



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6-10a / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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, 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

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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Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or know someone who is? The Parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes next Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm. The topic for class will be The Trinity. 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 \$2700 toward our goal. Once this project is complete the parish will also look to put solar on the roof to help with future costs. This project should begin in the next couple of weeks. Please let Lori know if you would like to make a contribution to this project.

Rosary, Word & Communion Service

We will have our regular Rosary, Word and Communion Service this Wednesday. All are invited to join us in prayer.

Teen Disciples

Will meet next Sunday October 22 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this faith formation and social opportunity

Laudato Deum (Praise God)

Pope Francis released a new document called Laudato Deum, (Praise God) this past week on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi about a renewed call to care for our common home as a follow up to his two previous encyclicals Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti. You can read the short document online at <https://shorturl.at/ek158> or let Lori know and she can email you the document or print a copy.

Respect Life Events in the Diocese of Lexington

-Advocating for a Pro-Life Kentucky: October 12th from 6-7 p.m. at Jesus Our Savior Parish/ Newman Center. Come explore how our Catholic faith can be a powerful force in shaping public policy in KY.

-Virtual Rosary for Life: October 18th at 7 p.m. Join the Diocese of Lexington on Zoom to pray the Rosary during Respect Life Month. Contact Josh Van Cleef at jvancleef@cdlex.org for more information.

-Mass for Persons with Disabilities: October 28th at 5 p.m. at Pax Christi in Lexington. All are welcome. ASL interpretation will be provided and a reception will follow.

One in Christ _ Annual Appeal

Mother of Good Counsel has raised \$3347 of its goal of \$6250 for the annual appeal with 16 families contributing. Please consider how you are able to support this appeal, help us reach our goals both of amount and parish participation (50 % goal)



Rosary for Life
Wednesday, October 18 at 7pm
 Join the Diocese of Lexington on Zoom to pray the Rosary during Respect Life Month.
 Meeting ID: 880 3475 2689
 Passcode: 049962
 Questions? Contact Joshua van Cleef, Director of the Office of Peace and Justice, at jvancleef@cdlex.org.

The Diocese of Lexington and the Sts. Luke & Gianna Medical Guild announce the

2023 White Mass

for Health Care Professionals

Bishop John Stowe, celebrant followed by a brunch and panel discussion

Saturday, October 28, 2023 9 am-noon
 Pax Christi Catholic Church, 4001 Victoria Way, Lexington

Register on-line at cdlex.org/white-mass (Mass at 9:00 am with brunch/keynote following)

Brunch presentation:
Panel of Catholic Healthcare professionals discuss the social and emotional issues they face in caring for patients and families

The Most Rev. John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv. was ordained as the third Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington on May 5, 2015.

Born in Amherst, OH, he entered formation at St. Bonaventure Friary in St. Louis. After undergraduate work in philosophy and history at St. Louis University, he earned a Masters of Divinity and a Licentiate in Church History from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. Bishop John made his solemn vows on Aug. 1, 1992, and was ordained to the priesthood on Sept. 16, 1995, serving as a pastor, Moderator of the Curia, and eventually Chancellor for the Diocese of El Paso. In 2010, he was elected Vicar Provincial of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation and became Pastor and Rector of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH.

On March 12, 2015, Pope Francis named him Bishop of Lexington.

(Registration deadline Friday, Oct. 20 or register online at cdlex.org/white-mass)

This year's White Mass (named for the coats worn by healthcare workers) will be followed by brunch and a conversation with a panel of Catholic healthcare providers in the Diocese of Lexington. They will discuss the social and emotional issues they face in caring for patients and families and how their Catholic faith helps support them in the work they do. Following the discussion, the audience is invited to share their own insights. If you are a healthcare worker interested in being a panelist contact Jessica McFarlin at jessamfarlin@gmail.com. Tentative panelists include:

 Jessica McFarlin, MD, Chief of Palliative Care, Univ. of KY	 St. Pat Caraldi, CFS, MD, Retired surgeon	 Paul Adams, MD, Nephrologist, Univ. of KY	 Elizabeth Markin, MD, Palliative Care, BG Navigators, Univ. of KY
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Upcoming Events

11/17 - Pig Roast

Yes or No?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not

go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God. ●

Reflect

When has going where you'd rather not go enriched your life?

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

MATTHEW 22:2



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!"....He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020



Readings for the Week

MONDAY

October 16
Weekday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY

October 17
St. Ignatius
of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY

October 18
St. Luke,
Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

THURSDAY

October 19
Sts. John de
Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests,
and Companions,
Martyrs
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY

October 21
Weekday
Rom 4:13, 16-18
Lk 12:8-12

SUNDAY

October 22
Twenty-ninth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21



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Dear Padre,

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



Our Weekly Offering

10/8/2023

Loose: \$53

Envelopes : \$305

Monthly: \$100

Votives: \$88

Online: \$575

Total Weekly Offering: \$1121

Birthdays This Week:

10/21 :Michael Oghia

Prayer Family

Townsend Family



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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, Grayson & Kaitlin Baker, 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 October
For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.