



Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

October 22, 2023

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21



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. Bob Duewke,
OSA**

Lector : Michael Oghia

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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Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or know someone who is? The Parish will continue our Becoming Catholic classes this Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm. The topic for class will be Jesus Christ. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

Roof Project

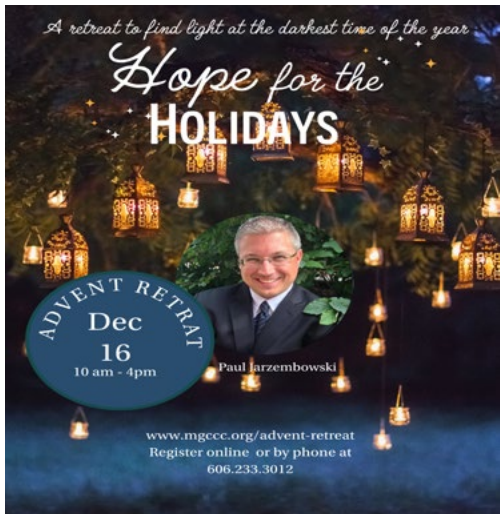
Mother of Good Counsel is currently raising funds for a new roof on the church and gathering space. The goal of funds to raise for this project is \$10,000. We currently have raised \$2800 toward our goal. Once this project is complete the parish will also look to put solar on the roof to help with future costs. Our roofing company, A Plus Roofing has been in contact and has plans to begin the project the week of November 1.

Rosary, Word & Communion Service

We will have our regular Rosary, Word and Communion Service this Wednesday. We continue to pray for peace in Israel/ Palestine. All are invited to join us in prayer on Wednesday evenings.

Teen Disciples

Will meet today Sunday October 22, and next Sunday October 29 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this faith formation and social opportunity.



Advent Retreat

On Saturday Decemeber 16, Paul Jarzembowski, will be here to give a retreat on Hope for the Holidays. The retreat will be from 10 am to 4 pm with Mass at 4:30 pm with Bishop John Stowe, Ofm Conv. Books are available for purchase for \$20.

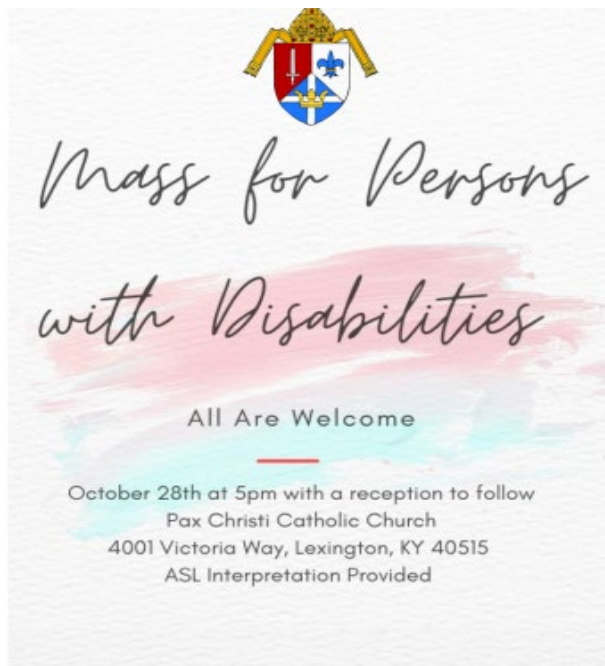
One in Christ _ Annual Appeal

Mother of Good Counsel has raised \$3847 of its goal of \$6250 for the annual appeal with 17 families contributing. Please consider how you are able to support this appeal, help us reach our goals both of amount and parish participation (50 % aoal).



Respect Life Events in the Diocese of Lexington

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.

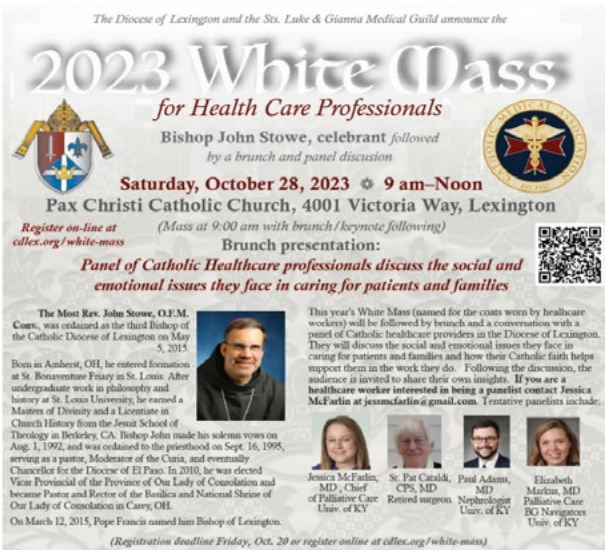


Pig Roast

Mother of Good Counsel will host a pig roast lunchtime fundraiser on Friday November 17. Tickets are \$15. Please begin to share with your community.

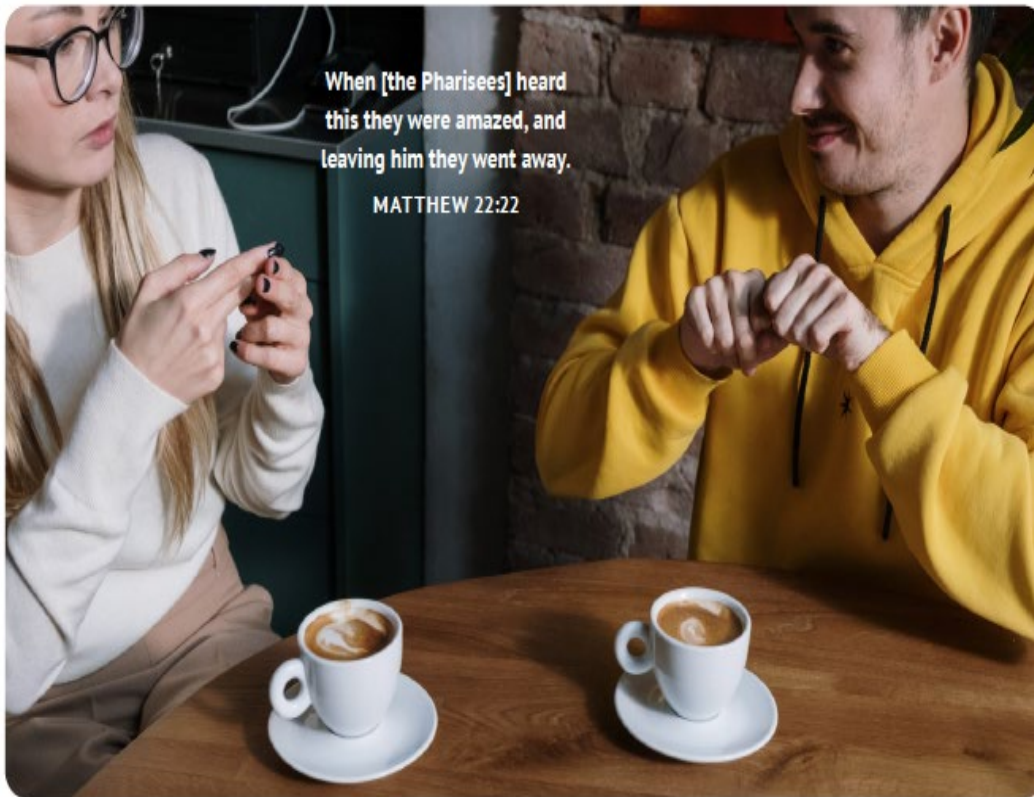
November Remembrance

During the month of November the parish remembers those who have died, especially those in the last year. We will have our book of remembrance for you to write loved ones names in and we will have an altar of remembrance in the church during the month. Please bring pictures of loved ones that you would like us to remember in our altar of remembrance.



Upcoming Events

- 10/24 : Becoming Catholic : Jesus
- 11/1 : All Saints Day
- 11/17 - Pig Roast



When [the Pharisees] heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away. MATTHEW 22:22

Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a

hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. ●

Reflect

Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 18, 2020

MONDAY

October 23
Weekday
Rom 4:20-25
Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

October 24
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21
Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

October 25
Weekday
Rom 6:12-18
Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

October 26
Weekday
Rom 6:19-23
Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

October 27
Weekday
Rom 7:18-25a
Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

October 28
Sts. Simon and
Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22
Lk 6:12-16

SUNDAY

October 29
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40



Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / 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: \$20

Envelopes : \$295

Monthly: \$200

World Missions: \$10

Roof: \$100

Online: \$140

Total Weekly Offering: \$765

Birthdays This Week:

10/26 : Addie Turner

Prayer Family

Pratt 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, Al Pratt, Mike Deubec, OFM, 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.