



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20



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 17 2023**

Sacramental Minister : Rev. Bob Damron

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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### 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 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](mailto:laudatosi@cdlex.org) to participate!

### World Mission Sunday Second Collection

We will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday on September 9-10, 2023. (Note: this collection is moved up from the national date in October in order not to interfere with our Diocesan Annual Appeal campaign). Resources are available at: [www.catholicworldmission.org](http://www.catholicworldmission.org).

### Religious Education

Mother of Good Counsel begins our religious education program for students from grades K-6 on Sunday September 17 at 10:00. 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 7:30 pm. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

### Diocesan Middle School Retreat

The Middle School Retreat will be on November 3-5, at the Bluegrass Christian Camp (7463 Athens-Boonesboro Rd, Lexington KY 40509). The cost will be \$75 per student, more details will be coming soon.

### Journey of Hope for Divorced/Separated Catholic -

This 9-week course begins September 13 at the Catholic Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Go to [www.cdlex.org/joh](http://www.cdlex.org/joh) for info and to register. Journey of Hope is a program addressing concerns of divorced or separated Catholics. It offers support and addresses important issues that arise as a result of a divorce. The strong emphasis on prayer, scripture, and Catholic Church teachings leads to healing and a better relationship with Christ.

### 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 \$2600 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

Thank you to all who helped make our International Dinner a success, whether making food, serving, doing dishes and cleanup or selling tickets. The event raised around \$2000. There will be an updated total once more of the money comes in.

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The great gossiper is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!*

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



### Upcoming Events

- 9/12 - 7:30 Becoming Catholic Classes Begin
- 9/13 Noon Small Group Online on “The Earth Laughs in Flowers
- 6:40 pm Rosary,
- 7:00 pm Word & Communion Service
- 9/1- 10/4 - Season of Creation

9/17 - Religious Education Begins

# Tweaked by God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hile the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

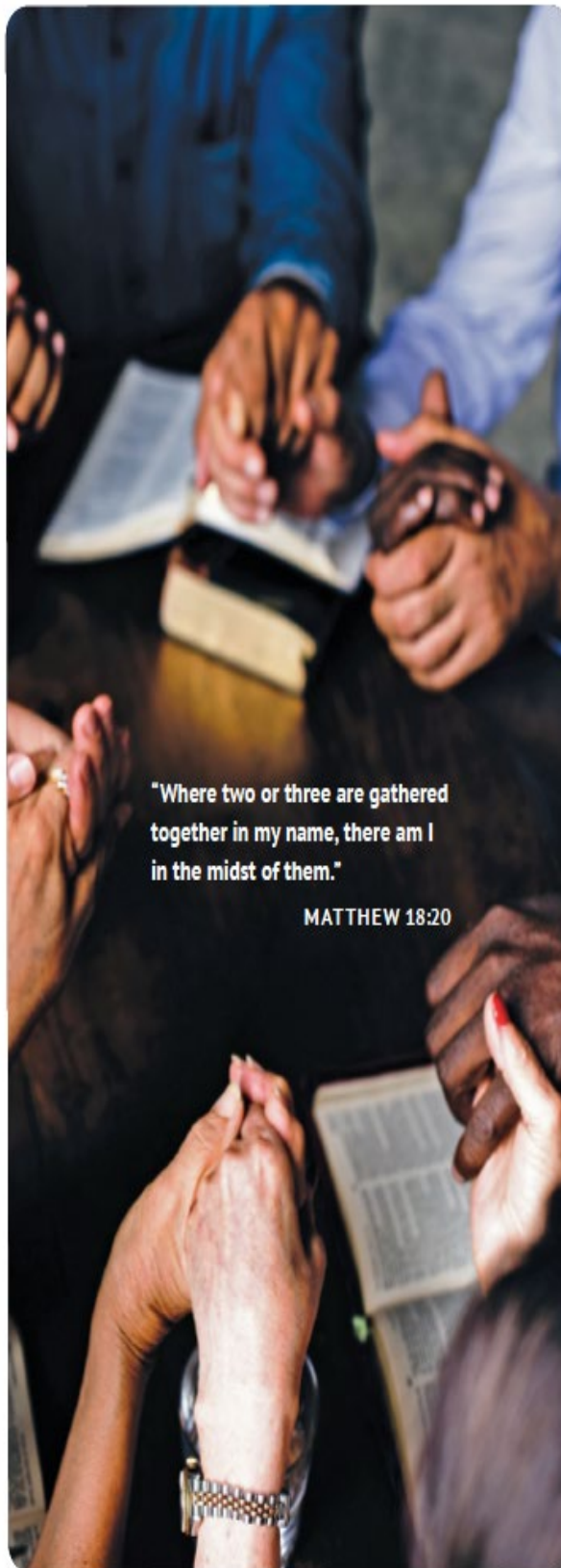
None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. ●

## Reflect

**What role does the faith community play in your religious practice and your spirituality?**



**"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

MATTHEW 18:20



## Readings for the Week

### MONDAY

September 11  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:24–2:3  
Lk 6:6–11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
*Weekday*  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26

### THURSDAY

September 14  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Jn 19:25–27  
or Lk 2:33–35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35



## Dear Padre,

*Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?*

"The laborer deserves his payment" from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being "in the know" (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can't pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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### Our Weekly Offering

9/3/2023

Loose: \$50

Envelopes : \$525

Monthly: \$230

Crossroads: \$10

Seminary Higher Education: \$10

Online: \$675

Total Weekly Offering: \$1500



### 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, Chuck Brunty 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 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.

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### Birthdays

9/15: Jeffrey Hunter

### Prayer Family

The Oghia Family