



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



### 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 30, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Dan Knoll

Lector: Cindy Combs

### 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.

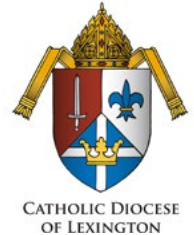
Bless our parish which is named in your honor.

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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OF LEXINGTON

### 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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Good for Counsel

### 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.

**MASS OF HEALING & HOPE**  
 ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
**FLOOD IN EASTERN KENTUCKY**  
 CELEBRATED BY BISHOP JOHN STOWE

SATURDAY, JULY 29 AT 5:00 PM  
 SMILEFAITH APPALACHIA, 9599 HWY 805, JENKINS

The Mass will include a blessing for flood survivors and special recognition of the Diocese of Lexington/Catholic Charities flood recovery community partners. All are invited to come join in solidarity and prayer. A light reception will follow.

Please contact Joshua van Cleef at [jvancleef@cdlex.org](mailto:jvancleef@cdlex.org) with any questions.




### Second Collection

Last week the parish held a second collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and raised \$84 for this collection. Thank you for those who were able to donate. If you would like to still contribute to this collection there are envelopes on the back table. 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 next Sunday July 30 following Mass. As part of our group we will also be sharing a meal on that day. Please sign up for what you will bring.


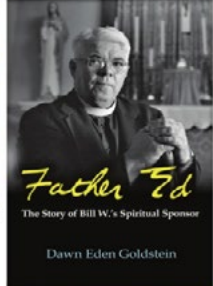
*Anima Christi*

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.  
 Body of Christ, save me.  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
 O good Jesus, hear me.  
 Within Thy wounds, hide me.  
 Separated from Thee let me never be.  
 From the malignant enemy, defend me.  
 At the hour of death, call me.  
 To come to Thee, bid me.  
 That I may praise Thee in the company  
 of Thy Saints, for all eternity.  
 Amen.

St Ignatius of Loyola

**AUTHOR APPEARANCE**  
 Dawn Eden Goldstein will discuss and sign copies of *Father Ed: The Story of Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor*


He was the greatest and most gentle soul to walk this planet.  
 —Bill W. on Father Ed

Dawn Eden Goldstein is the author of *Sunday Will Never Be the Same* and (under the pen name Dawn Edson) *The Trail of the Charis, My Peace I Give You and Remembering God's Mercy*. She began her working life as a rock-and-roll historian and then held positions at the *New York Post* and the *Daily News*. In 2016, she became the first woman to earn a doctorate in sacred theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake, and has taught at universities and seminaries in the United States, England, and India. In 2022, she earned a licentiate in canon law from the Catholic University of America. Follow her on Twitter @dawnedenmy.

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**The Cathedral of Christ the King**  
 Monday, July 24, 2023  
 7:00pm - 8:30pm\*



\*Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv., will offer Mass at 5:30pm for all those impacted by addiction

**Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week**  
 July 23–29, 2023

Sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, NFP Awareness Week coincides with the anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* ("Of Human Life"), issued on July 25, 1968, reaffirming and deepening the Catholic vision that every sexual union between spouses should be open to new life.

Natural Family Planning is an umbrella term for various methods by which married couples can practice responsible fertility that corresponds to the true language of sexual love, in which couples embody their vows to love each other free, totally, faithfully, and fruitfully. The practice of NFP allows couples to be more aware of their fertility each month through the observation of certain physical symptoms. Couples who wish to achieve pregnancy and couples who, for serious reasons, seek to avoid or postpone pregnancy can practice NFP with a 98% success rate, as well as strengthen their marital communication and intimacy.

To learn more, and to see testimonies from couples actually living NFP, see [cdlex.org/natural-family-planning](http://cdlex.org/natural-family-planning).



one flesh, given and received  
 —Natural Family Planning  
 ...reporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

**Catholic Charities**  
 Diocese of Lexington, Inc.

LET US PRAY

Please Join Catholic Charities...  
**WEEKLY VIRTUAL PRAYER HOUR**  
 Every Tuesday (Beginning Tuesday, July 18, 2023)  
 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., ET  
 Zoom  
 Meeting ID: 838 0738 8674 • Password: 269185

QUESTIONS: Cheryl Bogarty  
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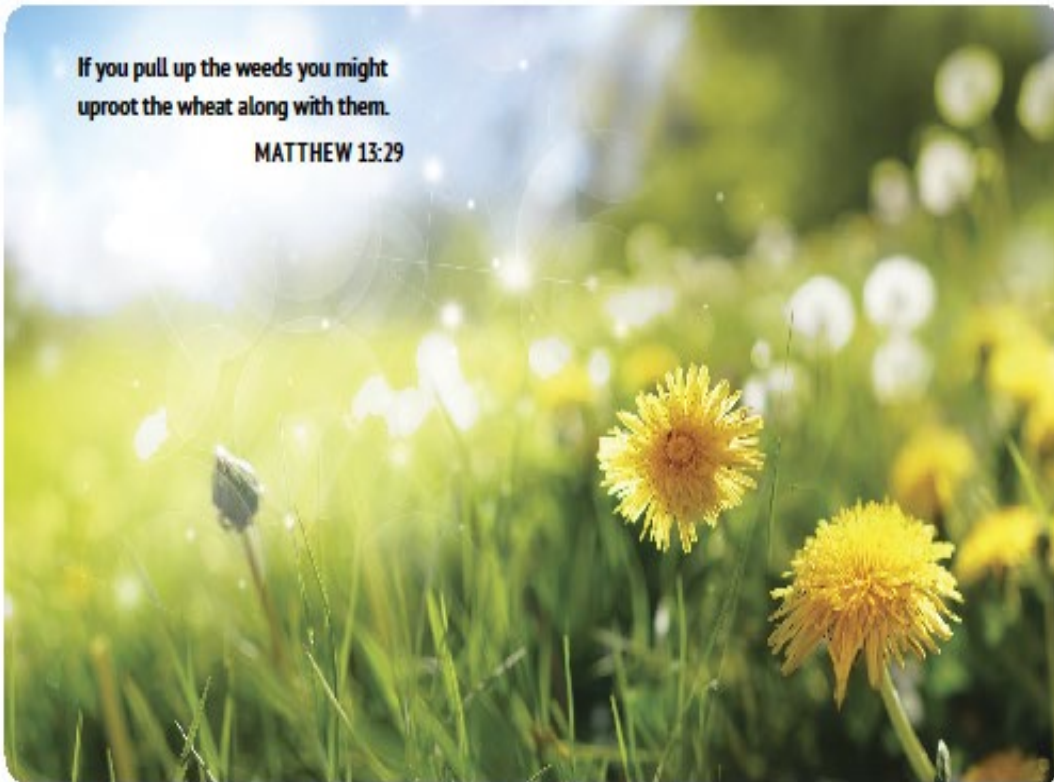
"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."  
 JAMES 5:16  
 Revised Standard Version, Second Catholic Edition

### Upcoming Events

- 7/23 - Parish Council following Mass
- 7/26 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service
- 7/29 - Mass of Healing & Hope- Jenkins

If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.

MATTHEW 13:29



## Weeds in the Gardens of Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult

to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when

heretics were burned at the stake.

Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of

faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind. ●

### Reflect

*Are there some believers you find difficult to tolerate?*

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### Monday

July 24

Weekday

Ex 14:5-18

Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday

July 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

### Wednesday

July 26

Sts. Joachim and

Anne, Parents of

the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13:1-9

### Thursday

July 27

Weekday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,

16-20b

Mt 13:10-17

### Friday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

### Saturday

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary,

and Lazarus

Ex 24:3-8

Jn 11:19-27 or

Lk 10:38-42

### Sunday

July 30

Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or

Mt 13:44-46



Readings for the Week



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020



## Dear Padre,

*Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?*

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSSR, PhD

### Our Weekly Offering

7/16/2023

Loose: \$97

Envelopes : \$607

Votives: \$97

Church In Eastern Europe: \$84

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$1025



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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, 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, Nancy Kelly 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 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.

### Birthdays

7/23 : Abby Turk

7/27 : Trista Hall

### Prayer Family

Bill Collins