



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

**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, August 6, 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector: Jackie Caudill

**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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**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 expereince of the flood contact Lori Helfrich.

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Our parish is hosting Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday August 2 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Come spend time in prayer with Jesus in the Eucharist.

**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 shairng a meal on that day. Join the community today following Mass

*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

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**  
*We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today's many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.*

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS,  
WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



**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

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Diocese of Lexington is sponsoring 4 new homes for flood survivors in Eastern KY. We need YOUR help to build them!

**VOLUNTEER DATES:**

- AUGUST 5, 2023**  
Breathitt County  
Sign up by July 27
- AUGUST 12, 2023**  
Letcher County  
Sign up by August 2

**To sign up or learn more contact Joshua van Cleef**  
jvanclief@cdlex.org

- No Skill Required
- Workday: 9am- 4pm
- Ages 14+
- Sign Up Required
- Up to 15 people per site

**Calvary Cemetery News**

**Wednesday, August 2 (1 p.m.) • Prayer Service and Burial for Life Lost through Miscarriage • Via Dolorosa Mausoleum**  
The Prayer Service and Burial for Life Lost through Miscarriage with St. Joseph Hospital will be held on August 2 and November 8. All are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, August 22 (10 a.m.) • Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary Cemetery office**  
Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary to celebrate the Patroness of the Diocese of Lexington (Mary Queen of Heaven & Earth) for the memorial of the Queenship (Coronation) of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome to attend this annual event.

**Thursday, August 31 • Feast Day of Sts. Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus**  
Patron Saints of Funeral Directors...pray for us!

**CALVARY CEMETERY**  
Calvary, established in 1874, is the Cemetery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington  
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**Save the Date**  
Save the Date for Mother of Good Counsel's Annual International Dinner on September 8, 2023.

**Upcoming Events**  
7/30 - Eucharistist Faith Sharing  
8/2 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service



# Finding Buried Treasure

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**uch like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

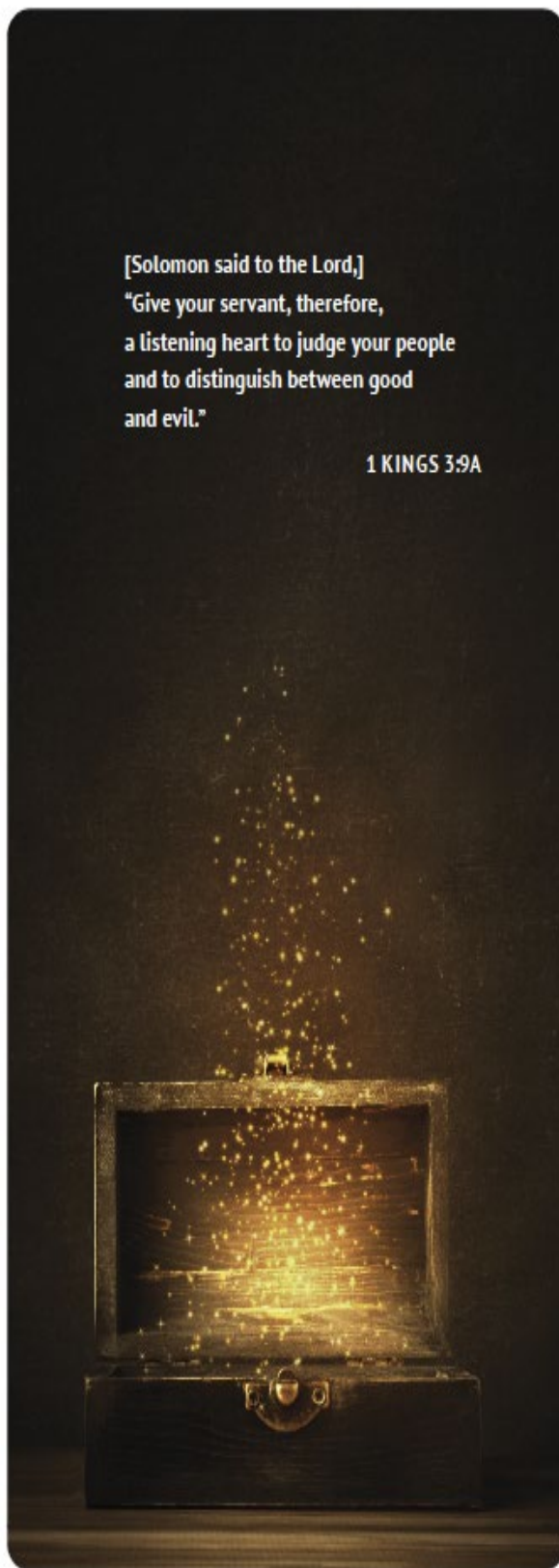
Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life. ●

## Reflect

*Is there a treasure in your life that ultimately found you?*

[Solomon said to the Lord,]  
"Give your servant, therefore,  
a listening heart to judge your people  
and to distinguish between good  
and evil."

1 KINGS 3:9A



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Readings for the Week

## Monday

July 31  
*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
Ex 32:15-24,  
30-34  
Mt 13:31-35

## Tuesday

August 1  
*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Ex 33:7-11;  
34:5b-9, 28  
Mt 13:36-43

## Wednesday

August 2  
*Weekday*  
Ex 34:29-35  
Mt 13:44-46

## Thursday

August 3  
*Weekday*  
Ex 40:16-21,  
34-38  
Mt 13:47-53

## Friday

August 4  
*St. John Vianney, Priest*  
Lv 23:1, 4-11,  
15-16, 27,  
34b-37  
Mt 13:54-58

## Saturday

August 5  
*Weekday*  
Lv 25:1, 8-17  
Mt 14:1-12

## Sunday

August 6  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mt 17:1-9



# Dear Padre,

## What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament"...and to lovingly embrace "Him as if we had actually received Him." It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is "highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament."

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, "It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of 'spiritual Communion,' which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●



CHRISTOPHER HARRIS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

## Our Weekly Offering

7/23/2023

Loose: \$26

Envelopes : \$945

Church In Eastern Europe: \$10

Online: \$225

Total Weekly Offering: \$1206



### Stay Connected to MGC on Social Media



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## Prayer Family

Mary Alice Jewell

## 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, Roy Pulliam, Quentin Davis, Nancy Kelly, Bobby Muncy 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.

#### Intentions for August

##### For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.