



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 16, 2023

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Isaiah 55:10-11 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



### **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, July 22, 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector: Christina Elsoueidi

### **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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### Flood Anniversary Mass

Flood Anniversary Mass - On July 29th at 5 p.m. at St. George parish in Jenkins, KY, Bishop John Stowe will celebrate Mass to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the historic floods.

### Oral History & Flood Remembrance

The Long Term Recovery Group of Perry County is creating some oral histories of the 2022 flood. If you are interesting in sharing your experience of the flood contact Lori Helfrich.

### Perry County Famers Market

The Perry County Famers Market regular maket is back. The market hours are Thursdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm at the Farmers Market Pavilion at Triangle Park.

### Help for Struggling Marriages

Do you have little or no communication in your marriage? Are you thinking of separation or divorce, or are you already separated or divorced but want to try again? Retrouvaille (REH-troh-vye) is a peer ministry for hurting marriages, consists of a Weekend experience and six additional four-hour-long Post Weekend Sessions. The next Cincinnati weekend is scheduled for September 8-10. For information or to register, go to [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com). Registrations accepted on a space available basis; confidentiality assured.

### Prayer for Vocations

O Lord of the harvest, your Word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community, and invites us to generous service of the human family. Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one Body of Christ. May many choose to respond in public service to your call offered in Jesus' name. Amen.

— Prayer written by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JULY 12, 2020



### Second Collection

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and eastern Europe. communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your Support of this collection aids those affected by the war in Ukraine and renews vital aspects of Church life throughout the region. Please be generous and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection today. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

### Eucharistic Revival and Table Fellowship

Our parish will continue to learn about the Eucharist, our next small faith sharing group will take place on Sunday July 30 following Mass. As part of our group we will also be shairng a meal on that day.

5 Practical Things You can do this week to grow in your appreciation of the Eucharist :

1. Share a meal with family this week and offer a prayer of thanksgiving before you begin eating.
2. Offer a meal to someone who is serving the community - first responder, health care personal, pastoral minister, or social worker.
3. Spiritual Reading on the Eucharist - see below for some suggestions.
4. Pray the the Anima Christi after recevieing the Eucharist
5. Make a donation ( food or monetary) to a organization that helps fight food insecurity in thanksgiving for Jesus presence the whole of huamanity.

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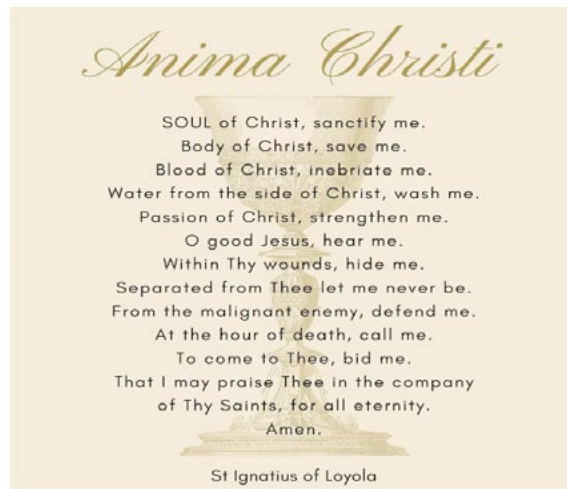
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### Agustine's Sermon 272 on the Eucharist

<https://tinyurl.com/52mj6upy>

### Books to Read

Eucharistic Adoration After Vatican II by Edward Foley  
Eating Together, Becoming One By Thomas O'Loughlin  
Mystagogy of the Eucharist by Gilbert Ostdiek, OFM



### Upcoming Events

- 7/19 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service,
- 7/23 - Parish Council following Mass



# Words, Words, and THE WORD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



## Readings for the Week

### Monday

July 17

Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22

Mt 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday

July 18

Weekday

Ex 2:1-15a

Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday

July 19

Weekday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12

Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday

July 20

Weekday

Ex 3:13-20

Mt 11:28-30

### Friday

July 21

Weekday

Ex 11:10-12:14

Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday

July 22

St. Mary

Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or

2 Cor 5:14-17

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Sunday

July 23

Sixteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43 or

Mt 13:24-30

Our lives seem to be plagued by an abundance of words, all seeking to influence us.

Television ads try to convince us to buy; teachers seek to pass on knowledge; parents cajole, discipline, and beg; society warns against drinking and driving, smoking and drugs; preachers hope to convert and change. They all do so with limited and varying success, and at times seeming failure. Too often there is the presumption that more words will achieve greater results.

In the face of such questionable success, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that God's word "shall not return to me empty, / but shall do what pleases me, / achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Yet the Gospel also suggests that the seed of God's word sown in our lives may wither and be choked

off and fail to take root, though also promising that what does produce fruit will surpass anything hoped for.

Because war is news and the media is obliged to report on it, it may appear that war is prominent worldwide. Not so. Statistically there is less war today than ever before, less violence, less conflict. We are more

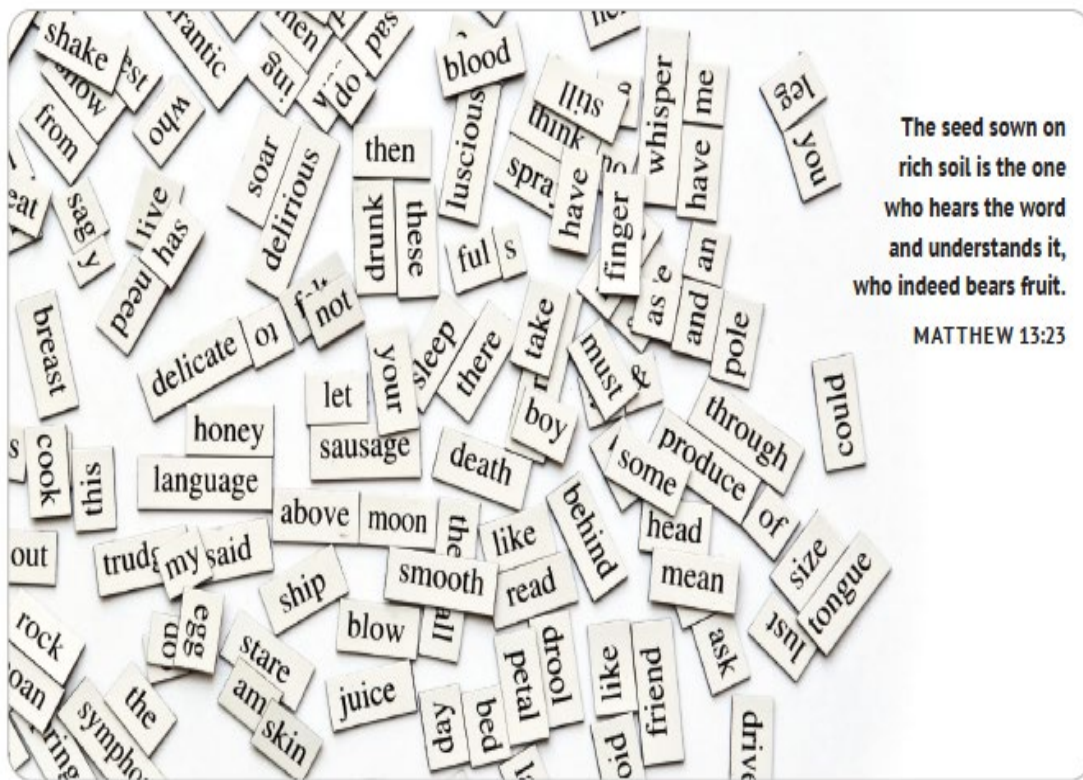
### Reflect

Which passage of Scripture would you choose as a motto for your life?

likely to die in our beds than at any other time in history. While there is yet much hunger in the world, there is less than at any other time. Nations are more inclined to try to negotiate peace. Great generosity abounds amid natural disasters, and while injustice prevails, we still fight to overcome

it. All of it the fruitfulness of God's word.

Creation is groaning in labor pains, says St. Paul, and we also groan. Yet the groaning attests to the pains of growing fruitfulness. ●



The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit.

MATTHEW 13:23

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

All of us have something we need to be cleansed of, or purified from. All of us. May the knowledge of this fact inspire us all to live in solidarity, to support one another and seek the best for others....[Jesus] comes to save us from the lie that says no one can change.

ADDRESS AT THE CURRAN-FROMHOLD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015





## Dear Padre,

*I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!*

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread. ●



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### Our Weekly Offering

7/9/2023

Loose: \$43

Envelopes : \$540

Monthly: \$10

Church In Eastern Europe: \$10

Online: \$275

Total Weekly Offering: \$868



### 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, Willow Brockman, Tina Dawhare Fields, Valarie Maggard Dye, Marleen Combs, Robert Caldwell, Don Davis, The Rice Family, Maria Hall, Neal Boggs, Jackson Varela, Julie and Jonah Spencer, Jace Combs, Mandi Dishner, Brandon Robinson, Michael Whitaker, Thomas Stidham, Chris Pulliam, Roy Pulliam, Quentin Davis, Janie Morgan, 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

7/21 : Scott Caudill

7/23 : Abby Turk

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### Prayer Family

Abby Turk

### Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intentions for July

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.