



# Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Community

**Our Parish  
COMMUNITY**

November 5, 2023

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

Malachi 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10 / 1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13 / Matthew 23:1–12



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 Damron**

**Lector : Bridget Turner**

**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 7 at 7:00 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

Our roofing company, A Plus Roofing has been in contact and has plans to begin the project the week of November 1.

### Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday November 8th Mother of Good Counsel will have Adoration following Rosary, Word and Communion Service. Come spend time with Jesus in the Sacrament and in prayer.

### 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

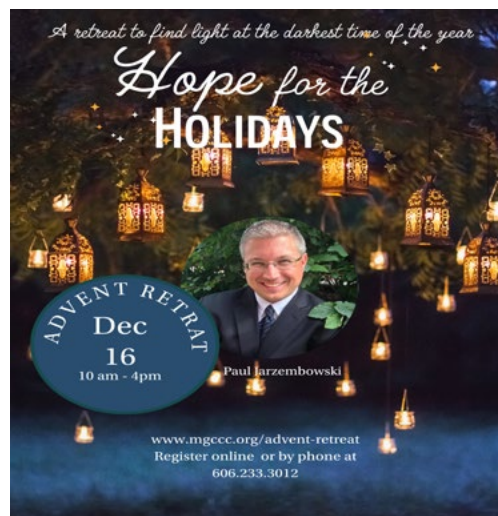
Will meet today Sunday November 5 & 12, and 19 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this faith formation and social opportunity.

### Pig Roast

Mother of Good Counsel will host a pig roast lunchtime fundraiser on Friday November 17. Tickets are \$15. Please begin to share with your community. If you are willing to make a dessert or help the day of, please sign up in the gathering space.

### 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.

### Spiritual Work of Mercy - Pray for the Dead

Plenary Indulgence - Make your plans now to visit the Cemetery from November 1-8. The Enchiridion #13 states that, "An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial."

To obtain the indulgence, the faithful must also participate (within days of the visitation, or at the same time) in a Sacramental Confession, Communion and Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father. Please, feel welcome to come join us at Calvary Cemetary, especially in November, as we focus on the belief in the Resurrection and all that that our Catholic faith offers us. All are encouraged to participate in this special Spiritual Work of Mercy.

## ONE IN CHRIST

2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Catholic Diocese of Lexington

*Participation Matters!*

**OUR PARISH PARTICIPATION GOAL:**

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

**OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:**

32  
\_\_\_\_\_ %

**OUR PARISH FINANCIAL GOAL:**

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

**OUR PROGRESS TO DATE:**

\$ 4867  
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#### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?

MEETING WITH BISHOPS OF BRAZIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 27, 2013

### Upcoming Events

- 11/5,12,19 : Teen Disciples
- 11/7 : Becoming Catholic : The Bible
- 11/8 : Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 - 8:30pm
- 11/17 - Pig Roast 11 - 2

# A Church on the Way

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In July 2013, as part of a visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with the Latin American conference of bishops. Speaking informally, bishop to bishops, he said, "At times we lose people because they don't understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and import an intellectualism foreign to our people."

I thought about how his words could be applied in my parish, so one Sunday I asked the people in the pews what they looked for from the Church. I was impressed and touched by their answers: wisdom to make their way through life; where and how to find God; a desire to be treated like adults; compassion for themselves and for others; guidance to reach out to the needy in society; a link between faith and life; a place to find some peace and quiet; wisdom for the political process. It was a list by which we who lead need to examine our consciences.

The charge from Pope Francis is to be a Church that speaks to people where they are with the words of everyday life. We look for wisdom that enables us to become our best selves. And that is what healthy religion is about: to guide rather than to control; to inspire rather than to shame; to participate fully rather than to simply "pray, pay, and obey." ●

## Reflect

*What have you found in the Church and what more do you long for?*



[Jesus said,] "Do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice."

MATTHEW 23:3

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Readings for the Week

## Monday

November 6  
Weekday  
Rom 11:29-36  
Lk 14:12-14

## Tuesday

November 7  
Weekday  
Rom 12:5-16ab  
Lk 14:15-24

## Wednesday

November 8  
Weekday  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

## Thursday

November 9  
Dedication of  
Lateran Basilica  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

## Friday

November 10  
St. Leo the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

## Saturday

November 11  
St. Martin of Tours,  
Bishop  
Rom 16:3-9,  
16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

## Sunday

November 12  
Thirty-second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Wis 6:12-16  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
or 4:13-14  
Mt 25:1-13

November is the  
**MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE**

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





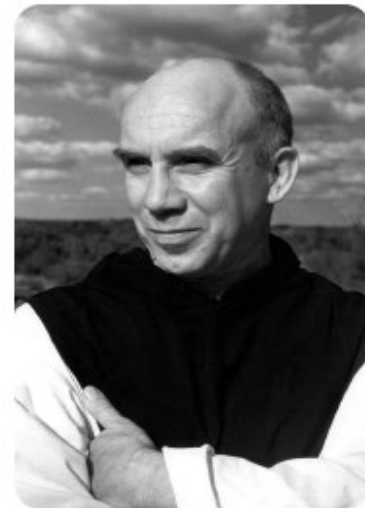
# Dear Padre,

*I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?*

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Daybreaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better. ●



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

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[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

**DAYbreaks** Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

## Our Weekly Offering

10/22/2023

Loose: \$34

Envelopes : \$290

Monthly : \$200

All Saints: \$47

Online: \$190

Total Weekly Offering: \$761

## Birthdays This Week:

11/4: Harold Steinberg

11/11 : Cindy Cory, Larry Joe Logan

**Prayer Family**  
Sally & Fred Duke



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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.