



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

November 12, 2023

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 / Matthew 25:1-13



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 : Molly O'Rourke**

**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.

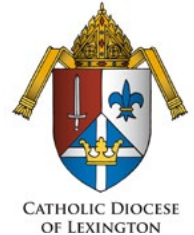
Give us your good counsel

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, November 14 at 7:30 pm. The topic for class will be The Bible. Please contact Lori to register for class or if you are interested in helping with OCIA.

### Roof Project

The roof on the church and gathering space has been completed. If you still wish to make your contribution please just label your donation for the roof fund.

### 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. The parish will also host a digital book of remembrance, if you would like to remember someone please submit a picture or name to be added.

### Teen Disciples

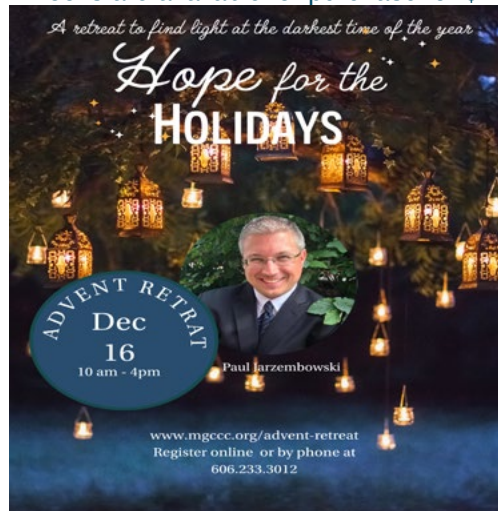
Will meet today Sunday November 12, and 19 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this faith formation and social opportunity.

### Pig Roast

Mother of Good Counsel will host a lunchtime pig roast fundraiser this Friday November 17. Tickets are \$15. Please continue sharing with the community. If you are able to help with the pig roast, either cooking or helping assemble meals, please let Lori know.

### 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.



### Catholic Committee of Appalachia

The Kentucky Chapter of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia (CCA) will resume meetings on November 19 at Good Shepherd in Campton. The meeting will be 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner. For more information contact [laudatosi@cdlex.org](mailto:laudatosi@cdlex.org).

### Collection for the Campaign for Human Development

We will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) next Sunday November 19, 2023. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**St. Gertrude the Great - Pray for us!** November 16 is the Feast Day of St. Gertrude the Great, champion of the Souls in Purgatory. The prayer of St. Gertrude: "Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."



#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## ONE IN CHRIST

2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Catholic Diocese of Lexington

*Participation Matters!*

**OUR PARISH PARTICIPATION GOAL:**

50%  
\_\_\_\_\_ %

**OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:**

75  
\_\_\_\_\_ %

**OUR PARISH FINANCIAL GOAL:**

\$ 6250  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:**

\$ 5967  
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### Upcoming Events

- 11/12,19 : Teen Disciples
- 11/7 : Becoming Catholic : The Bible
- 11/8 : Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 - 8:30pm
- 11/17 - Pig Roast 11 - 2



# Readings for the Week



[Jesus said,] "Stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

MATTHEW 25:13

## The Light of Wisdom

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he dark of night can unsettle and frighten children, but darkness can disturb adults, too. It's not so much the feeling when the lights go off that unsettles us grownups as it is the dark of uncertainty. We graduate from school and wonder what to do with our lives. Should we stay in a relationship? How do we find meaning again in the midst of grief and the loss of someone we love? And sometimes most of all, where is God when we need God? We may even wonder whether to believe. At such times, we bump and bruise our way through the obstacles that life's darknesses cause.

Leonard Cohen's song "Anthem" echoes a note of hope when we feel lost in the dark as he sings about how light always seems to find a way to seep in between the cracks of our everyday living. Like stars that are visible only at night, new opportunities are often most readily recognized when we find ourselves stumbling through the dark.

Long before Leonard Cohen, Jesus told the parable of ten virgins, some wise and some foolish. In the midst of that story, he tells of a bridegroom who comes to the waiting virgin attendants at midnight. In other words, it is the Lord God who comes into our lives in the darkest times, if only we are wise enough to recognize such a coming.

How then to negotiate the darkness? Stay the course. In time, wisdom reveals a path. Trust that light will come, all in God's time and not ours. Finally, wisdom always comes in the darkest of times, seldom when our lives are bright as day. ●

### Reflect

**When and how has God entered into your darkness?**

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**Monday**  
November 13  
*St. Frances Xavier  
Cabrini, Virgin*  
Wis 1:1-7  
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday**  
November 14  
*Weekday*  
Wis 2:23-3:9  
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday**  
November 15  
*Weekday*  
Wis 6:1-11  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday**  
November 16  
*Weekday*  
Wis 7:22b-8:1  
Lk 17:20-25

**Friday**  
November 17  
*St. Elizabeth  
of Hungary,  
Religious*  
Wis 13:1-9  
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday**  
November 18  
*Weekday*  
Wis 18:14-16;  
19:6-9  
Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday**  
November 19  
*Thirty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Prv 31:10-13,  
19-20, 30-31  
1 Thes 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30 or  
25:14-15, 19-21

November is the  
**MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE**

...in Christ shall all be brought to life.  
1 Cor. 15:22





# Dear Padre,

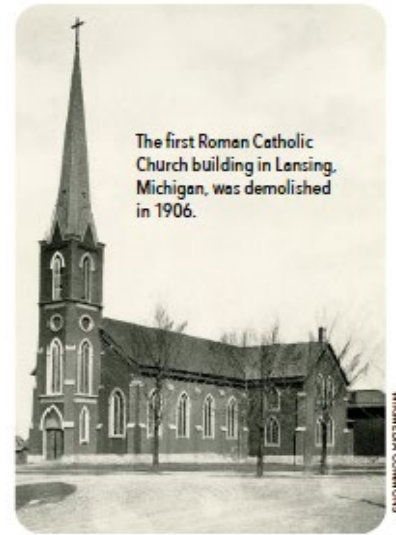
*I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?*

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## Our Weekly Offering

11/5/2023

Loose: \$17

Envelopes : \$1260

Monthly : \$120

All Saints: \$125

Online: \$675

Total Weekly Offering: \$2197

## Birthdays This Week:

11/13: Sally Duke

11/16 : Helen Brunty & Lori Helfrich

11/18 : Gavin Napier

11/19: Polly Pennington



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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 November For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Family  
Cindy Combs