



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Catholic Church serving in Eastern Kentucky since 1913

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 25, 2023

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15 / Matthew 10:26-33



### **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 2, 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Ivinus Uba

Lector: Luke Glaser

Extraordinary Ministers: Helen Brunty & Susan Hull

### **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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### Eucharistic Revival

Mother of Good Counsel will be hosting a small faith sharing group from June to October to discuss the Eucharist. If you are interested in this group please sign up at the back of the church so we can have enough materials. This small faith sharing group will meet following Sunday Mass on the following dates : 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29. Join us following Mass today as the parish begins our small faith sharing group on the Eucharist,

### 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.

### 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 expereince of the flood contact Lori Helfrich.

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The Queen City Sparkler "5K Color Run" is THIS FRIDAY!!! Dust off those running shoes and join Appalachian Arts Alliance on June 30th. This race is presented by the The Sapling Center - Perry County Youth Drop-In Center.

### 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.

### Northfork Local Food

Northfork Local Food is conducting a survey as a follow up to the Healthy Cities Food Assesment. Please compleere their survey. They are gathering responses to gather demographics and opinion on local food systems. Your responses will help them better to inform strategies to improve our community food systems, to make food more accessible and readily available for all. Your voice matters!. Just copy/ click the link to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FQM88T8> Thank you all for your wonderful support!

### Camp Noah

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

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



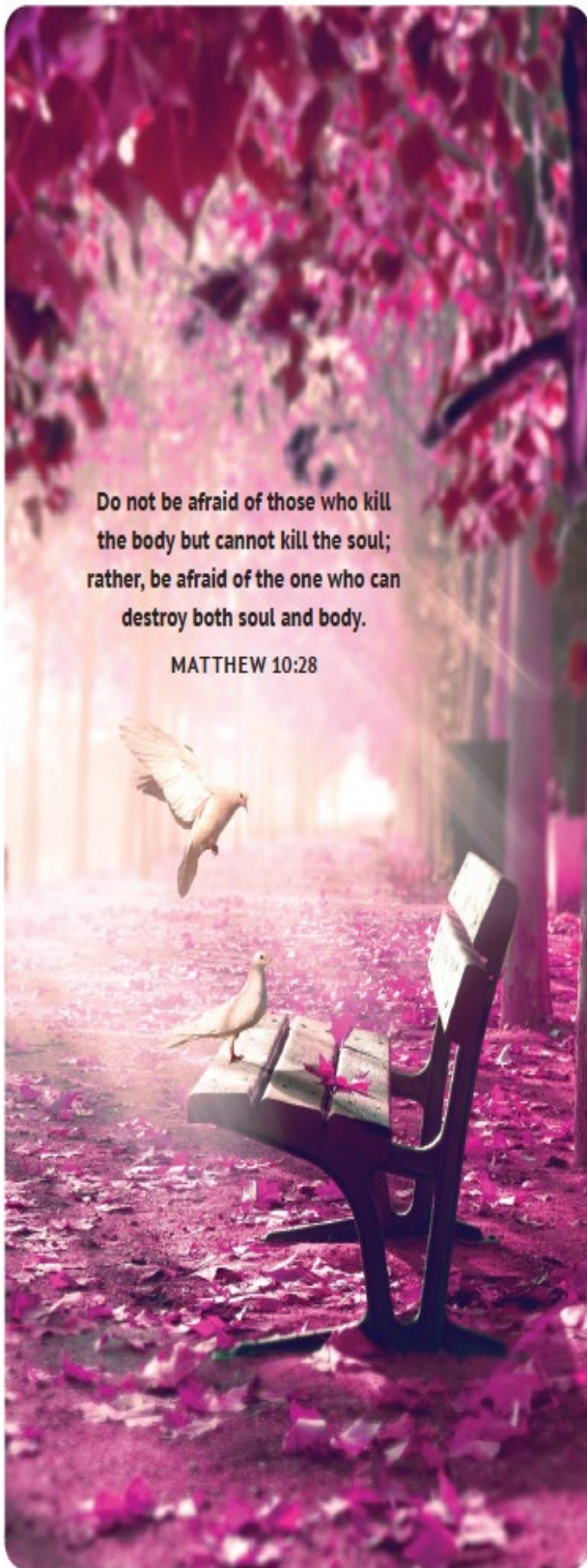
*The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent*

*yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.*

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM), NOVEMBER 24, 2013

### Upcoming Events

- 6/25 - Small Faith Sharing Group on the Eucharist
- 6/28 - Rosary, Word & Communion Service
- 7/5 - Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- 7/14 - Parish Council following Mass



Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body.

MATTHEW 10:28

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# What Is a Soul, if Not...?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived," he wrote in *Walden* in 1854. "I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life."

To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. ●

## Reflect

How would you know if your soul was in danger?

## 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



Readings for the Week

### Monday

June 26  
Weekday  
Gn 12:1-9  
Mt 7:1-5

### Tuesday

June 27  
Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5-18  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday

June 28  
St. Irenaeus,  
Bishop and Martyr  
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18  
Mt 7:15-20

### Thursday

June 29  
Sts. Peter and  
Paul, Apostles  
Acts 12:1-11  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

### Friday

June 30  
Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9-10,  
15-22  
Mt 8:1-4

### Saturday

July 1  
Weekday  
Gn 18:1-15  
Mt 8:5-17

### Sunday

July 2  
Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:8-11,  
14-16a  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
Mt 10:37-42



## Dear Padre,

*A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?*

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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### Our Weekly Offering

6/18/2023

Loose: \$48

Envelopes : \$225

Peter’s Pence : \$25

Online: \$75

Total Weekly Offering: \$372



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### Pope Francis Prayer Intention

Intention for June

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may come in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families

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.

### 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.

### Birthdays

6/28: Larry Pressley

7/2: Janet Fugate &

Fr. Livinus Uba

### Prayer Family

Fr. Livinus Uba