	Mary as Model of Union with Holy Spirit	Don. John Becerra
Tuesday, 5/23	St. Peter Claver	Life in the Spirit Enriches Sacramental Life	Fr. Norman Fischer
Wednesday, 5/24	Cathedral of Christ the King	The Spirit of the Lord Speaks to the Churches	Lavinia Spirito
Thursday, 5/25	Cathedral of Christ the King	Healing & Deliverance	Shelley Parkerson
Friday, 5/26	Cathedral of Christ the King	Spirituality of Availability / Evangelization	Robin Beard
Saturday, 5/27	Cathedral of Christ the King	Taking it to the Streets / Evangelization	Don. Tim Weinmann
Sunday, 5/28 (2 p.m.)	Cathedral of Christ the King	Empowerment, reception to follow	Fr. Chris Clay

www.cathedralctk.org/ninedays
All sessions live-streamed. See web page for evening specific details.

4th annual Pentecost Novena

Join in this diocesan event - 9 Days of Power Pentecost Novena as we join Mary and the Apostles in the Upper Room, anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit in power. We will gather at four different parishes during the course of the 9 days. Each evening is filled with worship, praise, adoration, prayer time and a teaching. Each evening will be live-streamed as well. Details can be found on the 9 Days web page: <http://cathedralctk.org/ninedays>

Camp Noah

A camp for children grades K-5 in communities affected by disaster will take place July 10-14 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Camp Noah is looking for volunteers ages 16 and older to help lead activities for children affected by last year's flooding in Eastern Kentucky. Email slindsay@perrylib.org or see the poster located in the gathering space.

Upcoming Events

- 5/21 : Parish Planners
- 5/21 : Teen Disciples 5- 6:30 pm
- 5/23 : Becoming Catholic
- 5/24 : Rosary (6:40),
Word & Communion Service
- 5/28 : Feast of Pentecost
Hospitality following Mass



Monday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

May 26
St. Philip Neri,
Priest
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20,
30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13
Jn 20:19-23

[Jesus said], "You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Power Unmasked

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the Lone Ranger and Tonto rode across our TV screens in days of old, someone would often ask, "Who was that masked man?" Folks never learned his identity, and it didn't matter. For that man had saved them from evil, restoring their lives. In a sense, the Ranger, with Tonto, had passed on to them the power to live safely and productively.

As he was about to return to his Father, the risen Lord said to the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Yet being blessed with the power that raised the Lord Jesus does not always feel much like a blessing. At times it can feel more like a burden that falls upon our shoulders, one to heal and mend as we try to bring peace and a better world. We wonder why we always must be the one who says, "I'm sorry." Why must we always be the one who plans the evening out or writes the Christmas cards or calls Mom or spends time with the children or listens to someone's tale of woe? Yet such is the power of Jesus for bringing about healing to both spirits and bodies, for creating joy, for designing bridges into the hearts of others, all because the Messiah rode off on a cloud of silver to be welcomed to the right hand of God. Thus, he empowers us. ●

Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by the good God has brought about through you?



Dear Padre,

Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Our Weekly Offering

5/14/2023

Loose: \$201

Envelopes : \$615

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$956



Prayer Family

Michael Mulligan

Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



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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 May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.