



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 27, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19-23 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 16:13-20



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, September 3, 2023

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Livinus Uba

Lector: Molly O'Rourke

EM: Susan Hull & Helen Brunty

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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

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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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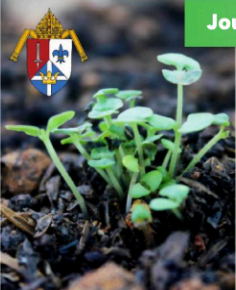
Season of Creation Tree Planting Event

(With Bishop John!) - In the spirit of Laudato Si and the care for our common home, the Catholic Diocese of Lexington will be celebrating the Season of Creation, an ecumenical movement that celebrates God's creation. On September 23rd we will plant over 300 trees and celebrate mass with Bishop John. This event is a partnership with both the Laudato Si Commission, as well as Green Forests Works at the University of Kentucky. The whole family is invited, lunch and all supplies will be provided. Please register and See attached flyer!



Green Task Force – The Laudato Si Commission is collaborating with the Green Task Force of the Lexington Theological Seminary to present a panel discussion on Sept. 1 at noon. The theme will be “Let Peace and Justice Flow.” Panelists include Chris Barton, Carol Devine, Michael Zachary, and Bishop John Stowe.

Additionally, there will be small group discussion September 13 at noon, focusing on “The Earth Laughs in Flowers,” an essay by the late Fr. John Rausch. Please contact laudatosi@cdlex.org to participate!




Journey of Hope

Fall 2023 Journey of Hope Group/Course for Divorced Catholics
9-week course, September 13-November 8 (7-9 p.m.)
Catholic Center in Lexington (1310 West Main St.)

No one should suffer through divorce alone. Are you feeling lost, sad, or angry; or wondering how to move forward with your life because of divorce or separation? Join others in your Catholic community finding God's love, forgiveness, and healing.

This 9-week course, led by Catholics who have walked through divorce themselves, offers hope, healing, and guidance on important and sometimes misunderstood issues that result from divorce. The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church leads to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:
Go to cdlex.org/joh for info and to register.
If you have any questions, email lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org or call Ellie: 859-806-3959.



Religious Education

Mother of Good Counsel will begin our religious education program for students from grades K-6 on Sunday September 17. Please register your children so we have the correct materials.

Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or know someone who is? The Parish will begin our Becoming Catholic classes on September 12 at 7 pm. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

Roof Project

Mother of Good Counsel is currently raising funds for a new roof on the church and gathering space. The goal of funds to raise for this project is \$10,000. We currently have raised \$500 toward our goal. Once this project is complete the parish will also look to put solar on the roof to help with future costs. Please let Lori know if you would like to make a contribution to this project.




International Dinner 2023

Save the Date for Mother of Good Counsel's Annual International Dinner on September 8, 2023. Letters and tickets will be going on this week to all parishioners. Please pick up your tickets today after Mass.

Eucharistic Small Faith Sharing

Today following Mass there will be an adult small faith sharing group. Please join us for this conversation and fellowship.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: "Who do you say that I am?"...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond...., "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2014

Upcoming Events

- 8/30 - Rosary
- Word & Communion Service
- 9/1- 10/4 - Season of Creation
- 9/8 - International Dinner
- 9/12 - Becoming Catholic Classes Begin
- 9/17 - Religious Education Begins

The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Over the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

Reflect

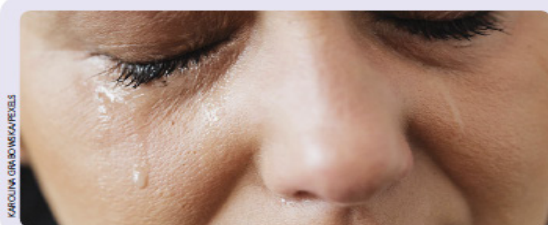
*Who do you say
Jesus is and how
does your answer
make a difference
in your life?*



[Jesus] said to [his
disciples], "But who
do you say that I am?"

MATTHEW 16:15

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020



Readings for the Week

Monday

August 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Thes 1:1-5,
8b-10
Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

August 29
Passion of
St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8
Mk 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY

August 30
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY

August 31
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7-13
Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY

September 3
Twenty-second
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27



Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, "numerous elements of sanctification and truth" are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and "the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation" (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●

DearPadre.org

From Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith (Liguori Publications, 2011)



Our Weekly Offering

8/20/2023

Loose: \$62

Envelopes : \$2475

Mass Stipend: \$50

Online: \$125

Total Weekly Offering: \$2712

Birthdays

8/25: Nathan Napier

8/28 : Elizabeth Pennington

9/1 : George Martinez

Prayer Family

Freddie Tallent



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, 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 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.

Intentions for September

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.